

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 22

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

April 22

Earth Day event.
Cleanup at Christopher
Newport Park. For more
information, go to the
Environmental, Health and
Safety Yardnet site.

April 28

College Day
2 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Building 520/6
College representatives will be
available to answer questions
about admissions, credit
transfers and more.

May 10

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

May 11

Bloodmobile
Building 902
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
902-903 employees call John
Whitsel at 8-4792. 901-905
employees call Andrew
Cirrincione at 8-0308.

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

✿ Reagan team celebrates the completion of a new gym on carrier

Shipbuilders and *USS Ronald Reagan* crew members joined in a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday morning that marked the opening of a new gym on the carrier. The new gym is part of the post-shakedown availability (PSA) work package completed by Newport News. The PSA allows the Navy the opportunity to incorporate propulsion plant modifications, electronic system upgrades and quality of life enhancements to the ship. After the ribbon-cutting event, shipyard and *Reagan* team members posed in front of a cake that included icing letters reading, "Grand Opening Mega Gym." Pictured above from left are Morale Welfare and Recreation Director Leslie Elvebak; Supply Officer Cmdr. Dave Watt; Executive Officer Capt. Drew Brugal; Command Master Chief Kathleen Hanson, Commanding Officer Capt. Jim Symonds; and Northrop Grumman Newport News representatives **Paul Proth, Dru Shelman, Richard Coleman, and Stacy Mann.**



Photo by Chris Oxley

 **Key message:** *We must drive costs out of our processes and improve efficiency.*

✿ Employment building joins in 5S efforts



Photos by John Whalen



Employees in the Employment Office building are joining in efforts to comply with the 5S system. Employees such as **Ray Wassel, Michelle McMath and Bill Bell** (pictured left to right in the top left photo) began cleaning up their building last week. The system is a method for organizing, cleaning, developing and sustaining a productive work environment that includes five parts: sort, set in order, shine, standardize and sustain. Employees can learn more about these five parts and about the background on 5S on the Lean Enterprise Yardnet site, which also explains that 5S was one of the first lean tools to be used at the shipyard. Among the first places it was launched were the manufacturing shops, warehouses and the Sourcing department. The program has expanded into the majority of the waterfront operations, and is moving beyond that.

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❖ Head Builders baseball coach earns 300 career wins to start doubleheader sweep

The Apprentice School swept a pair of United States Collegiate Athletic Association games on Saturday against visiting Christendom College 19-2 and 21-0. That sweep gave Apprentice School Head Coach **Bryan Cave** his 300th and 301st career coaching wins in his 15th season at the helm of the Builders. Next up for the Apprentice School (24-8) will be a five-game swing through Maryland and D.C. starting with a single game at St. Mary's College in Maryland on Thursday. Cave is pictured (*holding the baseball*) celebrating his 300th career coaching win after Saturday's first game. From left in the foreground are sophomore outfielder **Bobby Quesenberry** (X42), senior outfielder/pitcher **Travis Cobb** (X18), Cave, Assistant Coach **Buddy Denton**, junior infielder **Brooks Elks** (M53), and sophomore infielder **Brandon Brown** (X43). In the second game, Cobb threw a five inning no-hitter as he struck out a season high of 13, which included the first nine batters he faced. This marked the third no-hitter for the Builders over a 10-day span.

Great People



By John Whalen

❖ College Day this week

Northrop Grumman Newport News employees are invited to attend College Day Wednesday, April 28, from 2 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in building 520 on the sixth floor. College and university counselors and other representatives will be available to discuss undergraduate admission, transfer credit and continuing

education, graduate programs, and information regarding programs of study. Applications, catalogs and summer and fall schedules will be available. Some colleges will provide registration. An Apprentice School representative will be in attendance to explain the Apprentice School program and admissions process. The Newport News Shipbuilding Employees Credit Union will provide student loan information.



❖ Congratulations to Model of Excellence nominees

Remember to congratulate the nominees of the Model of Excellence program, who were recently recognized by Northrop Grumman Newport News President Tom Schievelbein and in a special insert into the March/April issue of *Yardlines*. The latest issue of *Yardlines* is available on the home page of Yardnet and includes an updated electronic version of the insert. The insert inadvertently omitted some names, including **Joe C. Murdock**, E85; **David C. Smith**, E85; **James H. Martin III**, E85; **Michael J. Deuell**, E85; **Sally W. Jones**, E85; **Ray A. Shazier**, O53; and **Paul A. Grudt**, O53 on the team called Mainstreaming the NNPP Radiological Shipping Organizational Process, which was nominated for innovation and creativity, and **George Holmes**, E31; **Jamal Koodabachus**, E31; **Kevin Shea**, E31; **Mike Shaffer**, E31; **Jim Shevock**, E31; and **Lynn Fisher**, E31 on the team called CVN 73 Smart Carrier Installation E31 Test Team, which was nominated for customer satisfaction.

❖ Anheuser-Busch Adventure Park discounts for employees

Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks is offering Northrop Grumman Newport News employees special online savings to the following parks: Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Water Country USA, Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, SeaWorld San Diego, and SeaWorld Orlando. Visit the Employee Link section of the Northrop Grumman Newport News Web site at the following address for more details (<http://www.nn.northropgrumman.com/news/internal/yardnews.stm>).

