

Monitor Replica's Keel Officially Laid At Mariners' Museum

Newport News employees officially placed the 18-ton "keel unit" for the full-scale replica of the *USS Monitor* at The Mariners' Museum on March 6. When finished, the replica will be the centerpiece of the \$30 million USS Monitor Center, scheduled to open on March 9, 2007.

Representatives from The Mariners' Museum, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); the City of Newport News; the U.S. Navy, and Congress participated in the keel-laying ceremony.

Nancy Petters, wife of Newport News Sector President **Mike Petters**, served as the keel authenticator. "Because I am a former Navy wife and a present 'shipyard' wife, I am so happy that such great pains are being taken to give our community a real glimpse of what it was like to be on board a great ironclad ship," she said. "And it is because I am a teacher that I am especially thrilled about the educational opportunities a full-scale replica of the *Monitor* will bring."

Look for more information, including interviews with the apprentices who participated in the ceremony, in the March edition of *Yardlines*.



Above: (left to right) Newport News Sector President **Mike Petters**, Nancy Petters, The Mariners' Museum President **John Hightower** and Newport News welder **Ruel E. Scott** watch as the *USS Monitor* replica's keel unit is placed.

Left: Newport News riggers move the keel unit into place. When finished, the replica will be the centerpiece of the \$30 million USS Monitor Center, scheduled to open on March 9, 2007.

Photos by *Chris Oxley*

Key Objective: "We Must Secure Our Future By Achieving Our Health, Safety And Environmental Goals."



⚓ O53 Crane Crew Celebrating 15th Year With Perfect Safety Record

A crane crew in Newport News' Warehousing Dept. (O53) is celebrating its 15th year with a perfect safety record. The 10-ton crane crew, which serves the steel storage area between 40th and 50th streets, performs an average of 10,000 lifts a year. "We treat every day as if it's a brand-new one," says **Rick Chisholm**, the crew's supervisor. "We don't take anything for granted." Pictured (left to right) are Chisholm and crew members **Rick Anthony Gregory**, **Latisha Boone**, **John Devane**, **Fred Baum** and **Marcus Land**. (Crew member **Curtis Spruill** is not pictured.) *Photo by John Whalen*

Datebook

- ✓ **March 10:** The Spear and Gear Toastmasters Club will meet at the VASCIC. For more information, call **Greg Mills** at 8-9609.
- ✓ **March 11:** The deadline to apply for the spring session of Night School. Classes will run from April 4 to June 11.
- ✓ **March 11-12:** The Apprentice School baseball team will host double-headers against Castleton State College at 1 p.m.
- ✓ **March 13:** The Apprentice School baseball team will host University of Mary Washington at 1 p.m.
- ✓ **March 14:** Newport News will host an American Red Cross Bloodmobile from 8 to 11 a.m. outside Bldg. 600. To schedule an appointment, call 8-8939. For more information, call 0-3011.
- ✓ **March 14:** Newport News' LEARN program will host "Northrop Grumman 101" at 4:30 p.m. in the VASCIC auditorium.
- ✓ **March 15:** Newport News will host a bloodmobile from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. outside Bldg. 902. To schedule an appointment, call 8-4792. For more information, call 0-3011.

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Currents is published weekly for employees of Northrop Grumman's Newport News sector. The deadline for submission is noon Friday for publication the following week. Submissions and comments should be sent to: jim.roberts@ngc.com.

⚓ Deadline For Internship Applications Is March 10

Newport News' Human Resources Operations & Employment Dept. (O20) is accepting applications for the 2005 Summer Intern Program. The program offers salaried jobs to college students from mid-May through August.

Preference is given to applicants who have education in engineering or business disciplines that could lead to full-time employment. Preference is also given to former interns, dependents of employees and candidates who will help build the diversity of the workforce.

For more information, visit: www.definingthefuture.com. Select "Internships" (at the top) and then "Newport News" (at the left). The application deadline is March 10.

⚓ LEARN Kicks Off 2005 Series With 'Fleet Support' Presentation

Newport News' LEARN (Learning, Expanding, Achieving, Results, Networking) program will host "Northrop Grumman 101" at 4:30 p.m. March 14 in the VASCIC auditorium. "Northrop Grumman 101" is a series of monthly seminars designed to bring together new salaried employees to learn more about Northrop Grumman Corporation and the Newport News sector. The March seminar will feature **Bernie Clark** (O56) giving a presentation on "Fleet Support." For more information, visit the LEARN web site or e-mail: learn@ngc.com.

⚓ OFI Announces Changes In Level I Awards



Newport News' Opportunity For Improvement (OFI) Program recently announced that Level I Awards will be awarded upon approval instead of implementation. The change affects OFIs written since Jan. 1.

The program also announced new Level I Award options. Award-winners will receive a \$20 gift card for the Northrop Grumman Online Store or from one of the following locations: Barnes & Noble, Home Depot, Olive Garden/Red Lobster, Outback Steakhouse or Wal-Mart. (OFIs written prior to Jan. 1 will



⚓ Mariner's Club Kicks Off 2005 Membership Drive

Mariner's Club President **Richard Charles** (right) presents a club shirt and hat to Newport News Sector President **Mike Petters**, who was the guest speaker at the February meeting. The club, which promotes "powerful relationSHIPS" for Newport News' waterfront managers, is conducting a membership drive. For more information, visit the club's web site: www.nnsmarinersclub.com. *Photo by Chris Oxley*

continue to be eligible for Level I Awards upon implementation.) For more information, visit the OFI web site or call **Yasmine Robinson** at 0-2428.

⚓ Apprentice School Players Named USCAA All-Americans

Four Apprentice School basketball players have been named to the United States Collegiate Athletic Association's (USCAA) All-American teams. Men's junior **Charles Holiday** was a first-team selection for the second straight year, and senior **Curtis Pender** was named to the honorable mention team. Women's players **Ashley Barlow**, a junior, and **Whitney Lassiter**, a sophomore, were named to the honorable mention team.

⚓ City Of Newport News Announces Street Improvements

The City of Newport News announced in February that street improvements will take place in March and April on 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th streets between Washington Avenue and Huntington Avenue and on 45th and 47th street between Huntington Avenue and Warwick Boulevard. New traffic patterns may be in effect until the work is completed.