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❖ The “Big E” Returns to Newport News in September

Northrop Grumman Newport News was awarded a contract modification from the U.S. Navy valued at approximately \$197 million for maintenance work on the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65). This work follows more than a year of advance planning efforts conducted under the contract awarded last summer. “Because of our long history with *Enterprise*, dating back to her delivery in 1961, we often refer to her as ‘our ship,’” said **Bob Gunter**, senior vice president for Aircraft Carriers at Northrop Grumman Newport News. “And we are uniquely qualified to perform work on this one-of-a-kind carrier – a ship we built and have kept defense-ready for more than four decades.”



USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65) arrives at the shipyard this week for approximately nine months of maintenance work.

❖ Keel Laid at Electric Boat for Virginia-Class Submarine Hawaii

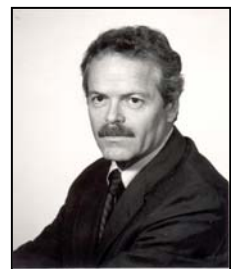
A keel-laying ceremony for the *Virginia*-class submarine *Hawaii* (SSN 776) was held August 27 at General Dynamic Electric Boat’s Quonset Point Facility in North Kingstown, RI. *Hawaii* is the third ship in the class being built by Newport News and Electric Boat. It will be delivered to the Navy by Electric Boat in 2006. Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle, the ship’s sponsor, marked the authentication of the submarine’s keel by inscribing her initials on a metal plate. Her initials were then welded onto the plate, which will be permanently affixed inside the ship’s hull. During the ceremony, Newport News President **Tom Schievelbein** spoke about the successful teaming arrangement and the similarities between the two shipyards. “What matters most to the men and women building the *Virginia*-class is that at the end of the day we deliver the most capable and cost effective ships to the world’s greatest fleet. Ships that make us a stronger and more prepared nation in a world of uncertainty. We know we must work together to accomplish that goal,” he said.



Electric Boat Photo

❖ Apprentice School to Honor Former Football Coach at Season Opener

The Apprentice School will honor former player and head football coach **Jimmy Wilson** on September 4 during the Builders’ 1:00 p.m. season opener against Kean University. Wilson, who was the Builders’ head coach from 1971-74 and the shipyard’s director of Trades from 1989 – 1993, was instrumental in getting the bleachers and press boxes that have stood at Apprentice Field for the past 31 years. The team’s new home grandstand and press box will make their debut Saturday, on what is being called “Jimmy Wilson Day.”



Jimmy Wilson

Prior to the kickoff, there will be a tailgate party sponsored by the Alumni Association, Apprentice Athletic Club and the Mariners Club. For more information, please contact Sports Information Director Jim Heath at 688-4935.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4

Builders football begins September 4 at Apprentice Field. Watch the Builders in their season opener as they take on Kean University. The game starts at 1 p.m.



September 13

Bloodmobile Building 600 8:00-11:30 a.m. Appointments: 8-8939 Questions: 0-3011

September 19

Family Fun Day at Paramount’s Kings Dominion See page 2 for details.

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☛ Northrop Grumman Announces ConSern Scholarship Winners

Erin Gore, daughter of **Thurston Gore** of Newport News, and **Caitlin Trask**, daughter of Martha Williams of Mission Systems, are the recipients of \$1,000 tuition prizes from the 2004 ConSern Education Program Scholarship Sweepstakes. Only 75 winners overall were selected out of more than 28,000 entries from all companies participating in the ConSern program. Award recipients must apply their funds toward education-related expenses such as tuition, room and board, or books and supplies. All winners must attend a regionally or nationally accredited two-year or four-year college or university during the 2004-2005 academic year. For more information and to apply, call 800-SOS-LOAN (800-767-5626), Monday through Friday (9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern), or visit www.consern.com (password: SOSLOAN).

☛ Family Fun Day at Paramount's Kings Dominion

Tickets are 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. For more information, call Brenda Roth at 380-3011.



☛ New OFI Promotion Includes Free Kings Dominion Family Fun Day Ticket

The OFI Program is offering OFI initiators the option of selecting one King's

OFI Program Level I Awards

- (1) King's Dominion Ticket (through Sept. 13)
- \$20 Outback Steakhouse
- \$20 Olive Garden/Red Lobster Gift Certificate
- \$20 Ruby Tuesday Gift Certificate
- Denim Shirt
- Leeds Padfolio
- AMC Movie Passes

Dominion ticket for each approved and implemented suggestion. This option is available through September 13, and tickets must be redeemed for entrance to the park on Sunday, September 19, 2004 (Northrop Grumman Newport News Family Fun Day). Once awarded, initiators may not exchange or return unused King's Dominion Family Fun Day tickets. For more information contact your department OFI coordinator or call Yasmine Robinson at 380-2428.

☛ Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Coming to Hampton Roads

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), a national organization founded in 1974 with the purpose of promoting the development of Hispanics in engineering, science and other technical professions, is being formed in the Hampton Roads area. If interested in learning more and/or joining, please email Juan Carlos Lam at juan.lam@ngc.com or visit the national web site at www.shpe.org.

☛ Charity Lemonade Stand a Sweet Success

On August 24, the company's New Hire Community of Practice Community Service Committee held a lunchtime lemonade fundraiser outside of Building 520 to raise money for pediatric cancer research. Sunny weather brought people out in droves and the committee raised \$700, which was donated to the Alex's Lemonade Stand charity. Many thanks to all who contributed, and to the volunteers, whose enthusiasm and energy made the fundraiser a huge success!



Volunteers pictured from left to right are Lauren Campbell, Alec Clark, Danny Tackett, Heather Hammond, Han Le Guillory, Phil Barnes, Bethany Lindsay, Jeffrey Carpenter, Chandra McCulley, and Darren Mitchell.