

 *To take ownership of our future we will work as a team.*

## Shipbuilding Sectors Realigned

**Newport News and Ship Systems will form one sector called Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding**

**N**orthrop Grumman announced a strategic realignment of several of its operating sectors to enhance the company's support to its customers, better utilize its capabilities and resources and drive operating improvements. Newport News and Ship Systems, will be realigned into a single sector called Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, effective Jan. 28.

**Mike Petters**, currently corporate vice president and president of Newport News, has been elected corporate vice president and president of Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding.

**Matt Mulherin** will serve as acting lead executive for Newport News operations.

**Philip A. Teel**, currently corporate vice president and president of Ship Systems, has been elected corporate vice president and president of the company's Mission Systems sector effective April 1. He will succeed Jerry B. Agee who is retiring in August 2008.

"This strategic realignment will enhance our world-class military shipbuilding enterprise and provide an integrated interface and full range of capabilities to our customers," said **Ron Sugar**,



Jan. 15, **Mike Petters** (left) toured the Ship Systems facility in Pascagoula, Miss. and met with employees working throughout the shipyard. **Petters** discusses pipe bending work with pipefitter **Chris Beauchamp**.

president, Northrop Grumman. "It will enable the company to more effectively utilize our shipbuilding assets and deploy its talented shipbuilders, processes, technologies, production facilities and planned capital investments to meet its customers' needs.

"With the significant progress in the recovery and regeneration of our Gulf Coast shipyards following Hurricane Katrina, the improvements resulting from our investments in our yards, and the continued strength of our nation's

military shipbuilding program, this realignment positions the company for the future," **Sugar** continued.

"**Mike Petters** brings extensive shipbuilding expertise and broad management experience to his new role as we leverage our capabilities, resources and talent to enhance our shipbuilding powerhouse," **Sugar** said.

The realignment and transition process for the new Shipbuilding sector is expected to continue throughout 2008. **Petters** will assume day-to-day responsibility for the Gulf Coast operations of Shipbuilding and will operate from Pascagoula, Miss., during this transition phase. All current Gulf Coast and Newport News customer interfaces, as well as internal management and financial reporting structures, will remain in place until specific changes are communicated. The company is committed to ensuring a smooth transition with a focus on meeting all its program execution, safety and customer commitments. The company does not anticipate any facility closures or significant reductions in yard employment levels as a result of this realignment.



**Mulherin**

## Datebook

- ✓ **Jan. 22:** Newport News will host an American Red Cross Bloodmobile from 8 to 11 a.m. outside Bldg. 802 (NetCenter). To schedule an appointment, call 8-0308.
- ✓ **Jan. 22:** 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. 24:** 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. 24:** Newport News will host an American Red Cross Bloodmobile from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. outside Bldg. 103. To schedule an appointment, call 8-9191 (option 9).
- ✓ **Jan. 26:** The Apprentice School wrestling team will host the Builder Invitational at 9 a.m.
- ✓ **Jan. 29:** Newport News' Contracts and Pricing Dept. (O19) will host Annual Export Training sessions in Bldg. 520-6. Employees may register through [Learning Exchange \(LX\)](#).
- ✓ **Jan. 29:** 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.

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## 🚢 Capt. Jeffrey Riedel to Speak at Jan. 23 ASNE Meeting

The Tidewater chapter of the American Society of Naval Engineers (ASNE) will host a dinner meeting from 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 23 at Springhill Suites in Norfolk. Capt. Jeffrey Riedel, program manager, Amphibious Warfare Programs, will be the guest speaker. (There are dinner fees for members and guests.) RSVP by 12 p.m. Jan. 22 at: <http://www.asne-tw.org/asne/events.html>.

## 🚢 IEEE to Host Dinner Meeting on Jan. 24

The Hampton Roads section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) will sponsor the 2008 Annual Student Paper Presentation at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at Webb Center on the campus of Old Dominion University. Students from local colleges will be presenting topics on research and innovations. (There are dinner fees for members and guests.) For reservations email James Bolitho at: [officers-r3-hamptonroads@ieee.org](mailto:officers-r3-hamptonroads@ieee.org) or call William LaBelle 421-8695.

## 🚢 North Yard/South Yard Bus Service Offered

Newport News offers a free bus service from the North Yard pedestrian gate to Piers 2 and 3 to alleviate demand for parking spots in the vicinity of the South Yard. The service runs Monday through Friday from:

- 5 to 7 a.m.
- 1:30 to 2:10 p.m.
- 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The bus does not have any mid-Yard stops. The yard taxi service is also available in between times listed to provide transportation when the buses are not running. To call a taxi, dial 846-7730.

## 🚢 The Apprentice School's Admission Office Has Moved

The Apprentice School's Admission Office has moved from Building 14 to the second floor of Newport News' Employment Office (Bldg. 500). Employees and visitors can enter using the stairway at the rear of the building. The Apprentice School's Admission office hours are from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

## 🚢 Northrop Grumman Scholarship Applications Now Available

Northrop Grumman's scholarship program will continue to provide \$225,000 in annual scholarships—ranging from \$500 each for two-year or vocational/technical programs to \$2,000 each for four-year institutions. To apply for a 2008 award, a student must be a child of a full-time Northrop Grumman employee, or a part-time employee who works 20 or more hours per week; be a high school senior planning to enroll full time at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school in the fall of the year of the application or be a student already at such an institution and complete the application online or mail it postmarked no later than March 15. Details and an application are available at: [http://home.northgrum.com/ng\\_scholarship\\_program.html](http://home.northgrum.com/ng_scholarship_program.html) or call (866) 201-3001.