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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 3

Strayer University will visit the shipyard in building 500 on the second floor from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. for open registration.

December 8

Red Cross Bloodmobile
Building 600
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Appointments: Call 8-8939

December 9

Red Cross Bloodmobile
Building 902
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Appointments: Call 8-4792 or
8-0308.

December 12

Apprentice School men's and
women's basketball.
Apprentice School gym.
Women play at 5 p.m.
Men play at 7:30 p.m.

December 18

Red Cross Bloodmobile
Building 103
7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Appointments: Call 8-9191,
select option 9. Questions:
Call 0-3011.

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✿ New vice president joins company

Tom Johnston (*right*) joined Northrop Grumman Newport News last week to serve as deputy to **Ron Ward**, vice president, Contracts & Pricing. He will transition to Ward's position when Ward retires next year. Johnston joins the shipyard with 20 years of contracts and business management experience. Prior to joining Newport News, Johnston served as director of Finance and Business Management for Lockheed Martin's Maritime Systems and Sensors business segment. In this position, he represented Lockheed Martin in the Northrop Grumman/Lockheed Martin collaboration for the CVN 77 warfare system and the Arsenal ship project. In addition, he was the principal architect for Lockheed Martin in establishing the Northrop Grumman/Lockheed Martin joint venture for the U.S. Coast Guard's multi-billion dollar Deepwater Project. He began his career with Lockheed Martin's Aero and Naval Systems division in 1983.



Photo by Mike Dillard

✿ M/V Button departs

The *Motor Vessel Sgt. William R. Button* (*right*), which arrived at the shipyard October 20 for repair work, departed last week. Shipyard employees successfully removed the ship's rudder, replaced the bearing, and replaced 17,000 pounds of steel in the aft peak tank as part of repair work. Other work involved blasting and painting the internal tanks, freeboard and underwater hull, and the overhaul of ship cranes, cargo hatches and the waterborne propulsion system. Pictured above right is the *M/V Button* being eased into the James River on the afternoon of November 26 by tugboats as the *Button* departs from dry dock 12. The picture to the right shows **Philip Bourne** (*left*) and **Diego Alston**, both of X36, releasing *M/V Button's* mooring lines from dry dock 12 as the ship is prepared for departure.



Photos by John Whalen

✿ Holiday Food Drive underway

The Northrop Grumman Newport News Holiday Food Drive began Monday and will run through December 12. Contributions are particularly needed this year in the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel. The Foodbank's wish list of items includes: canned products such as vegetables, chunky soups, fruits, sauces, gravies, fruit juices and packaged meals. Other items include baby food, sugar, flour, peanut butter, jelly and cake mixes. Drop off food donations at labeled boxes that will be placed inside buildings, warehouses, at piers, docks and trailers. Employees may donate money that Foodbank personnel can use to purchase fresh foods such as meats, dairy products and fresh fruits. Checks should be made payable to the Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula and delivered to **Brenda Roth** of O18 at building 520/first floor before noon, December 12. Call Brenda Roth at 0-3011 for more information.



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✦ Mariners Club helps the Shriners Hospitals for Children

The Mariners Club, made up of shipyard employees, recently presented the Shriners Hospitals for Children a check for more than \$1,400. The Mariners Club was established to have those who build ships get together in a social setting, grow friendships and foster teamwork. The picture to the right shows **Marilyn Jones** of X50, who is a Mariners Club board member, presenting the donation to the Shriners Hospital representatives at the November 15 annual football Oyster Bowl. From left to right are Bill Todd, potentate of the Shriners; David Monell, chairman of the Oyster Bowl and past potentate; and Marilyn Jones. "We are so appreciative for all the people at Northrop Grumman Newport News who helped us to raise money for the children," said Joyce Wright, one of the organizers for this fund-raiser and a member of the Mariners Club board. Wright also said children receive free medical attention thanks to the Shriners and fund-raisers like this. The Mariners Club Web site is www.nnsmarinersclub.com.



✦ Employee presentation at SAP conference helpful to others

Will Worley of O45 Maintenance Planning spoke at the 2003 America's SAP Users Group (ASUG) Product Lifecycle Management forum in Phoenix on November 4 for the Plant Maintenance special interest group. Worley is a computerized maintenance management system administrator for the SAP Plant Maintenance module within the Operations division. The purpose of ASUG is to continuously educate members, facilitate networking among colleagues and SAP representatives, and influence future SAP product releases and direction. Worley's presentation covered "Plant Maintenance Reporting" and highlighted tools he has developed that allows the Maintenance department to do such work as measure preventive maintenance compliance and backlog status. About 100 people attended the presentation. Participants said Worley's tools were a viable option for their organizations to explore. Worley intends to present his reporting approach at the 2004 ASUG Annual Conference & Vendor Fair in Atlanta in April.

✦ Employees speak at World Maritime Technology Conference

Production Engineering (X51) participated in the recent World Maritime Technology Conference held in San Francisco. More than 750 industry representatives from around the world attended the conference, which was sponsored by the Society of Naval Architects and Engineers and the National Shipbuilding Research Program. A Production Engineering team delivered a presentation entitled "Shipbuilding Lessons Learned Programs - A Foundation for Knowledge Management." The presentation's authors were **George Cotsimopoulos**, manager, Production Engineering; and Production Engineers **Jerry McVeigh** and **Daniel Cimmino**. In addition, Production Engineer **Jim Dillon** presented a paper entitled "Reducing Coatings Rework in New Construction, Overhaul and Ship Repair." Both presentations were well attended and generated many questions and comments from an international audience. This was the first event that featured a four-day exhibition and conference where 98 technical papers were presented. The event covered a wide range of subjects, including marine design and engineering, ship production and repair, and owner operation and maintenance of both commercial and military vessels.

✦ Reminder: Outlook messages older than 60 days to be deleted

On Dec. 6, all messages in your Outlook Today mailbox older than 60 days will be deleted in accordance with Northrop Grumman's new E-mail Retention Procedure. This includes messages in the Inbox, Drafts, Junk E-mail, Outbox and Sent Items. Contacts, Calendar, Tasks, Journal and Notes components of Microsoft Outlook will not be affected. Please take the steps necessary to save any important e-mail messages. Visit <http://email.northgrum.com/retention.htm> for assistance and full details.

✦ Aqua parking lot upgrades continues

Workers are continuing this week to upgrade the aqua parking lot, located at 47th and 48th streets between Washington Avenue and Huntington Avenue. Half of the lot is available to employees during the upgrading project. The new design will allow for more clearly defined spaces and access lanes. Employees are reminded that they should not park without a decal or with the wrong decal. Cars without the appropriate parking decals will be towed.

