

# Currents

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July 7 – July 11, 2003

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July 8, 11, 13

Peninsula Pilots baseball. Free tickets at home games for shipyard employees (with ID) and their families. Games start at 7:05 p.m. except on July 13, game starts at 6:05 p.m. 1889 W. Pembroke Avenue

### July 29

DMV is back from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at building 86 in an office directly behind the guard station at the south lobby. Services include: Renewing licenses, reissuing license because of address changes, making duplicate copies of driver's licenses that have been lost or stolen, providing written test (for renewals only), supplying driver transcripts and issuing handicap placards (only with completed doctor certification). The DMV will not provide commercial driver's licenses, original driver's licenses, vehicle-related transactions, or name changes. For more information call Brenda Roth at 0-3011.

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## ✿ Pattern Shop rises to the challenge as Reagan commissioning approaches

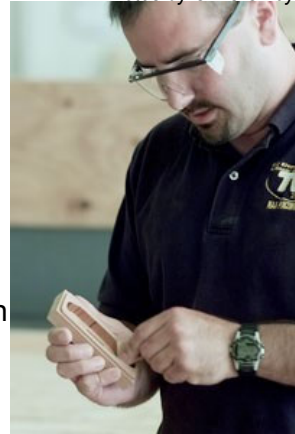
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Northrop Grumman Newport News' **Pattern Shop** was recently handed the challenge of hand crafting 500 mahogany gift boxes for the July 12 *Ronald Reagan* commissioning in Norfolk. The entire shop proved teamwork is the key to success. The challenge required the shop to work together to develop a process to mass produce the boxes in order to manufacture them in less than a week. They had to obtain special material and build jigs and patterns. "I think we



Above is **Ricky Thompson** of M71 Pattern Shop, helping to craft a mahogany gift box.

did a really good job. We worked as a team to cut a three-week operation down to one week," **Chris Collins** of M71 (right) said. The gift boxes will contain a special pewter model of the *Ronald Reagan*. The Hampton Roads Council of the Navy League will receive the majority of the gift boxes and use them as gifts for dignitaries and distinguished supporters. The gifts will be presented at the July 11 Ship Sponsor Luncheon where Nancy Reagan is an invited guest. The team effort was a huge success, generating praise from the Navy League members who were impressed with the craftsmanship and perfection in the gift boxes. The commissioning ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. and among the speakers will be shipyard President **Tom Schievelbein**. For more information about the commissioning, go to [www.reagan.navy.mil](http://www.reagan.navy.mil).



## ✿ New trades building will improve communication

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Frances Adams Trades Building took place on June 25. The building is dedicated to **Frances Adams** (right) for her services to the company and to the CVN 77 Carrier Construction Project. Adams has worked almost 44 years at the yard and is now an administrative secretary for Mike Davis, CVN 77 manager. Located on the north side of dry dock 12, the building's number is 1861. At 160 feet long and 60 feet wide, this single story building is expected to be complete in late September. It will station trades workers and inspection employees together, encouraging more communication between the trades. In the past, 14 trailers were spread throughout the north yard for the trades. Those trailers will be eliminated, travel time will decrease and communication will improve. "I think this building is a great thing for trades. They really needed it. This helps to get rid of the trailers and put the employees into a cluster. This will save a lot of time and inconvenience," Adams said. The ceremony was conducted by **Bob Gunter**, senior vice president, Aircraft Carrier Program and Scott Stabler, CVN 77 vice president,

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along with several Master Shipbuilders. Above left to right: **Paul Bazemore**, X05; **Clyde Burcher**, X05; **Ed Card**, X05; **Jim King**, X05; **Bob Gunter**; **Frances Adams**, X05; **Scott Stabler**; **Jim Duty**, X05; **Jim Simmons**, X05; and **Troy Jones**, X05.

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By Jim Hemeon



## ✿ Celebrate Family Fun

Members of the shipyard's Employee Communications Advisory Board recently enjoyed rides at Kings Dominion in advance of Family Fun Day at the park September 14. They are spreading the word around the yard that it's worth it to join in the fun September 14. They ventured on dozens of rides, including the new Drop Zone Stunt Tower. Pictured on that ride left to right are: **Steven Schultz**, T08; **Michael Williams**, O43; **Chavis Harris**, O18; **Neal Lineberry**, X84; **Marsha Cundiff**, O20; **Robert Keaton**, X11. Employees can purchase tickets for \$18 each (ages 3 and up), which is a savings of \$24.99 off the normal ticket prices.

With the purchase comes exclusive use of the Water Park from noon until 5 p.m. as well as an exclusive showing of Slime Time Live at 5 p.m. in the green slime bowl in "Nickelodeon Central." Parking is included with the ticket purchase. The first 1,000 ticket purchases get \$6 in Scooby Bucks. And there are special rates available at the Kings Quarters Best Western Hotel for September 13 and September 14 -- \$69 for a standard double room on Saturday and \$49 for a standard double room on Sunday. Tickets are available at all NNS Employees' Credit Union locations starting August 1.

## ✿ Available this week! Special Reagan sea trials Web site and Yardlines

Exclusive and extensive coverage of the *Ronald Reagan* builder's sea trials will soon be available. A special color publication of *Yardlines* tells the story of the ship's successful sea trials and highlights construction milestones. Even more comprehensive coverage will be available on the Yardnet home page and the home page for the Northrop Grumman Newport News external Web site. This all pays special tribute to shipbuilders – who both rode on trials and remained on land – for their successful design, testing and construction of the newest, most advanced aircraft carrier. See lots of faces. Read shipbuilders' stories. Hear the music of sea trials!

## ✿ New treasurer of International Association of Administrative Professionals

**Pat Allen** of E83 was installed as Treasurer of the Peninsula Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals at the chapter's annual meeting. The International Association of Administrative Professionals is the world's largest association for administrative support staff. The association provides up-to-date research and help administrative professionals become more effective contributors to their employer.



## ✿ Employees involved in diversity workshop

**Stephanie Simmons**, (left) director, Capacity and Capital Planning for Northrop Grumman Newport News, led a workshop on diversity as part of an Association of Manufacturing Excellence conference held June 19 at Gateway in Hampton. The Association of Manufacturing Excellence is an international non-profit organization that holds educational workshops to ensure continuous improvement in the workplace. Simmons' topic was "The Challenges of Mentoring and Diversity." Twenty Northrop Grumman Newport News employees were among those who attended the workshop to learn how to combine leadership, diversity, and mentoring into a competitive advantage.

## ✿ Northrop Grumman Newport News Community Day at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center

A Northrop Grumman Newport News Community Day – featuring *Sizing it up from Miniature to Monumental* – will take place on July 13 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Northrop Grumman Newport News employees and their families will be admitted free (with a shipyard badge). There will be a playhouse of fun art adventures for kids, called Crazy Colossal Comparisons. The Peninsula Fine Arts Center is also offering a discount membership enrollment, (\$35 family / \$20 individual membership) and a discount on gallery shop purchases. For more information, go to [www.pfac-va.org](http://www.pfac-va.org).

\* Special Sea Trials Edition \*

# YARDLINES

Look for the June/July issue

### A "Clean Sweep" for Ronald Reagan

This Yardlines edition is a tribute to the shipbuilders who contributed to the successful design, testing and construction of the newest, most advanced aircraft carrier. Highlighted are employees who participated in sea trials and those who remained on land and played a vital role in the ship's success.

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Read employee views of the sea trials

