

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June 19

Peninsula Pilots

War Memorial Stadium

1889 W. Pembroke Ave.,

Hampton, 7:05 p.m.

Admission for employees with a badge is free. Tickets for family members are half prices.

### June 21-22

Builders Baseball Camp

War Memorial Stadium,

Hampton

\$75

For more information:

Bryan Cave 8-7501

Jim Heath 8-4935

Robert Lewis 0-4420.

### June 24

Bloodmobile

Unit East of Building 103

7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Appointments: Call 8-9191

### July 12

Bloodmobile

Building 600

8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

For appointments, call 8-8939.

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## ✿ Steelworkers Local 8888 ratify contract

On June 9, Steelworkers Local 8888 voted to ratify a new 52-month contract. Shipyard President Tom Schievelbein sent a message to employees the following day, describing the contract as one that will help the company “get work, keep work and perform work in a cost-effective manner.” With the new contract, he said, everyone can move ahead together to continue to build great ships.

🔑 **Key message:** *We must live our company values.*

## ✿ Employee earns scholarship named after former shipyard superintendent

Earlier this year, Christopher Newport University announced that **Keith Lambert II** is the recipient of the Charles D. Houdashell Sr. Memorial Scholarship for the 2003-2004 academic year. He began working at the shipyard in October 1993 and is a graduate of the Apprentice School. He works in X75 Carrier Overhaul Planning as a production planner. The Charles D. Houdashell Sr. Scholarship was established in 1997

to support an Apprentice School graduate continuing his or her education at Christopher Newport University. It is given in memory of Charlie Houdashell, who was a part of the Apprentice School Class of 1975 and began his career with Newport News in August 1969. Houdashell died unexpectedly in May 1997 while on company business in Denmark. At the time of his death, he was superintendent, Steel Fabrication. Lambert is currently a senior at CNU with plans to graduate in May 2005. He was appreciative of the award, saying, “It is a great honor to be selected as the winner of this scholarship. The many long hours studying, family support, and never letting up made it possible. I recently found out that I had actually met Mr. Houdashell many years ago through his son Chad. That makes receiving the Charles D. Houdashell Sr. Memorial Scholarship that much more meaningful to me.” *One of the company values says, “Our people are what makes us great.” Read more about this value and the other company values by clicking on “Our Values” on the home page of Yardnet.*



Photo by John Whalen

## ✿ King and His Court softball game tickets available

The shipyard's Nautilus Society of Reactor Test Engineers, in conjunction with the Peninsula Pilots, is sponsoring a softball game this summer with the King and His Court four-man team for the benefit of Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters. The game is scheduled for July 25 at 4 p.m. at War Memorial Stadium. Tickets are \$10 per person. Children ages 5 and under get in free. Tickets are available by contacting **Mike Cohen** at 8-6546, at 757-467-8028 or at [mike775954@aol.com](mailto:mike775954@aol.com), and by contacting Jenna Wilson of the Peninsula Pilots at 757-245-2222 or [jenna@peninsulapilots.com](mailto:jenna@peninsulapilots.com). More information about King and His Court is available at <http://www.kingandhiscourt.com/>. The Nautilus Society of Reactor Test Engineers is a shipyard social club that sponsors community work and includes qualified reactor plant shift test engineers or those who have held that position in the past. Members of the society and the Peninsula Pilots are forming a team to play against the King and His Court.

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## Great Products

### ✿ USS Ronald Reagan travels toward home port

USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) made its first foreign port visit June 9 when it pulled into the port of Rio De Janeiro, Brazil (*pictured right*). After port, the ship was scheduled to continue a two-month deployment while traveling around the tip of South America and toward the ship's new home port of San Diego, Calif. This comes after successful post shakedown availability work at Northrop Grumman Newport News. The shipyard successfully redelivered the carrier to the Navy in early May and by month's end it left for the journey to its home port.



U.S. Navy Photo

### ✿ Three employees earn honorable mention in academic all-state team honors

Three Apprentice School athletes have earned honorable mention honors in the Virginia Sports Information Directors Association Academic All-State team. The announcement was made June 9 and marks the first time the Builders had athletes honored on the team that comes from all the colleges and universities in the state. The honorees are baseball junior **Brooks Elks**, an inside machinist, football junior **Fred Canady**, a painter-insulator, and men's basketball senior **Maze Toomer**, a rigger. Athletes must have obtained a 3.20 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), and must have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at each institution. In addition, nominated athletes must have completed at least one full academic year and participated in 50 percent of the team's games.

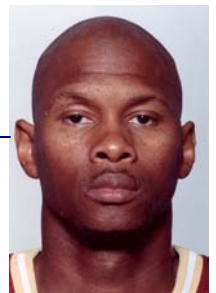
Brooks Elks



Fred Canady



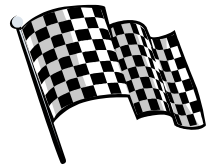
Maze Toomer



### ✿ Employee discount to June 26 Richmond International Raceway event

Richmond International Raceway is offering Northrop Grumman employees a special garage pass to the SunTrust Indy Challenge IRL IndyCar Series race. An employee can buy any IRL ticket and get a garage pass for \$10, a savings of \$25. The SunTrust Indy challenge will be June 26. The cars and stars of the Indy 500 will be returning to Richmond International Raceway for this fourth annual challenge. For more information, click on the following link:

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



### ✿ Mariners' Museum hosting final two "Party in the Park" events

The Mariners' Museum, which the shipyard helps support, is holding free outdoor "Party in the Park" events each Thursday in June, giving visitors a chance to browse more than 35,000 artifacts, including the new Ironclad Evidence exhibit that tells the story of the *USS Monitor*. There is free museum admission from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and live bands will play from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Entertainment for the last two Thursdays has been scheduled: June 17, Stage Coach Sally and June 24, Dusty Drake. For more information, go to [www.mariner.org](http://www.mariner.org) or call (757) 591-7739.