

# Currents

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March 15 – March 19, 2004

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 22

The Florida Institute of Technology will visit the shipyard to advise and register students for the summer semester that starts April 26.

Building 500/2 (Training Conference Room)  
2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

### March 25

Bloodmobile  
Building 103  
7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Appointments: 8-9191

### March 26

72nd Annual Apprentice Alumni Banquet at 6 p.m. at the Hampton Radisson Hotel. For tickets, call departmental Apprentice Alumni delegates, Judy Hester of O22 at 8-2512, or Glen Davenport of Teagle Insurance at 595-8000.

### April 12

Bloodmobile  
Building 600  
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Appointments: Call Bonnie Yacconi at 8-8939

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 **Key message:** *We must work collaboratively as a team to meet our big goals.*

### 🌀 **Celebrating crane safety**

The annual Crane Safety Celebration was held last week in building 520 to celebrate successes in reducing crane accidents. All departments that operate cranes were invited to attend. Various accomplishments were highlighted during the ceremony, including the 75 percent decline in crane accidents from 1995 to 2003. The program was launched in 1995. Also during the celebration, the Machine Shop (M53) was presented with a “Top Gun” award for being the department with the best record for the year. M53 conducted nearly 65,000 lifts and saw no crane accidents in 2003. Pictured above, X36 Manager Dave McKercher (*left*) presented M53 Manager Stewart Brenegar with the award. Below are pictures of the M53 day and night shift teams who earned the award.

### Great People



Photos by John Whalen



To the left is the M53 day shift team. In the front row from left to right are **Stewart Brenegar, George Cash, Fuzz Lee, Candy Matney, Maurice Dawson, Jim Hiles, and Leone Bryant**. In the back row from left to right are **Ed Knight, Bobby Widgeon, Bob Sealey, Percy Bell, Dean Roby, Joey Perry, and Earl White**.

To the right is the M53 night shift team. In the front row from left to right are **Stewart Brenegar, Thomas Booth, John Adams, Joe Bush, Bernie Martin, and Tim Sexton**. In the back from left to right are **Jerome Dawson, Terry Tynes, John Schiavone, Gary Waters, and Pernel Newby**.



### 🌀 **Last week of the OFI promotional period**

It's the last week of the OFI promotional period. Employees can win a \$1,000 Visa gift card for submitting valid OFIs. The promotional period ends March 29. On April 15, one name will be drawn from the pool of employees who submit valid OFIs. Whether an idea is approved or disapproved, employees can still qualify for the gift card. There are also many other awards for valid OFIs, including the new \$20 Olive Garden/Red Lobster dinner certificate. Employees can view the promotional cards at the home page of Yardnet.

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## ✿ **Knowledge Management Summit VI**

Northrop Grumman will host its Knowledge Management Summit VI at Northrop Grumman Space Technology's new presentation center in Redondo Beach, Calif., on April 27 through April 30. This year's theme is "Knowledge Shared = Power Squared: Unleash the Power." This summit will provide participants from all sectors with an opportunity to consider business challenges and associated knowledge sharing solutions. Some of the topics to be discussed include retention of tacit knowledge, the connection between knowledge transfer and customer relationships, and models for improving business performance through Knowledge Management communities of practice. There will be numerous guest speakers such as Northrop Grumman Chairman, CEO and President Ron Sugar, Air Force Chief Information Officer John M. Gilligan, and Moshe F. Rubenstein, a professor at the UCLA School of Engineering and Applied Sciences who is an internationally renowned authority on problem solving and creativity in organizations. There are no registration costs, however, all labor, travel, per diem, and related expenses are the responsibility of each sector. See more details about the summit at the Knowledge Management Web site <http://enterprise.st.northgrum.com/km6/>.

## ✿ **Employees to receive discounts from Barnes & Noble.com**

Northrop Grumman Newport News has worked with Barnes & Noble.com to give employees access to a customized online bookstore, which offers the following discounts:

\*Free standard shipping on all orders placed

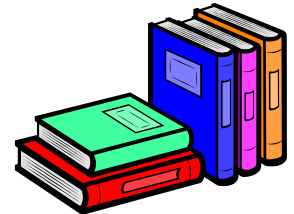
\*Reduced rate 2nd day air

\*Reduced rate next day air

\*Discounts on videos, music, and DVDs

\*24-hour shipping for in-stock orders

\*Bulk order discounts (50 copies or more)



In addition to the discounts above, employees will also receive an extra five percent off all orders from March 15 – 29. These discounts are available at the online bookstore only and cannot be used at local stores. For more information about the online bookstore please contact 1-800-373-2468 or [kscott@book.com](mailto:kscott@book.com). The online bookstore Web site address follows:

<http://btob.bn.com/index.asp?sourceid=0039357406&btob=y>.

## ✿ **Earth Day is approaching**

Northrop Grumman Newport News is holding Earth Day activities again this year, starting with a seed handout on April 20. The company needs about 70 volunteers to distribute the seeds at the various gates. In addition, there will be an Earth Day cleanup at Christopher Newport Park on April 22. More information about Earth Day activities is available on Yardnet at the Environmental, Health and Safety department's home page (<http://yardnet/divisions/humres/o27/index.stm>). There is a link to the seed handout information on that site. The link is:

[http://yardnet/divisions/humres/o27/Envn\\_Eng/Earth\\_Day\\_Page\\_files/2004\\_ED\\_Ad.pdf](http://yardnet/divisions/humres/o27/Envn_Eng/Earth_Day_Page_files/2004_ED_Ad.pdf). That site also includes a link to frequently asked questions about Earth Day activities. That link is:

[http://yardnet/divisions/humres/o27/Envn\\_Eng/Earth\\_Day\\_Page\\_files/2004\\_Frequent\\_Questions.pdf](http://yardnet/divisions/humres/o27/Envn_Eng/Earth_Day_Page_files/2004_Frequent_Questions.pdf).

## ✿ **Northrop Grumman Newport News holds job fairs**

Northrop Grumman Newport News is holding a professional job fair on March 22 at the Omni Hotel from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. On-site interviews will be conducted for numerous positions, including certain engineering and designer positions as well as for production planners, senior nuclear technicians and financial analysts. Detailed job postings are available at [www.nn.northropgrumman.com/index.asp](http://www.nn.northropgrumman.com/index.asp). The company is also holding a job fair on March 20 where participants can meet Hourly Employment Office representatives. The March 20 job fair will be held at the Net Center (Old Newmarket Mall), which is on the opposite end of the building from Sears. The address is 52000 W. Mercury Blvd. in Hampton. On-site interviews will be conducted and pre-employment screening will take place for many positions. The positions available are blasters, machinists, brush painters, pipefitters, chippers, shipfitters, insulators, sheet metal workers, and structural welders.

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## What's New at Northrop Grumman?

*Northrop Grumman Newport News is one of seven sectors of the Northrop Grumman Corporation. Currents periodically provides a look at some of the recent top news at the other Northrop Grumman sectors.*

### ✿ Electronic Systems

#### Sector teams with Siemens Dematic Postal Automation for mail processing system

Electronic Systems has teamed with Siemens Dematic Postal Automation L.P. to compete for the U.S. Postal Service's Flats Sequencing System/Delivery Point Packaging (FSS/DPP) program. FSS/DPP continues the Postal Service's letter and flat-mail automation program to provide the next generation of postal automation that will sort and merge letter and flat mail in a series of delivery point, walk-sequenced mail bundles.

### ✿ Information Technology

#### IT Partners on national security project

Northrop Grumman IT and Information Builders have formed a strategic alliance to provide federal, state and local government agencies with national security solutions. The partners will identify and pursue new business opportunities for three specific national security-related activities: bioterrorism and syndromic analysis, identification and authentication solutions, and law enforcement data integration. Information Builders, headquartered in New York City, is an experienced provider of enterprise business intelligence and real-time web reporting.

### ✿ Mission Systems

#### Sector to build system for Bulgaria

The U.S. Air Force has selected Mission Systems to build a national military command and control (C2) system for the Bulgarian National Military Command Center. The sector will develop, integrate, test, install and support the system and train Bulgarian soldiers to use it. The system will include the Interoperable C4I Services server and the Command and Control Personal Computer workstation, a commercial C2 system developed to provide a national C2 capability and to be interoperable with the U.S. Department of Defense's Global Command and Control System.

### ✿ Integrated Systems

#### Battle management exercises prove successful

An Integrated Systems-led team has refined the definition and functionality of its proposed architecture for a next-generation Air Force battle management system with an exercise involving live and simulated military components. The crew area virtual environment exercises (CAVEX) were conducted by the sector last month in Melbourne, Fla. The exercises follow the successful completion of the system requirements review for the battle management command and control system for the Air Force's E-10A Multisensor Command and Control Aircraft.

### ✿ Ship Systems

#### Pascagoula breaks ground on expansion project

Ship Systems last month broke ground on a \$35 million West Bay Expansion Project during a ceremony at its Pascagoula facility. The project is the first phase of a \$224 million expansion and modernization planned for the facility as part of its public/private partnership with the state of Mississippi. The West Bay expansion will create more than 400,000 square feet of new ship construction area to support the DD(X) program. The expansion is set for completion in December 2004, in time for the first Coast Guard cutter keel-laying ceremony.

### ✿ Space Technology

#### Sector demonstrates development milestone

Space Technology has successfully demonstrated electrical performance capabilities of the downlink phased array antenna for the Advanced Extreme High Frequency (EHF) military satellite communications program, reaching a key development milestone toward providing increased battlefield connectivity and protection for U.S. armed forces. The tests successfully demonstrated that the component design and the overall phased array subsystem design will meet the stringent performance requirements specified for the Advanced EHF system.