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People gather at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum for a special screening of the Newport News Shipbuilding-produced documentary "Building Integrity, Building Ford." Photo by Aaron Pritchett

## Presidential Museum Hosts Ford Documentary Screening

More than 200 people attended a special screening of the Newport News Shipbuilding-produced documentary "Building Integrity, Building Ford," at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan, last week.

Released last year, the documentary chronicles the 21-year journey of first-in-class USS *Gerald R. Ford* (CVN 78) from concept to commissioning. Ford's daughter and Ship's Sponsor **Susan Ford Bales** attended the screening in her father's hometown and said he "would be bursting with pride."

"The spirit of the USS *Gerald R. Ford* was instilled in her from the first cut of steel to her commissioning. You could draw a very straight line to the source of that spirit. That source is in my fellow Newport News shipbuilders and their patriotic commitment and excellence," Ford Bales said. "The team is without equal anywhere in the world. They are a national treasure."

Also representing NNS shipbuilders at the showing were **Lucas Hicks**, vice president of *John F. Kennedy* (CVN 79) Aircraft Carrier Construction, and Michigan native **Geoff Hummel**, CVN 79 topside construction director. "Gerald R. Ford is integrity. He represented integrity at a time in this country when we needed it most," Hicks said.

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Newport News Shipbuilding will soon relocate some parking spaces in the North Yard to make room for Joint Manufacturing and Assembly Facility (JMAF) construction. Photo by Ashley Cowan

## North Yard Parking Changes Effective Dec. 3

Employees can expect parking changes in the North Yard beginning on Monday, Dec. 3. The Joint Manufacturing and Assembly Facility (JMAF) construction site will take over the parking spaces north and west of Clean Harbors. However, the 270 affected spaces will not go away. They will be relocated elsewhere in the North Yard and will require an aqua decal. Additional information will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Relocating these spaces will allow Newport News Shipbuilding to build facilities that will enable the company to take on additional work. "The next phase of the JMAF is the construction of a production facility to outfit rafted modules for *Virginia*-class submarines," said **Ben Duman** (O41), an engineering manager. "This production facility is part of the portfolio of projects funded by the VCS Vertical Payload Module corporate program investments."

In addition to parking changes, the North Yard turnstile located near Clean Harbors will no longer be an entrance into the shipyard.

## Builder Football Advances to National Championship Game

The Apprentice School football team secured a berth into the NCFCA National Championship game by defeating Middle Georgia State University 43-7 last weekend in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Builders will travel to Wheeling, West Virginia, on Saturday, Dec. 1, to take on Oakland University of Rochester, Michigan, for the national championship. Kickoff is at 3 p.m. Visit [GoBuilders.com](http://GoBuilders.com) for more information.

## NNS to Pilot Zone Parking at Bldg. 902 & 903 in December



Newport News Shipbuilding has been focused on improving parking and transportation services this year as part of the NNSFORWARD Strategy to Enable Our Workforce and improve quality of life for all shipbuilders. Recently, NNS received the results from the parking and transportation study, which showed that more than 1,400 spaces at NNS are open daily. Based on this information, one of the key recommendations was to implement a zone-based parking system to maximize parking availability.

As a result, NNS will pilot a zone-based parking system at Bldg. 902 & 903 and surrounding surface lots beginning Monday, Dec. 3.

Effective on this date, all individually assigned parking spaces in these areas will be eliminated and employees who work in Bldg. 902 & 903 will be assigned to one of two parking zones. These employees will be able to park in any parking space within their assigned zone. When the pilot begins on Dec. 3, aqua decal parking, which is currently located on the top decks of each garage (Bldg. 902 & 903), will be relocated to the first floor of each garage. This change is being implemented as a safety improvement.

For additional information about the pilot, read the Distribution A memo or visit the NNS Parking & Transportation website.

## NNS' Annual Holiday Food Drive Begins Dec. 3

Newport News Shipbuilding's annual food drive in support of the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank will kick off next month.

From Dec. 3-14, the "ONE CAN Make a Difference" campaign will collect canned food items for families in need across the region. Shipbuilders can make monetary donations to the holiday food drive by visiting [holiday-season.everydayhero.com/us/newport-news-shipbuilding-one-can-make-a-difference](http://holiday-season.everydayhero.com/us/newport-news-shipbuilding-one-can-make-a-difference).

Look for additional information and donation locations for this year's campaign in the Nov. 26 edition of *Currents*.

## Native American Heritage Month: Joseph Davis

*Newport News Shipbuilding is recognizing Native American Heritage Month in November. As part of NNS' company-wide Inclusion and Diversity campaign, four employees are featured on posters recognizing the month. Articles about these shipbuilders will be published in Currents, the NNS to Go app, MyNNS and on social media each week.*

**Joseph Davis'** family is part of the Brothertown tribe in Wisconsin. Reminiscing his childhood, he has very fond memories of participating in various tribe events.

"My father was in the Navy, so we moved around to a lot of military bases when I was young," he said. "Because we were always on the move, I considered the tribe to be my home even though I never lived on the reservation. Wherever my family moved, we always made the trip to Wisconsin for tribe events. The fellowship and friendships I have made as a part of Brothertown have lasted throughout my life."

Today, Davis continues to be involved with the tribe. "My family eventually settled in Gloucester. My wife, kids and I continue

to make the 15-hour drive to Wisconsin several times a year for powwows, potluck lunches, singing and fellowship. Recently, my children were presented to the tribe to declare them official members. It was a very proud moment for our family."

Davis' family lineage also includes Narragansett and Chippewa tribes.

"I'm proud to work for a company that recognizes Native Americans and their contributions to our society," he said. "The culture can teach others about their history and way of life – we can all learn something."

Davis has worked at NNS for nine years and is currently working as an X11 shipfitter in the In-Service Aircraft Carrier Program. "I enjoy what I do and the people I work with," he said.

In his spare time, Davis enjoys researching his family's ancestry. "My wife and cousin have done a lot of research into the tribe and our ancestors," he said. "It's very interesting to see the family tree and how our family evolved over time."

Davis is currently in the process of setting up an East Coast satellite office to host Brothertown council meetings and other events for tribe members who can't make



the long trip to Wisconsin every year.

"I hope to be able to create a place for members to be able to come together to participate in business meetings, but also for fellowships throughout the year."

View Davis' poster on MyNNS or the NNS to Go app. Shipbuilders interested in sharing their story as part of NNS' Inclusion and Diversity campaign, should visit [nns.huntingtoningalls.com/id-campaign-2018](http://nns.huntingtoningalls.com/id-campaign-2018).



## AROUND THE YARD



In-Service Aircraft Carrier Program Engagement Champions were recently recognized for their efforts with a certificate and a coin.

### ISCVN Engagement Champions Recognized



The In-Service Aircraft Carrier Program (ISCVN) Engagement Champions recently recognized individual contributors for their service during the third quarter of 2018. They were each presented a certificate and coin during a formal luncheon. Each team member recognized had the opportunity to share a portion of the commitments, mission and vision to the audience, including **Thomasina Wright**, trade director for the ISCVN Program, **Todd West**, CVN 73 Program trade director and **Xavier Beale**, vice president of Trades.

Engagement champions recognized were: **Thomas “TR” Evans (X33)**, **Deborah Pittman (X33)**, **Duriel Smith (X31)**, **Mike Herring (X43)**, **Anthony Betts (X32)**, **Matthew Mose (X31)**, **Robert Fulcher (X43)** and **Emanuel Rogers (X43)**.

“We thought it was an awesome idea to surprise and recognize the engagement champions for their hard work and dedication aside from building great ships. Since the engagement champion has been established, the individual contributors have supported numerous volunteer efforts and they always bring great energy and ideas to the table. They got to share some of things that we’ve been working on with the audience, including our mission statement, 'Engagement: shown through actions not just words.' We made our statement come to reality today,” said **Mike Mathews**, X43 Lead General Foreman and ISCVN Engagement Champion lead.

“This group of special people chosen not based on education or cultural background, proves that your voice can be heard,” said Engagement Champion **Anthony Betts (X32)**.

“I was surprised that we were being recognized. However, we can definitely make a difference by working together and it was displayed during this session,” said Engagement Champion **Robert Fulcher (X43)**.

ISCVN Engagement Champions will continue to help fellow shipbuilders feel enthusiastic about future possibilities. The group's vision statement is, "Being engaged is contagious, so let's spread it!"



Pictured from left are **William Halsey (X36)**, **Gregory Barnes (X36)** and Facility Security Officer **John Forlow**. Photo by **Matt Hildreth**



Pictured from left are **Brittany Binns (K21)**, **Bryan Peters (K21)**, and Facility Security Officer **John Forlow**.

### Third Quarter Security Star Awardees Announced

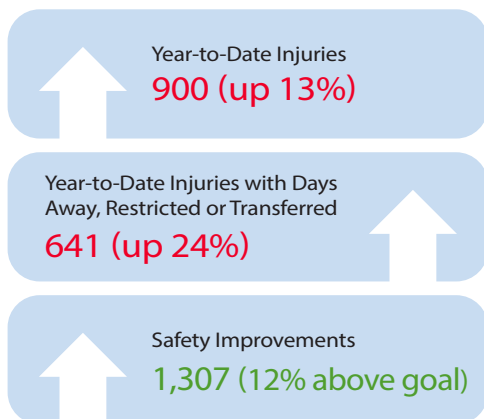
Newport News Shipbuilding’s Security and Emergency Management team recently awarded **Bryan Peters (K21)** and **Gregory Barnes (X36)** with the third quarter Security Star Award for 2018.

Peters was honored for playing an instrumental role in a security investigation into interference in the hiring process for a job posting. Barnes was honored for aiding in recovering stolen NNS property.

“The team takes great pride in recognizing Peters and Barnes. Their actions reflect a strong commitment to helping to maintain the security of our company, fellow employees and our nation’s warfighter,” said **Derek Jenkins**, director of Security and Emergency Management.

### NNS SAFETY REPORT

Compared to figures from October 2017



### Holiday Volunteer Opportunities Available

While the holidays are meant to be merry, they can be difficult for some individuals. Some families can’t afford to put food on the table or give gifts. Others may have no one to spend time with during this time of year.

Shipbuilders are invited to help share the holiday spirit by signing up to volunteer in the community on the United Way website. Opportunities are available across the region.

## DATEBOOK

### NOVEMBER 21

Shipbuilders who do not currently have an E-ZPass can visit [hii.checkboxonline.com/EZ-Pass.aspx](http://hii.checkboxonline.com/EZ-Pass.aspx) by Nov. 21 to sign up to receive a free \$35 preloaded transponder. See a list of frequently asked questions on MyNNS. Visit [www.ezpassva.com/StaticPages/FAQ.aspx](http://www.ezpassva.com/StaticPages/FAQ.aspx) for more information about the E-ZPass program.

### NOVEMBER 28

The Project Management Shipbuilder Association (PMSA) is hosting a presentation from 4:30 until 5:30 p.m. at VASCIC (2 West Dining Area). **Jenni Connolly** (T56), PMP, PMI-ACP will present on "MS Project Scheduling - Basics." Attendees will learn the basics of how Microsoft Project works along with best practices in building a project schedule from the ground up. No charge will be provided for the meeting and employees must attend on their own time. RSVP on MyNNS. For additional questions, email [PMSA@hii-nns.com](mailto:PMSA@hii-nns.com).

### DECEMBER 5

Women in Shipbuilding Enterprise (WiSE) members and Newport News Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) employees are teaming up for the annual Secret Santa project to provide local children toys, books and clothes. CASA employees work with abused and neglected children who are under the court's supervision throughout the year. Employees interested in sponsoring a child's wish list and/or stocking should contact **Krysti Filer** (O12) at 380-4687. Gift drop off and a group photo will take place at 4:15 p.m. in the Bldg. 86 lobby.

### DECEMBER 5

Some loan offers seem too good to be true. Are you signing up for a bad deal? Attend the "Financial Predators" SmartPath class to learn how to spot risky loans. Classes are offered from noon to 1 p.m. in Bldg. 520-6 (James River Room) and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the VASCIC auditorium. Email [BeWell@hii-co.com](mailto:BeWell@hii-co.com) to register for your preferred class time or ask your foreman to register you. Management-approved PTO/flex is required during scheduled work hours.

### DECEMBER 8

Join the Apprentice School Student Association for breakfast, crafts and pictures with Santa from 10 a.m. until noon at Crowne Plaza Hampton. A single ticket is \$3 and a pair is \$4. Children 12 and under are free. For tickets, visit [assasanta.eventbrite.com](http://assasanta.eventbrite.com). Tickets are currently available for apprentices and Apprentice School alumni. Additional tickets will be available Nov. 26. For more information, contact **Jordan Lacy** (E06/E22) at 688-6130.

### DECEMBER 8

Join the Apprentice School Student Association to celebrate the holidays with dinner, dancing and door prizes from 6 until 11 p.m. at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. Current apprentices can purchase two tickets for \$30. Apprentice alumni can purchase two tickets for \$40. Visit [assahdd18.eventbrite.com](http://assahdd18.eventbrite.com) to purchase tickets. For more information, contact **Marvin Barnes** (E06/E22) at 688-6267.

## Presidential Museum Hosts *Ford* Documentary Screening

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Screenings of the documentary were held last year for shipbuilders, but this event marked the first time the film had been shown at an event outside of the area. Hicks and Hummel also spoke to students at West Michigan Aviation Academy about what goes into building an aircraft carrier to spur interest in shipbuilding.

"Building Integrity, Building *Ford*" is available for viewing on Huntington Ingalls Industries' YouTube page.

## Notice: Security Clearance Background Investigation Backlog

To help reduce a backlog of security clearance background investigations, Department of Defense investigators are reaching out directly to Newport News Shipbuilding employees and attempting to conduct personal interviews over the telephone. However, NNS has not agreed to telephone interviews. Over the phone, shipbuilders can validate their employment at NNS, provide the 4101 Washington Ave., Newport News, VA 23607 street address as their current work location and confirm they still need a security clearance. DOD officials should contact Security and Emergency Management to schedule personal interviews with shipbuilders.

Additionally, Perspecta, an approved field contractor for the National Background Investigations Bureau, is currently sending emails to NNS security clearance applicants to confirm employment and work location. This information can be provided; however, all personal interviews are to be scheduled through Security and Emergency Management.

For additional information, contact **Glenda Greene** (O15) at 688-2801 or Access Center Manager **Daryl Hagwood** at 688-2464.

## SEEKING SHIPBUILDERS

Visit [www.buildyourcareer.com](http://www.buildyourcareer.com) to search for the latest NNS job openings.

Job Title	Req Number	Dept.	Location
Experienced Blaster	26320BR	X33	Newport News
Experienced Insulator	26968BR	X33	Newport News
Experienced Marine Painter	26121BR	X33	Newport News
Procurement Analyst 2	25967BR	O51	Newport News
Subcontracts Administrator 2	25181BR	O51	Newport News
Designer 1	21086BR	TBD	Newport News
Designer 2	25913BR	E22	Newport News
Designer 3	25607BR	E16	Newport News
Columbia Class Machinery Engineer 3	26360BR	E17	Newport News
Quality Engineer 3	23173BR	O04	Newport News
Infrastructure Engineer 4	24069BR	T54	Newport News
Inspection Supervisor	27146BR	O39	Newport News
Test Engineering Manager 1	27058BR	E25	Newport News
IT Systems Engineer Manager 3 (Head Digital Technology)	24609BR	T53	Newport News
Construction Supervisor 2	27256BR	X09	Ballston Spa, NY

Employees are encouraged to use the "Current HII Employees" portal to apply. The company continues to offer cash bonus awards for referrals to select positions, visit [www.huntingtoningalls.com/careers/refer-a-friend](http://www.huntingtoningalls.com/careers/refer-a-friend) for more information.

# SMALLTALK

about big ideas

## Heroes Wear Hard Hats

**By Jennifer Boykin**

President, Newport News Shipbuilding

In the song “Heroes” by rock legend David Bowie, he sings, “We can be heroes, just for one day.”

A few weeks ago, shipbuilders Mike Oblein (X84) and Curtis Willis (X84), brought Bowie’s song to life.

The two men were making a material run to West Park and noticed a vehicle on the side of Hampton Roads Center Parkway, its driver slumped over in her seat. They continued to West Park, and on the return trip they stopped after observing the same vehicle.

Mike and Curtis knocked on the window, and the driver was coherent enough to unlock the door. Mike asked if the woman was diabetic, a fact she confirmed before passing out.

The driver was experiencing a diabetic blood sugar crash.

Curtis called 911 and the Hampton Fire Department responded within a few minutes. They stabilized the woman with a glucose shot and told the shipbuilders that if they had not stopped, the driver would have died within 30 minutes.

The selflessness that these shipbuilders demonstrated in their quick decision to stop and take action saved a woman’s life. It is nothing short of heroic.

We have heroes like Curtis and Mike all around us. Heroes don’t have to have famous names or super powers. In the words of Maya Angelou, “a hero is any person really intent on making this a better place for all people.”

It’s about paying it forward—contributing toward a cause much larger than ourselves. Shipbuilders, by nature, are giving people. We contribute to a greater cause every day with the ships that we build. But we do more than that. Every year, we build Habitat for Humanity houses, coach Little League baseball teams and volunteer countless hours in area classrooms building our future shipbuilders.

We build more than ships. We help to build our community.

As we gather with our families and friends to give thanks for our many blessings this week, consider how you might be someone’s hero.

The shipyard offers many opportunities to pay it forward. The “ONE CAN Make a Difference” holiday food drive begins Dec. 3, encouraging all 23,000 shipbuilders to bring in at least one can of food to be donated to the Virginia Peninsula Food Bank. SEEKnns, formerly known as Career Pathways, is recruiting volunteers for a number of upcoming STEM activities in our schools, and Angel Trees are popping up behind our gates and across our community that offer opportunities to give to our neighbors in need.

Like David Bowie, I believe we can all be heroes – and not just for one day. I am thankful for the giving spirit of Mike and Curtis and all of our shipbuilders. You inspire me every day, and I wish you all a safe, restful and happy Thanksgiving!







# SECURITY NEWS FLASH

## Protect Yourself From Crime

Employee safety is a top priority at Newport News Shipbuilding. Here are a few tips on staying safe from Security and Emergency Management. As always, if you are a witness or victim of crime, report it immediately to 911 or the NNS Security Command Center (SCC) at \*911 or 380-2222.

### DO

- Remember to always keep items secured and hidden from plain view inside your vehicle. It is always best to lock items in your trunk when applicable.
- Have a plan. Know what to do if certain situations arise.
- Trust your instincts and remain alert. If a situation seems dangerous or threatening, call 911 and report the crime to the police or \*911 or 380-2222 for NNS Security.
- If you know you're going to be working late, try to park your vehicle closer to your building or exit gate.
- Let someone know when you're leaving and inform them when you arrive at your destination.
- If possible, park in well-lit areas with good visibility and close to walkways, stores and other people. Always have your keys available.
- When out walking at night or before daylight, try to have a friend walk with you for company and comfort. Remember, there is safety in numbers.
- If you must walk alone to your vehicle and feel uncomfortable, call the NNS SCC non-emergency number at 380-4031.

### DON'T

- Walk or jog alone when the streets are dark or deserted.
- Display cash or any inviting targets such as cell phones, hand-held electronics or expensive jewelry or clothing.
- Become distracted while using mobile devices outdoors.
- Leave your vehicle running when it's unattended.
- Give strangers a ride for any reason or let them into your vehicle.
- Indicate where you live to a person you don't know.
- Give up your life. If you are robbed or assaulted, immediately call 911 and report the crime to the police or \*911 or 380-2222 for NNS Security. Try to describe the attacker accurately. Your actions can help prevent someone else from becoming a victim.
- Engage in conversation if confronted on the street, politely decline and keep as much distance from the person as possible.
- Open your door. If a stranger knocks on your door, don't let them enter your residence. If they will not leave your property, call 911 – no exceptions!

## Reporting Suspicious Activity

Prompt and detailed reporting of suspicious activities may prevent a security incident. When reporting suspicious activity, you should provide:

- Brief description of the activity
- Physical description of the person(s) or vehicle(s) involved
- Current location or direction of travel of those involved
- Your name and contact information (optional) – anonymous reporting accepted

**Call 911 from your cell phone or \*911 from company desk phones if immediate response is needed.**

Otherwise, you should contact the NNS Security Command Center's non-emergency line at 380-4031.

If you have questions, email [HIIsecCompliancePrg@hii-nns.com](mailto:HIIsecCompliancePrg@hii-nns.com).