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Employees Honored For Work On SSN 750

The commanding officer of the submarine *USS Newport News* (SSN 750) has recognized seven Northrop Grumman employees for supporting ship repairs at home and abroad.

On Oct. 12, Cmdr. D.W. Alldridge presented a "Shipbuilder of the Week" certificate to **Jerome Stokes** (X11) for his work on the sub at Newport News and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. "I'd like to take this opportunity to say thanks from the ship for all your great efforts," Alldridge said. "You've been an exceptional team player, and we appreciate all your support."

A week earlier, on Oct. 4, Alldridge recognized engineers **Jim Clifton** (E12), **Randy Godwin** (E10), **Ben Hellier** (E12), **Michelle Holland** (E12), **Greg Vassilakos** (E12) and **Dave Venable** (E12) for helping analyze temporary repairs while the ship was deployed in Bahrain. In a letter to the employees, Alldridge wrote, "Your dedication and the dedication of every last team member of the engineering and repair teams to ensure the quality of the repairs to our submarine is overwhelming evidence of your patriotism and professionalism."



Above: Cmdr. D.W. Alldridge (far left) recognizes Newport News employees (left to right) Randy Godwin (E10), Ben Hellier (E12), Michelle Holland (E12), Jim Clifton (E12) and Greg Vassilakos (E12) and NAVSEA employee Franklin Wharton. (Dave Venable (E12) is not pictured.)
Left: Cmdr. Alldridge recognizes Jerome Stokes (X11). *Photos by Ricky Thompson*



Apollo 13 Astronaut Visits

Capt. Jim Lovell, the retired Navy pilot and NASA astronaut who commanded the Apollo 13 mission in 1970, speaks to Newport News leaders as part of the sector's Collis P. Huntington Lecture Series on Oct. 10. Lovell addressed the role leadership, teamwork, perseverance and motivation play in an organization's success. "These are the things that made Apollo 13 successful from an almost complete disaster," Lovell said. "When I tell the story of Apollo 13, see where in your organization these things might come into play." Look for more coverage in the next edition of *Yardlines*. *Photo by John Whalen*

Datebook

- ☑ Oct. 17: Florida Tech will host an information session about its master's in engineering management program from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the VASCIC auditorium. Contact: Buz Jenkins (O35) at 8-7031.
- ☑ Oct. 17: The Tidewater chapter of the American Society of Naval Engineers (ASNE) will host a dinner meeting from 6 to 9 p.m. at Springhill Suites in Norfolk. Newport News President Mike Petters will be the guest speaker. RSVP to: marymorgan@RomulusLLC.com.
- ☑ Oct. 18: Newport News' Surface Preparation & Treatment Value Stream Community of Practice (CoP) will host its quarterly meeting from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Yard Operations Conference Room (Bldg. 77-3). Contact: Arcino Quiero (O06) at 0-7035 or Arcino.Quiero@ngc.com.
- ☑ Oct. 22: Newport News' Contracts and Pricing Dept. (O19) will host Annual Export Training sessions in Bldg. 520-6. Employees may register through [Learning Exchange \(LX\)](#).
- ☑ Oct. 27: Newport News' Mariners Club will host a Halloween party from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Oct. 27 at the Omni Hotel in Newport News. RSVP to Dale Perry (E82) at 4-0606 by Oct. 19. For more information, visit the club website: www.ngmarinersclub.com.

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Incentives Continue For Group Riders

Newport News' Southside Parking Mitigation Team continued its Group Rider Incentive Program in October, recognizing four employees who "group ride" to and from work. (Pictured left to right) Atlas Newby (X33) and Rufus Hardy (X33) were recognized in the 32nd Street Group Rider Lot the morning of Oct. 3, and employees Larry Brownley (X31) and Debra Jenkins (X33) were recognized in the 37th/38th Street Group Rider Lot that afternoon. Each employee received a prize package of Northrop Grumman merchandise from the Business Development Office (K01). Employees looking for rides or riders to and from work are encouraged to use the "Share A Ride" listing, which is published in *Yardlines* and is now available on a [Ride Share](#) page on Yardnet. *Photos by Ricky Thompson*

⚓ SNAME Chapter To Host Shipbuilding Presentation On Oct. 23

The Apprentice School chapter of SNAME will host "Wood to Iron to Steel -- A History in Shipbuilding," a presentation by Peter Watson, at 4:15 p.m. Oct. 23 in the school's auditorium. The event is open to all employees. For more information, contact **Julie Lane** (E06/E75) at 4-2821.

⚓ NHCOP To Host Golf Tournament On Nov. 3

Newport News' New Hire Community of Practice (NHCOP) will host a "Captain's Choice" golf tournament on Nov. 3 at the Hamptons Golf Course. The fee is \$60 per person and includes a BBQ lunch following completion of play. Entry deadline is Oct. 26. For more information, contact **Tyron McMillon** (O59) at 8-9178, **Mike Howell** (E83) at 8-7484 or **Pat Lonberger** (E81) at 4-4498.

⚓ Employees Reminded To Update Outlook Information

Newport News' Human Resources Information Systems Dept. (O13) reminds employees to keep their personal information in Outlook up to date. "It's important that everyone recognizes the importance of maintaining your contact information in the Microsoft Outlook Address Book on a continuing basis," says **Jim Ehlers**, manager, HRIS. "You should update this information each time you relocate or your contact information changes, including your desk phone number, pager number, fax number and building location." To change personal information in the Microsoft Outlook Address Book, go to [Yardnet](#), click on "Support," then on "Update Your Information in Exchange."

REMINDER: 'Mega Carrier: *USS George H.W. Bush*' premieres at 8 p.m. Oct. 16 on the Military Channel.