



Holiday Food Drive Results are In

Newport News Shipbuilding held its annual Holiday Food Drive to benefit the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank Dec. 7-18. A total of 21,790 pounds of food and \$4,724.40 in donations was collected and donated to the foodbank prior to the company's annual shutdown period. The total amount donated during the drive is enough for 37,054 meals. The Virginia Peninsula Foodbank serves citizens of Newport News, Hampton, Williamsburg, Mathews, Gloucester, York, James City, Surry and Poquoson.

"It was truly inspirational to experience the incredible generosity of the shipbuilders across

the company as they rallied to provide time, effort, food and monetary donations during the 2015 Holiday Food Drive," said **Judy Fundak**, NNS' Food Drive coordinator. "Our shipbuilders are the reason others believe in the goodness of people."

Employees in Bldg. 600 accounted for more than half of the total amount of food collected during the drive.

"We collected 14,408 pounds and \$1,000 in monetary donations," said **Bill McLaughlin**, the food drive coordinator for Bldg. 600. "Each year the shipbuilders in Bldg. 600 challenge each

other through internal competitions to see which department can collect the most food. The holidays are a time for giving. For Bldg. 600, the food drive is one of the ways we get into the holiday spirit and share our blessings with local families in need."

Fundak added, "A special thank you to **Michael Coleman, Jaques Brown, Stephen Blowe, Rodney Champion and Lonnie Hodges**.

From the distribution of boxes and pick-up of items throughout the campaign to the final day of loading and delivering the items to the foodbank – they were indispensable."



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NNS Painters Complete USS *Monitor* Project

Thanks to Newport News Shipbuilding employees, visitors to The Mariners' Museum will once again be able to walk on the deck of the full-scale replica of the Civil War vessel that changed naval warfare.

The USS *Monitor*, the centerpiece of an interactive exhibit at the museum, needed a new paint job. One of the challenges, was to find a non-skid deck coating that reflected heat during the summer months. After several months of research to find a suitable product, NNS painters completed applying the new thermal reflective paint to the *Monitor* in a little over a month.

The 173-foot exact reproduction of the ship was fabricated by NNS apprentices in 2005 using materials donated by the Navy. Painter **Theodore Bryant Jr.**, said "I worked on the *Monitor* in the dry dock as an apprentice and now as O43, here at the museum. Working on this project means being a part of history and bringing it back to life."

Since 2000, the shipyard and NNS employees have donated financial and in-kind support for numerous *Monitor* Center projects including



O43 Painters **Lee Womble** and **Rudolph Taylor Jr.** paint a second primer on the turret of the replica USS *Monitor*, which is on exhibit at The Mariners' Museum. Photo by **John Whalen**

building several giant conservation tanks and helping with the docking, rigging and X-ray analysis of artifacts recovered from the North Carolina shipwreck.

"People come from all over the country to see this exhibit. It's part of the Civil War and our country's history. Working on this project means the world to me," said **Mike Wallace**, Facilities Maintenance supervisor.

Turn to p. 8 to view a photo of the project team.

Waterfront Canteen Project Nearing Completion

New canteens have been constructed at various locations throughout the waterfront at Newport News Shipbuilding. This project began in August 2014 as a quality of life initiative by Human Resources and Administration, Food Service Operations, Facilities and host of supporting departments. Continue to check *Currents* for more information about the project.

New canteen located by the shipyard's Welding School. Photo by **Chris Oxley**



Did You Know the American Red Cross Bloodmobile Visits NNS Each Month?

The American Red Cross' bloodmobile visits Newport News Shipbuilding 48 times per year in various locations.

Below are other "did you know" facts about the American Red Cross:

- The American Red Cross blood program started in 1940, under the leadership of Dr. Charles Drew.
- The American Red Cross supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood supply.
- The Red Cross provides blood for patients in approximately 2,700 hospitals across the U.S.
- The Red Cross makes blood available to any patient who needs it — patients are not required to find donors to replace the blood they use (a practice common in Europe and some U.S. blood banks) allowing the patient and their family to focus on recovery.
- Eighty percent of the blood donations given to the Red Cross are collected at mobile blood drives set up at community organizations, companies, high schools, colleges, places of worship or military installations. The remaining 20 percent are collected at fixed Red Cross donor centers.
- The American Red Cross works with more than 50,000 blood drive sponsors each year to hold more than 200,000 blood drives, providing convenient locations for people to give blood.

To view the bloodmobile schedule for 2016, visit the K18 Corporate Citizenship and Government Relations website. For questions, contact **Judy Fundak** (K18) at 380-3011.

NOTICE

Don't Become Victim of a Scam

Recently, Newport News Shipbuilding employees have been targeted for a scam of gaining money under false pretenses.

The scam begins with individuals approaching an employee and starting a friendly conversation about working at the shipyard and how they are currently stranded. The individual (sometimes two individuals) ask for a specific amount of money needed to get their vehicle working again. The individual then gives them a name of an active Newport News Shipbuilding employee and a correct phone number for that employee.

If the employee decides to help the pretending shipbuilder, and then tries to regain the borrowed money by contacting the person from the information given, the person called will not know of the incident and more than likely will have received several other calls of that nature.

Below are tips to help you not become a victim to a scam:

- Immediately remove your badge when leaving the shipyard or any HII facility.
- Understand that this scam could happen to you at any time and anywhere.
- If possible, take pictures of the subject and license plate of the car being driven.
- Ensure that the person you are speaking to has an identification to confirm who they are.
- Do not allow the individual(s) to follow you to an ATM or any other place. Do not offer them a ride.
- If you are on or adjacent to an HII facility, contact 380-2222.



USS *Abraham Lincoln* Holds Grand Illumination

On Monday, Dec. 21, USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72) held a grand illumination ceremony to commemorate the first lighting of the newly restored island house.

"There's a lot of things that happen in the course of a ship's life, particularly an RCOH [refueling, complex and overhaul], that are those visible symbols of the ship coming to life," said CVN 72 Commanding Officer Capt. Ron Ravelo.

Photo by **John Whalen**



HII President and CEO Speaks at L.E.A.R.N. Year-End Event

Huntington Ingalls Industries' President and CEO **Mike Petters** was the guest speaker at L.E.A.R.N.'s year-end event held at VASCIC Dec. 17.

"Mr. Petters spoke about the last five years of being a public company, and about his vision for the next 50 years," said **Shane Gardner** (E81). "He also explained his definition of an engaged leader. His expectation is that every leader be an engaged leader and the concept behind an engaged leader is simply that you give your people the opportunity every day to do what they do best. He went on to say that the implementation of that is not simple and takes much effort to get it right."

Santoni added, "The End-of-Year Event with Mr. Petters is always an awesome event. Petters has participated in our events for 10 consecutive years."

Visit the L.E.A.R.N. Yardnet webpage to learn more about the program's upcoming speaking engagements.

Pictured above: HII President and CEO **Mike Petters** speaks at L.E.A.R.N.'s year-end event at VASCIC Dec. 17. Photo by **John Whalen**

Employee Photos Selected for New Family Health Center

Last summer, Newport News Shipbuilding employees were asked to submit photographs to display in the new Family Health Center. Nearly 200 photographs featuring local geography, landmarks, lighthouses and bridges were received. Of those, QuadMed, the health management company that will operate the health center, selected more than 100 to display throughout the facility.

“Having these beautiful photographs prominently displayed throughout the Family Health Center will not only enhance the decor, but will also deliver a personalized local feel for our patients,” said Rich McClelland, QuadMed Health Center Supervisor.

The Family Health Center is expected to open in March 2016. NNS employees will be invited to tour the facility and see the photographs. Stay tuned for more information about the opening of the health center.

Photographs submitted by the following employees and their family members were selected to be displayed in the health center.

Bharat Amin
Darshna Amin
Neil Amin
Katrina Arsenault
Jay Barth
Ronald Bentley
Shannon Blevins
Eddie Bouie
Chris Brown
Liz Chandler
Christina Chapman

Lorrie Costello
Craig Couch
Michael Crowder
Bill Daniels
Marcia Stewart-Downing
Harvey Ellis
Michael Gravitt
Eona Hill
Randy Hill
Brian Hiser

Kimberly Holland
Stephen Hollandsworth
Amy Jenkins
Jodi Knox-Sheldon
Ernest' teena LeBlanc
Amy Madray
Chally Meeker
Sharon Moore
Thomas Moore
Teresa Morris

Sheldon Morrison
Brian Pollard
Brent Ruffy
Joe Schiavone
Ben Scott
Rusty Singleton
Caitlin Stearns
Robin Truman
Ryan Van Booven
Stephanie White
Regina Whittemore



Family Health Center



Operated by
QuadMed

Pictured: Light house at Fort Monroe. This photo was taken by **Ben Scott** and will be featured in the new HII Family Health Center.



AROUND THE YARD

LX Upgrade is Coming Soon

An upgrade to Newport News Shipbuilding's learning management system, the Learning Exchange (LX) is coming soon. Below are important dates regarding the upgrade:

- LX blackout: Jan. 19 (4 p.m.) - Jan. 25 (7 a.m.)
- Jan. 25: "Go-live" date for new system

Visit the LX Upgrade webpage for additional information about the upgrade.



While training for the races, use the official NNS hashtags #shipbuildersrun and #whywerun on Instagram and Twitter.

One City Marathon is March 13

Newport News Shipbuilding is the presenting sponsor for the 2nd annual One City Marathon on Sunday, March 13. Employees of NNS/HII and its subsidiaries are eligible for a discount for the marathon, relay, 8K and nautical mile. Go to www.onecitymarathon.com to register for any of these events.

Pictured on Front Cover

NNS Shipbuilders
Stephen Blowe,

William McLaughlin and **Randolf Snook** load pallets with food from building 600 on to foodbank trucks. Photo by **John Whalen**



Pictured (L to R): Devante Watson, Derek Collins, Charlene DeWindt, Chelsea Mooring and Aleshia Jackson.

Apprentice School Students Association Adopts Children for the Holidays

To spread holiday cheer members of The Apprentice School Students Association (ASSA) adopted local children for the holidays. ASSA members delivered presents to the children's homes prior to shutdown.



E71 Sponsors Friendly Food Drive Competition

As part of their Engagement Action Plans for 2015, Dept. E71 took part in a food drive competition. Nine teams, totaling 75 employees, came up with a catchy team names, team numbers and the basic rules.

A total of 2,515 pounds of food (1.25 tons) and \$2000 in donations was collected during the competition. First place went to the "Canned Crusaders" with 125.93 pounds per person. Second place went to "Avery's Pantry Stuffers" with 121.09 pounds per person. And third place went to "The Non-Perishables" with 92.10 pounds per person.

Bill Connolly, E71 manager, announced the winners at the E71 Holiday Party and handed over the much coveted E71 Spam Trophy.



HOLA and Apprentice Jaycees Sponsor Local Children for the Holidays

Hispanic Outreach Leadership Alliance (HOLA) and The Apprentice School Jaycees partnered to support the City of Newport News' Department of Human Services Holiday Assistance Program. This year, the group was able to sponsor five local children and provide them with the items on their "wish list."

Due to the overwhelming generosity of the organizations an additional 50 children were also able to receive gifts this year.

"It was an amazing experience to see the membership of HOLA and The Apprentice School Jaycees get excited about giving back to our community and make Christmas wishes a reality for our community's children," said **Oliver Aguilar**, HOLA chair. "The enthusiasm of our young apprentices in supporting this community outreach event was contagious. What a great way to end a great year for both organizations."

Apprentice School Jaycees President **Glenn Skinner** added, "The Apprentice School Jaycees pride themselves in helping the community in any way possible and glad to do so."

HOLA and the Apprentice School Jaycees would like to thank everyone who donated in making this project a success this year.

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LONG SERVICE

MASTER SHIPBUILDERS

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER



Bob Fulcher
50 years



Randy Vann
45 years



Pete D'Amico
40 years



David Cash
40 years



KC Christian*
40 years



David Cogdill
40 years



Jim D'Amelio
40 years



June Duke Jr.
40 years



Michael Durben
40 years



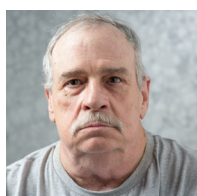
Jimmy Dutch
40 years



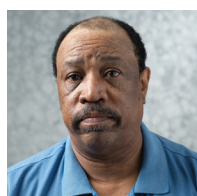
Jarvis Edwards
40 years



Mark Erdman
40 years



"Big Al" Hathaway
40 years



Jeffrey Hite
40 years



Tripp Keese III
40 years



Donnie Morrison
40 years



John "Bones" Murphy
40 years



Jim Owens Jr.
40 years



James Riggs
40 years



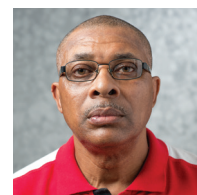
Mike Roach
40 years



David Lee Robinson
40 years



Ronald Sams
40 years



Steve Stephenson
40 years



Joe Stinson
40 years



Friedrich Vogel
40 years

* October anniversary

LONG SERVICE

NOVEMBER

50 YEARS	Thomas Keesee III O26	Mills Daughtrey Jr. X42	John Murphy X42	James Woodell X36	25 YEARS
Robert Fulcher O53	Donald Morrison M53	Brad Dean X70	James Nixon II X43		Antoine Braxton O68
	Matthew Owens Jr. X59	Gary Delape O43	Adolphus Pendergraft E81	30 YEARS	Sharon Callahan X59
45 YEARS	Steven Richardson X18	Anthony Dianna O39	Timothy Perkins O43	William Best O22	Matthew Eshelman E85
Alphonso Kelly Jr. O68	James Riggs X43	Robert Drees X43	David Person X70	Marie Hicks O53	Grace Hayes O63
	Michael Roach O64	Kendal Felix X57	Thomas Reap X70	David Horne X73	Charlene Jones X32
40 YEARS	David Robinson X18	Douglas Harsh O39	Brian Roberts X31	Ann Knipple K01	Danny Stapleton M20
David Cash O43	Ronald Sams O43	Curtis Hedgepeth O46	Patrick Robinson X70	Aaron Marshall E83	Thomas Thornhill N366
David Cogdill X71	Reuben Stephenson X11	David Hooper M53	Forrest Rollins E85	Gregory Merryman O46	
Peter D'Amico X75	Joseph Stinson X82	Robert Johnson Jr. X31	Kirk Springfield X43	Michael Monroe O43	20 YEARS
James Dutch X36	Ernest Vaughan X36	Ricky Jones X36	Elizabeth Taylor X70	Tammy Rossi E30	Charles Berry X10
Jarvis Edwards O03		Lon McReynolds X88	Bernard Traud X43	Daniel Selfridge III AMSEC	
Mark Erdman X15	35 YEARS	Carol Mick X82	William Umphlett O43	David Senterfit E27	
Allen Hathaway X32	Brady Adney X75	William Mingee IV X42	Yvonne Weiss O15	John Spanagel Jr. E26	
Jeffrey Hite X11	Glenn Ayers O43	Kevin Mishoe O46	Jamice Westfall E18	Michael Sprouse X84	
Robin Joyner X33	Richard Crocker X43	Lagena Moore O53	Herman Whaley Jr. X43		

LONG SERVICE

DECEMBER

45 YEARS	John Murphy X15	Paul Clear E45	30 YEARS	Timothy Hood X31	20 YEARS
Thomas Vann T55	Friedrich Vogel X32	Dennis Combs AMSEC	Peter Diakun O11	Alan Moody E51	John Harrington T56
		Randy Hovis E83	Mark Leonard O11	William Oneil O46	Carl Soles AMSEC
40 YEARS	35 YEARS	James Johnson E14		Roger Phillips O67	
James D'Amelio X15	Connie Apple-Hamlin O55	David Walden E82	25 YEARS	Joseph Schiavone O68	
William Duke Jr. X15	Larry Batts O15		Donald Dalton E86	Felicia Stephens X89	
Michael Durben X15	Michael Castagna E10		Trina Garrett E82		

RETIREMENTS

OCTOBER

Alexander Askew X15	Lanier Whitley X31	George Harrell X36	Andrew Robinson O46	Judy Potter O53	Wayne Lines X83
Clifton Kemp O43	Larry Simmons O58	Lester Jones X42	Arthur Stephenson X42	Leon Williams X36	
James Carroll X18	Linwood Outlaw A572	Shelton Scott X42	Calvin Flyth X18	Terry Brown X36	
James Mitchell X11	Roland Gatling Jr. X11	Sherman Jefferson X36	Jettie Dillard O53	Wallace Payne Jr. X11	

RETIREMENTS

NOVEMBER

Morris Barnes X11	Rudolph Futrell X36	Warren Powell O53	Kenneth Smith X36	Matthew White O43
Willie Belle X33	Michael Howard X18	Donald Rhodes E88	William Tillery Jr. E17	Jeffrey Wickens X33
Dennis Boyd X42	Raymond Kurtz O53	Lyniol Scott Jr. X43	Adrean Tolson Jr. A572	Curtis Williams X42
Larry Dickerson X32	James Lynskey II O43	Daniel Smith M53	Sylvester Vines X36	



40 Years Ago

On Nov. 8, 1975, Newport News Shipbuilding laid the keel for *El Paso Southern*, a liquefied natural gas (LNG) carrier. When the vessel was complete, it had the capacity to carry enough natural gas to meet the needs of a city of 34,000 people for a full year.



NNS Painters Complete USS *Monitor* Project

Front row (L to R): Theodore Bryant Jr. (043), Milton Slade (043), Brandon Griffin (041). Back row (L to R): Lee Womble (043), Supervisor Mike Wallace (043), Steven Stallings (043), Rudolph Taylor Jr. (043), Brettlan Stateman (043). Photo by John Whalen



USS Abraham Lincoln

Pictured: A multitude of radar and communication antennas decorate the new mast of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).
Photo by Chris Oxley

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MISCELLANEOUS

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SFA CRANE TEAM - Special thanks to the 1st shift SPF/RMS X36 Crane Operations Team for their generous donation to CHKD!