

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 12

Bloodmobile

Building 600

8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Appointments: Call Bonnie

Yacconi at 8-8939

April 13

Bloodmobile

Building 902

902-903 employees, call John

Whitsel at 8-4792.

901-905 employees, call

Andrew Cirrincione at 8-0308.

April 17

The Hampton Roads Alumni

Extension of the National

Society of Black Engineers 5th

Annual Professional

Development Day at Hampton

University's McGrew Towers

Conference Center. 8:30 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Free and open to

college students and

professionals in all career

fields. Registration is requested

by April 12. Contact: Terri Mills

at (757) 754-3878 or at

terriynmills2003@yahoo.com

to register.

April 22

Bloodmobile

Building 103

7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Appointments: 8-9191

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✿ Celebration held on USS Dwight D. Eisenhower

Shipbuilders and crews on the *USS Dwight D. Eisenhower* joined in a cake-cutting celebration on the afternoon of April 1 to mark the opening of the carrier's mess decks and food service. On April 5, meals began being served in the morning. The photographs to the right show sailors and shipbuilders gathered in the aft crew mess, enjoying a cake topped with icing letters that read, "Great job team Ike." The top photo shows (from left to right)

Construction Superintendent **Capres Amory**, Capt. Charles E. Smith, *Eisenhower's* commanding officer, and Construction Supervisor **Johnny Blake**, cutting the cake. Also, **Kenny Bonds**, a paint sprayer in X33, (to the far right) is pictured with them. The photograph to the right shows **Keenard Dandridge** of the X32 Sheet Metal department (left foreground), getting a piece of cake and **David Straub**, an office assistant in X71, waiting behind him. The sailors pictured are CS2 Mayer, cutting the cake, and CS3 Duclose, serving it.

Great People



Photos courtesy of the U.S. Navy



✿ New ethics and business conduct training system

Employees will soon receive a letter instructing them how to access and use a new system, called eSources, that allows salaried employees to complete the required Conflict of Interest (C-196) form online. The system automates completion of the form — storing the data, flagging areas where more information is needed and reducing much of the time now spent administering this process. In addition, the system includes nine business conduct training programs, which will be available to salaried employees. Some of these programs are required training.

✿ Council on Occupational Education commends The Apprentice School

The Apprentice School recently earned praise from the Council on Occupational Education, a national accrediting agency that is committed to assuring quality and integrity in career and workforce development. A team from the Council on Education spent three days at The Apprentice School in March to review the overall program. At the conclusion of the visit, the team commended the school for "providing an outstanding educational environment and programs." The school received a perfect score and is considered to be in full compliance with the council's standards. These reviews occur every two to six years. The Apprentice School's last review took place in 1998.



The Apprentice School



Currents continued

✿ Newport News director appointed to Navy's Team-One Executive Steering Committee

Mike Butler (*right*), director of Aircraft Carrier Operations, was recently appointed as the Northrop Grumman Newport News representative to the Navy's Team-One Executive Steering Committee (ESC). Team-One is an initiative started by the Navy in the mid-90s as a collaborative effort between Naval shipyards, the Type Commander, Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Naval Sea Systems Command, the Ship's Commanding Officer, and Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and Pacific Fleet. The steering committee is a team of senior Naval officers and industry leaders who provide guidance for Team-One activities. The original intent of Team-One was to improve performance in the public shipyards by focusing on process improvements, better planning, and enhanced program management. Newport News has been involved with Team-One for several years, but has recently increased its involvement as a result of being identified as the Lead Maintenance Activity (LMA) for new carrier contracts (starting with *Enterprise*, CVN 65). As LMA, Newport News is responsible for integrating all work on the ship, including Newport News, ship's force, and Navy subcontractors. Involvement in Team-One will help Newport News benefit from public yard lessons learned, as well as to share lessons learned and process improvements with the Navy.



✿ Employee's foundation recognized at event in part sponsored by Northrop Grumman

A foundation established in part by **Ray Moody** of M30 was among various groups recognized at the 20th anniversary of the National Space Symposium, an event that included Northrop Grumman as one of the sponsors. At the symposium — held March 29 through April 1 in Colorado Springs, Colo. — recipients of previous "Space Technology Hall of Fame" awards were recognized and invited to attend. Moody says his foundation, called the Sara Moody Foundation, was recognized among a list of innovators. The foundation, previously called the Hypohidrotic Ectodermal Dysplasia (HED) Foundation, was recognized as part of the innovation of "liquid-cooled garments." Children born with Hypohidrotic Ectodermal Dysplasia (lack of sweat glands) can use the garment to help them dissipate body heat during normal activities that might otherwise raise their body temperatures and cause heat stroke.

✿ Richmond International Raceway discount for Northrop Grumman Newport News employees

Richmond International Raceway is offering Northrop Grumman employees special discounts on tickets to some of the NASCAR Busch and Indy races. The following link to the special Northrop Grumman site provides information on purchasing tickets and upcoming attractions.

<http://dbserver.iscmotorsports.com/RichmondRaceway/headlines.cfm?HeadlineStoryID=14097>

For questions, contact Francis Harper at fharper@rir.com.

✿ Apprentice School football team leadership involved in Leadership Day

Northrop Grumman Newport News Apprentice School representatives joined in a Leadership Day March 31 that was sponsored by the National Football Foundation and the National College Hall of Fame. Coaches and football team captains from colleges and universities across the state visited with high school coaches and players from the Richmond area. The event took place at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland. The concept was to allow college-aged football leaders to share ideas, principles and values with young people and coaches on the high school level. Representing the Apprentice School were three members of the football team leadership panel: **Fred Canady** (X33), **Ricky Doles** (X36) and **Marcus McGriff** (X32). Accompanying them was assistant coach and ex-Apprentice captain **Herb Fields** (X73). The Apprentice School group conducted huddle groups and spoke to the athletes.

✿ Notice of change related to facsimile machines and microfilm equipment

Office Services, as part of the Trades Division, has assumed responsibility for the acquisition and control of copiers, facsimile machines and microfilm equipment. To request this equipment, submit a Facilities Service Request (FSR) form combined with an NN 9166 or NN 9166-FAX (in Forms Viewer) — not an Information Service Request (ISR) form — to Michael Etter of O14 at building 86 on the first floor. An ISR form is required when facsimile machines and copies require telecommunication connections. If there are questions, please contact **Michael Etter** at 8-8289 or **Jean Thompson** at 0-4411.