

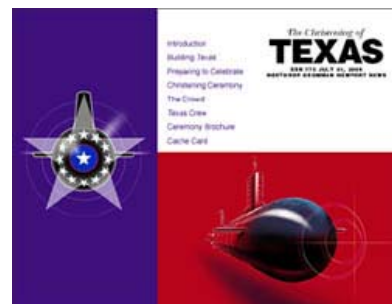
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✦ Shipyard president announces Model of Excellence winners

Northrop Grumman Newport News President Tom Schivelbein sent a message to employees August 4 announcing the 2003 Model of Excellence winners. He thanked them for their hard work in the six Model of Excellence categories – customer satisfaction; cost, quality and schedule; project management; environmental, health and safety; innovation and creativity; and leadership. He said their work helped the company meet or exceed customer expectations in cost, quality and efficiency. The letter and list of winners is available on the home page of Yardnet at <http://yardnet/news/NN/TCSMOELetter8-4-04.pdf>

✦ Expanded coverage of Texas christening on special Web site

July 31 marked a major celebration at Northrop Grumman Newport News for the christening of *Texas*, the second *Virginia*-class submarine. Thousands of employees and their families, sailors and their families and distinguished guests witnessed First Lady Laura Bush break a bottle of sparkling wine across the hull of the mammoth nuclear-attack submarine. A new special Web site captures the day. See the faces of employees, such as **Bernard Arrington** (*below left*), an apprentice pipefitter, and **Juan Gonzalez**, a Sheet Metal employee (*below right*). Read what they and many others said about the event. Check out the appreciative remarks from distinguished guests. And get a look at the construction of *Texas*. The site is available on the home page of Yardnet at <http://yardnet/texas/index.html> and on the sector's external Web site under the "Employees" link at <http://www.nn.northropgrumman.com/texas/employee/index.html>.



✦ Detailed coverage of Newport News' subsidiary on special Web site

Northrop Grumman Newport News includes thousands of highly skilled employees who help to make the company and its products great. They are not, however, all in Newport News. More than 600 of the sector's people are in California at the Newport News shipyard subsidiary Continental Maritime of San Diego. A look at this West Coast team is available at the home page of Yardnet at http://yardnet/continental_maritime/index.htm and on the external Web site under the "Employees" link at the following location www.nn.northropgrumman.com/news/internal/continental_maritime/index.stm.



REMINDER:

The 800 emergency information phone line is available for employees to call to hear a recorded message that warns of impending weather or other emergencies that may affect work at the shipyard. Call 1-800-995-4318.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 16 – 27

School Tools Drive

Please bring school supplies and drop them off at boxes at building entrances.

Questions? Call Brenda Roth at 0-3011.

August 24

Strayer University will visit the shipyard from 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. in building 500/2 (training conference room) for information and to register students for the fall semester.

August 26

Bloodmobile

Building 103

7:30 a.m. – 1:30 a.m.

For appointments, call 8-9191, Option 9. Questions: 0-3011

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☛ Jim Kelly elected president of engineering society

Jim Kelly, supervisor of the Technical Services Value Stream in O41 Plant Engineering, has been elected president of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers for 2004/2005. The VSPE is a state level organization of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) that promotes engineering licensure and ethics and dedicates itself to the promotion and improvement of the profession of engineering. Kelly, who has been with the shipyard since 1992, has been a member of VPSE board of directors since 1998 and served as past president of the Peninsula Chapter of VSPE.



☛ Two Northrop Grumman employees are named to American Society for Quality

The Hampton Roads Section of the American Society for Quality (ASQ) recently established its Section Officer and Committee List for 2004-2005. **Cliff Blackwood** of department O39 Quality Inspection was elected Section Chairman and **Dave Belanger** of department O04 Quality Assurance was appointed Auditing Chair. Blackwood will serve as chief executive officer of the Hampton Roads Section and Belanger will manage all auditing functions within the local section. The mission of the ASQ is to create better workplaces and communities worldwide by advancing learning, quality improvement, and knowledge exchange. It also makes its officers and member experts available to inform and advise the U.S. Congress, government agencies, and state legislatures on quality-related topics.

☛ Richmond International Raceway offers discount

The Richmond International Raceway is offering Northrop Grumman employees \$5 off a general admission ticket to a doubleheader on Sept. 9 featuring the Kroger 200 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Race and the Crown Royal IROC event and \$5 off a general admission ticket to the Emerson Radio 250 NASCAR Busch Series Race set for Sept. 10. This offer expires on Sept. 7. For more details, go to <http://dbserver.iscmotorsports.com/RichmondRaceway/headlines.cfm?HeadlineStoryID=14097>.



☛ Apprentice School football field continues renovations

When the Apprentice School Builders take on Kean University for the season opener at Apprentice Field on Sept. 4, football fans will get a first look at the newly renovated stands.

Pictured right are workers installing new seats and applying a fresh coat of paint to the visitors bleachers. Come out for the 1 p.m. kickoff and support the Builders in their first meeting with Kean University.



☛ Sentara mammography van visits the shipyard

The Sentara Mobile Mammography Van will visit Northrop Grumman Newport News later this month for employees and spouses. The schedule for mammography screenings follows:

* August 18 at the building 902 (old Sears building) parking lot from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

* August 19 at the 41st Street parking lot (at Washington Ave.) from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Screenings are by appointment only. Call 1-800-SENTARA for an appointment. SENTARA will file with the insurance company. Employees must follow normal time charging practices for this.

☛ Family Fun Day at Paramount's Kings Dominion

Tickets are now available at all NNS Employees' Credit Union locations for Family Fun Day at Paramount's Kings Dominion on September 19. The cost is \$18.50 and includes free parking, exclusive use of the water park from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., and a Nickelodeon Celebration with some favorite Nickelodeon characters. Special group hotel rates are available at Kings Quarters Best Western. Call 1-800-625-4647 for rates and reservations.