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February 16 – February 20, 2004

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 24

DMV Visit.

9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Building 86 in an office behind the south lobby guard station. Services include: Driver's license renewals, reissuing driver's license because of address changes, making duplicate copies of driver's licenses that have been lost/stolen, providing written test for driver's license renewals, supplying driver transcripts and issuing handicap placards with doctor certification. Services will **NOT** include vehicle-related transactions such as vehicle registrations. For additional information, call Brenda Roth at 0-3011.

March 3

Strayer University will visit the shipyard to advise and register students for their next semester, which starts March 29. Building 500, second floor (Training Conference Room) 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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✿ Environmental Health and Safety awards ceremony held

Shipbuilders packed the top floor of building 520 on February 12 to celebrate a record year in safety in 2003 and their hard work in helping make that happen.

EH&S gave out eight employee awards, one contractor award, and awards for the Navy. "This is a time I look forward to because we are the safest and most environmentally sound shipyard in the world," said **Jim Thornton**, director of Environmental, Health and Safety. "This has been another great year – a record year in fact."

Thornton told the crowd about numerous achievements including the shipyard's recent ISO 14001 environmental management system certification that he described as a world-class award. He also cited numbers showing injury rates decreased, and said training improved. "We all work for a great company," he said. "We work for a safe company, a company that cares about us and I think these numbers are a reflection of that. We're doing some really great things."

Thornton also spoke of goals that included eventually having no lost time injuries in a year. **One of the company values begins, "Our People are what make us great..."** **Read more about why this is true on pages 3 and 4, which include expanded EH&S Task Team coverage.**



Photo by Chris Oxley

Above is the Virginia-Class Submarine Program First Shift Safety Task Team. The team won two of the eight employee awards at the February 12 ceremony – Best Trend Analysis and Best Ergonomic Project. The team members pictured are: **Dexter Lilley, Charles E. McIntosh Jr., Matthew C. McQuade, Arthur K. Stevens, James Ricks, Anthony W. Tisdale, Leroy H. Davis Jr., Angela Fitzgerald, Richard Spratley (behind), Calvin Fletcher Jr., Jeffrey Ardelji, Albert D. Elliott Jr., James M. Young, Brenda W. Robinson, Ronald Willis, Angel McCoy, Johnny R. Johnson, and Douglas J. Dahnke.**



"This is great. We set our goal to win an award and achieved it. I'm kind of hyped. The program is awesome. It's not only getting management involved, but

also getting hourly involved to complete the goal to cut down on accidents." **Marshall Edmunds**, supervisor for the Virginia-class program in the Ring Module Shop.

✿ Office Professionals Club members

The Office Professionals Club is having its first membership drive. This new club is open to all company office worker employees. The mission of this club is to provide a network to encourage professional growth while making new friends. Club activities are now being planned and input is wanted. The club meets each month at the Main Street Library in Newport News. For more information, contact anegirl1@cox.net, stinksmom@cox.net, or dcrosstx@cox.net.

CURRENTS continued

✿ CVN 77 Documentary underway for The Learning Channel

A film crew from Red Dog Entertainment visited the shipyard last week to film employees for a program about carrier construction. The show, called "Mega-Carrier," will document the building of the *George H. W. Bush* (CVN 77). Red Dog will film various phases of construction from now until the ship is delivered to the Navy in 2008. The show will air in two segments on The Learning Channel (TLC). The first hour-long show is scheduled to air in 2006 and will document the beginning of ship construction through the island house lift. The second segment will document the last two years of construction and will include events like the ship's christening ceremony, catapult testing and sea trials. The film crew is pictured below interviewing employees on the platen area next to Dry Dock 12.

Photos by John Whalen



Mike Bonelli of X18



Damien Dews of X43



X18 Foreman Sandy Wooldridge

✿ Designers selected for CVN 21 aircraft weapons elevators

Northrop Grumman Newport News has selected Federal Equipment Company and Oldenburg Lakeshore, Inc. as preliminary designers for the aircraft weapons elevator on the new generation aircraft carrier, CVN 21. The two companies and their respective technology partners will engage in a yearlong effort to refine their designs to build and test a full-scale, one-quarter load elevator drive, known as a "proof of concept."

Innovations for the CVN 21 include an enhanced flight deck arranged for increased sortie rates and improved weapons movement. An essential part of achieving these goals is with the incorporation of an advanced weapons elevator. In March 2003, Newport News hosted an AWE Industry Day with numerous elevator suppliers and industry leaders attending. Following that event, five elevator vendors and their technology partners were asked to compete in an AWE concept design. The concept designs of the five teams were reviewed for their technical feasibility, risk, safety, weight and other features. The designs selected as most promising to proceed into the next phase, or preliminary design, were from Federal Equipment Company and Oldenburg Lakeshore, Inc. Completion of the preliminary design competition will be in early 2005, when one vendor team will be awarded the contract to continue with their AWE proposal and develop a detail design and a full-scale prototype for land-based testing. Prototype testing will be completed by late 2007, and the selected vendor will begin to manufacture the production units scheduled for shipboard installation in mid-2010. The contract award value between the companies is in excess of \$6 million.



STRATEGIC PLAN HIGHLIGHTS
2004-2010

✿ Strategic Plan on Yardnet

Each Northrop Grumman Newport News employee received at their home in January a copy of the company's five-year strategic plan highlights. This booklet is available on the home page of Yardnet.

✿ Reminder: Wizards deal

The Washington Wizards team is presenting a special bus trip offer for the Wizards vs. Boston Celtics game. The offer ends Feb 20. The game is March 13, at 7 p.m. All ticket prices include round trip bus fare. Go to the Yardnet home page for more details.



CURRENTS continued

☛ Mariners Club gives Valentine gift

The Northrop Grumman Newport News Mariners Club, a club consisting of waterfront middle management personnel, chose the Head Start program to be their Valentine on February 9. Head Start received \$4,009 and earmarked the donation to help pay for Creative Curriculum.net, a Web based program that assists in the monitoring and development of children through the collection of relevant data and reporting tools. The money was raised through many donated items for sale during their 2003 Christmas Silent Auction. Pictured to the right are (back row from left to right) **Martha Stevens**, Mariners Club secretary; **Don Frederick**, Mariners Club vice president; Ethel W. Snead, director of Head Start; **Richard Charles**, Mariners Club president; and **Marilyn Jones**, Mariners Club board member. In the front are a few of the students who were present to receive the Valentine's Day gift.



☛ Excellence in Environmental, Health and Safety; continued coverage from page 1

More than 400 shipbuilders are members of task teams dedicated to making the shipyard safe. Many of those shipbuilders joined in the February 12 recognition ceremony. Pictured below are some of the winning members. The list of all the winning members follows on the next page. Be on the lookout for more coverage of these award winners in the upcoming edition of Yardlines and in the Daily Press. The company will highlight winning task teams in Daily Press advertisements starting the week of February 23.



1. The shipyard recognized the *USS Eisenhower* crew members for their work in contributing to the overall safety at Newport News. From left to right are Vice President of Human Resources, Administration and Trades **Mike Petters**, Executive Officer Pat Hall, and Safety Officer Nate Nickerson. Crews of the *USS Reagan* and *Texas* also received recognition.



2. The X15 Second Shift Task Team won the Best Environmental Project. Pictured are: **Gabriel Chaves**, **Frank Thorn**, **Edward L. Curfman**, **Kimberly D. Daniels**, **Lilton Evans**, **Johnny M. Reynolds**.

3. The X10 South First Shift Task Team won the Accident Investigation Award. Pictured (from left) are **Mervin Thompson Jr.**, **Mark Clarke**, **Anthony L. Williams**, **Gina T. Johnson**, **Melvin L. Porter**, **Scott Dangerfield**, **Mabel Chapman**, **James Insley**, **Linda Kindred**, **James Becker**, **Dave Dentel**, **Jacqueline Fogg**, and **Charles E. Nichols**.



Photos by Chris Oxley

Congratulations Environmental, Health and Safety award winners!

Best Accident Investigation: X10 South Task Team

James Becker, Mabel Chapman, Mark Clarke, Scott Dangerfield, Jacqueline Fogg, Darnell Hawkins, James Insley, Gina T. Johnson, Linda Kindred, Charles E. Nichols, Melvin L. Porter, Raymond P. Spivey, Mervin Thompson Jr., Anthony L. Williams.

Best Communication Project: O43 First Shift Task Team

James C. Baines, Dwayne Banks, Horace C. Brown, Brian Bruce, Hugh D. Byrd Sr., Monroe Craddock, Clarice S. Diggs, Frankie Holliman, Timothy R. Hood, James R. Ozmer Jr., Constance A. Pellum, Reginald L. Perry, Duane D. Smith, Donald L. Smith Jr., Jayston E. Stamper, Glen Wade, Michael L. Williams, Gary M. Wilson.

Best Ergonomic Project and Best Trend Analysis: Virginia-Class Submarine First Shift Task Team

Jeffrey Ardelji, Michael Clawson, Douglas J. Dahnke, Leroy H. Davis Jr., Ronald P. Daye, Elton E. Dukes, Albert D. Elliott Jr., Angela Fitzgerald, Calvin Fletcher Jr., Kevin K. Gray, Johnny R. Johnson, Don Leviner, Angel McCoy, Charles McIntosh Jr., Matthew C McQuade, Ronald L Moore Jr., Jeffrey W. Netzel, James Ricks, Brenda Robinson, Jennings Rowe Jr., Randolph Scott, Richard Spratley, Arthur K. Stevens, Anthony Tisdale, Ronald Willis, James M. Young.

Best Inspection Team: X10 North First Shift Task Team

Gilbert Ackes, Joe C. Boyd, Talbot R. Branch, Demetris Cartwright, James R. Cavezza, Thomas Cragg, Lewis Dameron, Edward Dowdy II, James I. Folz, James A. Jones, Donald T. Newsome, Richard Nierman III, Natisha L. Reed, Calvin M. Rock, William Scouten Jr., Andrea D. Smith, William D. Smith, Elmer L. Stewart, Marcus T. Tate, Jason A. Thompson, Marvin A. Watson, Derrick L. Whitley

Best Job Safety Analysis Project: 100N Non-Nuclear Process Hazard Assessment Task Team

Anthony L. Baum, Russell Britt Jr., Roger Butler Jr., Didier Edwards, Pauline A. Foster, Alisa R. Greene, Richard C. Husted, Everett Jordan, James C. Mitchell, Thomas G. Nelson Jr., Levar Shepard, William M. Siefers, Willie Thigpen, Johnny M. Tyler Jr., James Uzzle Jr.

Most Improved Team: X33 First Shift Steering Task Team

Robert H. Cornett Jr., Beverly T. Dixon, Marshall A. Edmunds, Alice Faye Ewan, John R. Gilliam Jr., Robert R. Hafer, Martin Dale Holland, Joseph J. Kesz, Anthony H. Kiemer, Tracey L. Rainey, Angela M. Spalding, William Jack Walker, Robert Wilkinson, Joyce A. Wright

Best Environmental Project: X15 Second Shift Task Team

Gabriel Chaves, Edward L. Curfman, Kimberly D. Daniels, Lilton Evans, Johnny M. Reynolds

Best Contractor Award (for the contractor that continuously works to improve the work environment for their employees while developing and maintaining a good relationship with Newport News):

Hampton Roads Contracting Inc.

Navy Awards (for outstanding contributions to overall health and safety at Newport News):

The crews of the *USS Eisenhower*, *Texas* and *USS Reagan*