

CALENDAR

☑ Representatives of Florida Institute of Technology will register students from 2:30 to 5 p.m. **Wednesday** in Bldg. 500-2. For more information, call 8-8236.

☑ Newport News' L.E.A.R.N. program will host the second "Northrop Grumman 101" seminar from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. **Wednesday** in the VASCIC auditorium. For more information, visit the L.E.A.R.N. link on Yardnet or e-mail learn@ngc.com.

☑ Newport News' annual food drive ends **Friday**. Employees are encouraged to drop off canned goods and non-perishable food items in the "Holiday Food Drive" boxes throughout the shipyard.

☑ The Apprentice School women's basketball team will play at Juniata College at 5:30 p.m. **Saturday**. The men's team will play at Goucher College at 7:30 p.m. **Saturday**. For more information, visit: <http://www.gobuilders.com/>.

☑ The Spear and Gear Toastmasters Club will meet on **Dec. 16** at the VASCIC auditorium. For more information, call 8-9609.

Currents is a weekly publication for employees of Northrop Grumman Newport News.

Submissions may be sent to Jim Roberts at jim.roberts@ngc.com

🔑 *Key Message: "We Must Focus On Our Leadership And Employees."*

❖ Jordan Touts Trades Leadership Development Program At Pizza Lunch

Newport News Trade Manager **Everett Jordan Jr.** (standing, on right) talks to Fitter Dept. (X11) employees about the Trades Leadership Development Program (LDP) at a pizza lunch on Nov. 18. X11 shipfitter **Richard Blake** won the lunch for his production crew as a door prize at the LDP Business Forum on Nov. 11. The LDP is designed to improve the skills of Trades employees focused on advancing in their careers. It won a Model of Excellence Award in 2004 and will be rolled out to other hourly departments beginning next year.



🔑 *Key Message: "We Must Perform Well On Our Contracts."*

❖ Navy Ammunition Ship *Mount Baker* Arrives For Rudder Work

Newport News has been awarded a contract for dry dock work on the Military Sealift Command ammunition ship *USNS Mount Baker* (T-AE 34). The contract is valued at \$954,160.

"This marks the first job we've contracted directly with the Military Sealift Command in nearly a decade," said **Irwin F.**



USNS Mount Baker (T-AE 34) arrived at Newport News on Nov. 22 for repairs to the ship's rudder. *Photo by Chris Oxley*

Edenzon, sector vice president for Technology Development and Fleet Support. "This repair work will give us an opportunity to demonstrate our ability to respond quickly with the right resources and get the ship back to the fleet."

Mount Baker arrived at Newport News on Nov. 22 for repairs to the ship's rudder. The rudder and rudder stock will be removed, inspected, repaired and machined as necessary. Upon completion, the rudder will be tested and the ship will undergo a short sea trial.

USNS Mount Baker is one of Military Sealift Command's four active ammunition ships and is part of the 37 ships in the Naval Fleet Auxiliary Force. It provides logistic support to Navy ships at sea and replenishes all types of ammunition. Additionally, these ships frequently assist with the transfer of ammunition between weapons storage and maintenance facilities worldwide.

❖ Northrop Grumman Launches Online Store

Northrop Grumman has launched a company-wide online store. Employees and retirees can access the store at www.ngcstore.com using the "onengc" password.

The store offers a wide variety of apparel and promotional items. All merchandise carries the Northrop Grumman logo, advancing the "One Northrop Grumman" image.



Employees without Internet access can place orders by calling 1-800-494-9219. All items are shipped within 24 hours, and no minimum orders are required.

❖ "Aqua" Parking Lot To Close For Re-Paving

Newport News announced that the "Aqua" parking lot, between 45th and 47th streets and Huntington Avenue and Warwick Boulevard, will close on Dec. 7 for approximately one week. Following re-paving and marking, the reserved and group rider sections in the same area will close. Those lots are scheduled to re-open on Dec. 21.

❖ Employees Must Review Pay Stubs

Newport News' Payroll Dept. (O95) encourages all employees to review the name and address on their pay stubs. The first and last name on an employee's pay stub must match the first and last name on his or her Social Security card. Address accuracy is also critical, since W-2 forms will be mailed to the address that appears on the pay stub.

Address changes may be faxed to 8-1837 or completed on the Human Resources Dept. (O12) Intranet site.

Name changes require proper documentation and are handled by the employment office at 0-4878. All changes submitted by Jan. 6, 2005 will be reflected on the W-2.

Employees receiving Advanced Earned Income Credit who will be eligible in 2005 must submit a new W-5 form no later than Dec. 22.

❖ Security Representatives Attend Training

Newport News' Security Dept. (O15) hosted its annual Security Representatives Training on Nov. 18 at the Virginia Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center (VASCIC). The one-day event included presentations on security awareness and education, information systems security and counter-intelligence threat, and training on security policies and procedures specific to Newport News.



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Facility Security Officer **Michael P. "Nick" Nicolas** also recognized seven outstanding security representatives and announced that **Arthur Correll** (E46) had been named "Security

Representative of the Year." Approximately 187 security representatives make up the base of the security infrastructure at Newport News.

❖ Pettters To Speak At Dec. 9 NHCOP Meeting

Newport News' New Hire Community of Practice (NHCOP) will hold its fourth quarter meeting from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Dec. 9 in the Virginia Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center (VASCIC) auditorium. Sector President **Mike Pettters** will be the guest speaker. RSVP to **Bettina Agnor** (E47) at 8-0136 by Dec. 7.

❖ Discounts Available For 'A Christmas Carol'

Newport News employees may purchase discount tickets for the Virginia Stage Company's annual production of "A Christmas Carol." The show will open on Dec. 10 and run through Dec. 23 at the Wells Theatre in Norfolk. Previews are scheduled on Dec. 8 and 9.

Employees will receive a 25 percent discount on regular-price tickets for Tuesday and Wednesday perform-

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ances and a 10 percent discount for Thursday through Sunday performances. To purchase tickets, call 627-1234 and mention special offer code "TB." For information about other discounts available to Newport News employees, visit: <http://www.nn.northropgrumman.com/news/internal/disclaimer.stm>.