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## Planning Contract for CVN 71 Awarded

Newport News has been awarded a planning contract option from the U.S. Navy for the refueling and complex overhaul of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71). This option is valued at \$186.4 million and continues work awarded in 2006. The total estimated value of the contract is \$558.2 million.

The work includes planning, design, documentation, engineering, material procurement, shipboard inspections, fabrication and preliminary shipyard or support facility work. The carrier is scheduled to arrive in 2009 for its refueling during a service life expected to span approximately 50 years.

“Our shipbuilders and Navy teammates are working together as a team to plan USS *Theodore Roosevelt*’s refueling and complex overhaul,” said

**Ken Mahler**, vice president, Aircraft Carrier Overhaul. “This collaboration continues our partnership with our Navy teammates and will help to ensure successful accomplishment of this major program.”



USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71) is the fourth *Nimitz*-class carrier built by Newport News. The carrier is scheduled to arrive at the shipyard in 2009.

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## George H.W. Bush Moves to Pier 2

On Dec. 27, 2007, *George H. W. Bush* (CVN 77) moved from Outfitting Berth 1 (OB1) to Pier 2 to complete outfitting and testing of the ship to include catapult dead load testing, combat system testing and propulsion system testing. *George H. W. Bush* is the nation's tenth and final *Nimitz*-class aircraft carrier and will be delivered to the Navy at the end of the year.



## Datebook

- ✓ **Jan. 9:** Newport News' L.E.A.R.N. program will host an event with Bill Ermatinger, vice president, Human Resources and Admin. from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in VASCIC auditorium. To sign up visit: <http://yardnet/projects/learn/index.stm>.
- ✓ **Jan. 8:** Newport News' Contracts and Pricing Dept. (O19) will host Annual Export Training sessions in VASCIC. Employees may register through [Learning Exchange \(LX\)](#).
- ✓ **Jan. 8:** Newport News' Process Excellence Learning Dept. (O09) will offer Livelink training from 9 to 10 a.m. in Bldg. 902-1. Contact: **Jennifer Cook** (O09) at 0-7690.
- ✓ **Jan. 8:** Newport News' "At The Helm" Toastmasters Club will meet at 4:20 p.m. in Bldg. 903, Room 214. Guests are welcome. Contact: **Willie Horton** (E49) at 8-7405.
- ✓ **Jan. 8:** The Peninsula chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) will meet at 6 p.m. at Point Plaza Suites at City Center in Newport News. RSVP to: [Beverly.Ware@ngc.com](mailto:Beverly.Ware@ngc.com).
- ✓ **Jan. 10, 2008:** Newport News' "Spear & Gear" Toastmasters Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. in VASCIC. Guests are welcome. Contact: **Dave Peck** (E83) at 8-2271.
- ✓ **Jan. 11-12:** The Apprentice School wrestling team will compete at the Virginia Duals at Hampton Coliseum.

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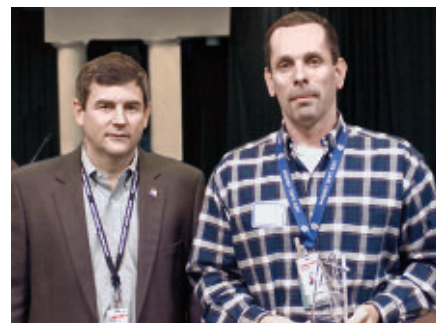
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## OFI Program Hosts End of Year Award Luncheon

Newport News' Opportunity For Improvement (OFI) Program hosted its annual recognition and award ceremony on Dec. 18, 2007. President **Mike Petters** was the keynote speaker for the event, "You know your jobs better than anyone and the OFI Program empowers you to find ways of doing them better." Petters said. "You take ownership, you improve your processes, and you constantly raise the bar." Level III awards were presented to 20 teams and the following individual award winners were honored:

- **Kevin Woodman** (X70), OFI Participant of the Year
- **Chris Foster** (E81), OFI Supervisor of the Year
- **Lando Morrison** (E85), OFI Evaluator of the Year

Look for complete coverage of the year-end award ceremony -- including photos of the award-winning Level III teams -- in the next edition of Yardlines.



**Mike Petters** and OFI Participant of the Year **Kevin Woodman** (X70). Photo by *John Whalen*

## ✚ Live Healthy Shipbuilders Campaign Begins Jan. 16

Newport News' Apprentice School Athletic Department will sponsor the annual "Lighten Up



Shipbuilders" contest – under a new name this year, "Live Healthy Shipbuilders." Teams of two to 10 people compete in two categories: weight loss and accumulated activity. Newport News has been the leading

participant in the statewide event and has had state winners in each of the past three years. To register, visit:

[www.livehealthyvirginia.org](http://www.livehealthyvirginia.org). For more information, contact **Jim Heath** (O22) at 8-4935 or [James.Heath@ngc.com](mailto:James.Heath@ngc.com). Competition runs from Jan. 16 - April 24.

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Newport News employee **Robert Matschke** (O64) was recognized on Dec. 21 by Cmdr. Dave Alldridge, Commanding Officer of the USS *Newport News* (SSN 750) for his outstanding contribution to the successful completion of the availability on the SSN 750. Photo by *Chris Oxley*

