

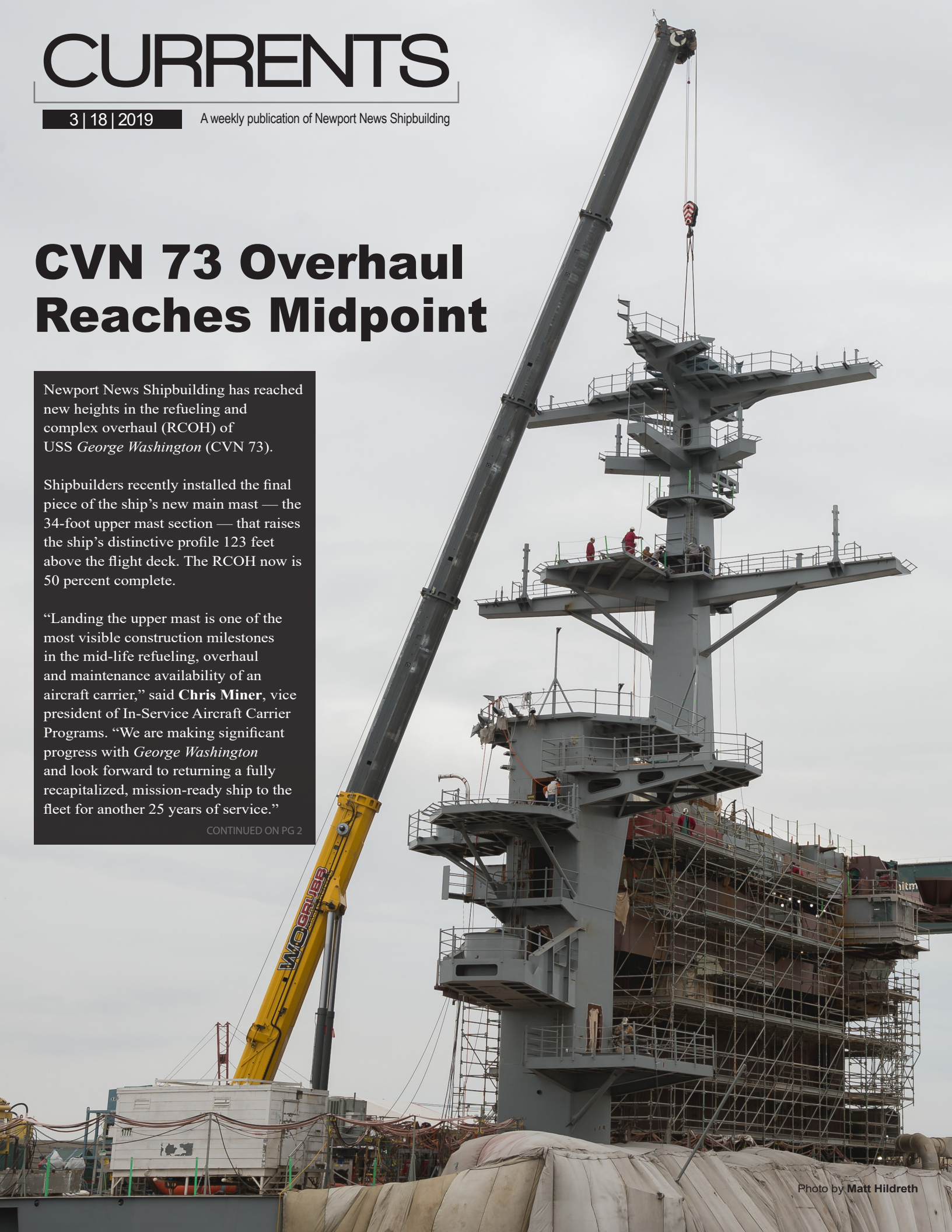
CVN 73 Overhaul Reaches Midpoint

Newport News Shipbuilding has reached new heights in the refueling and complex overhaul (RCOH) of USS *George Washington* (CVN 73).

Shipbuilders recently installed the final piece of the ship's new main mast — the 34-foot upper mast section — that raises the ship's distinctive profile 123 feet above the flight deck. The RCOH now is 50 percent complete.

“Landing the upper mast is one of the most visible construction milestones in the mid-life refueling, overhaul and maintenance availability of an aircraft carrier,” said **Chris Miner**, vice president of In-Service Aircraft Carrier Programs. “We are making significant progress with *George Washington* and look forward to returning a fully recapitalized, mission-ready ship to the fleet for another 25 years of service.”

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**Newport News
Shipbuilding
Gives**

United Way Campaign Continues



Newport News Shipbuilding's 2019 United Way Campaign is currently in progress. All donations, large or small, have a profound impact on the community. For example, a \$1 donation can pay for a bus pass for a disabled neighbor. A \$5 donation can provide 10 hygiene kits for the homeless. A \$10 donation can provide 50 meals for a family of four in need.

To make a contribution, shipbuilders can access the Newport News Shipbuilding Gives website at nns.yourcause.com or through MyNNS using their "MyID," located on pay stubs and the Outlook address book. The site is accessible via NNS computers, personal computers and mobile devices. A link to the site is also available via the NNS to Go app.

This year's United Way theme, "Kindness Creates Community," reflects United Way's mission to bring together individuals, nonprofits, businesses and government partners to create a lasting impact through initiatives to help end the cycle of poverty and engage the community in giving back. One hundred percent of contributions to United Way of the Virginia Peninsula go back to the community with nothing deducted for administrative costs.

For a listing of division coordinators and additional campaign information, visit the United Way website on MyNNS or contact **Judy Fundak** (K18) at 380-3011.



Pictured from left are U.S. Rep. Rob Wittman, NNS President Jennifer Boykin, U.S. Rep. Denver Riggleman, U.S. Rep. Elaine Luria and U.S. Rep. Bobby Scott. Photo by Matt Hildreth

Congressional Representatives Visit NNS

Newport News Shipbuilding hosted four of Virginia's congressional representatives Friday, March 15. U.S. Reps. Elaine Luria, Denver Riggleman, Bobby Scott and Rob Wittman toured facilities, met with shipbuilders and got a first-hand look at technology involved in the company's digital transformation.

CVN 73 Overhaul Reaches Midpoint

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To commemorate the milestone, *George Washington* sailors on Friday, March 15, held a brief mast-stepping ceremony that recognizes an ancient maritime custom of placing a coin underneath the ship's mast to bring good fortune. A time capsule containing photos, a piece of the old mast, several coins and other artifacts was attached to a metal plate, which later will be welded under the mast.

"Mast-stepping is a way to link the past with the future," said Capt. Glenn Jamison, the ship's commanding officer. "It is a way to honor the heritage of this ship and our namesake. *George Washington* once said that 'without a decisive naval force we can do nothing definitive, and with it, everything honorable and glorious.' Now, with this new mast signifying the progress we're making during RCOH, USS *George Washington* is ready to carry on the mantle of representing the Navy as only General George Washington could have imagined and wanted."

The ship arrived at NNS in August 2017 to begin the complex engineering and construction project and is currently in dry dock for hull and freeboard blasting and painting; repairs to its propellers, sea chests, shafts and rudders; and defueling and refueling of its power plant.

George Washington, the sixth *Nimitz*-class aircraft carrier to undergo this major life-cycle milestone, is on track for delivery in 2021.

Watch a video of the recent mast lift on MyNNS.

Cover Photo: The 32-ton upper section of the main mast was lifted into its final position by a mobile crane during the refueling and complex overhaul (RCOH) of USS *George Washington* (CVN 73).

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's History Month Program Focuses on Outreach



Newport News Shipbuilding employee resource group Women in Shipbuilding Enterprise (WiSE) usually hosts an event – inviting shipbuilders and a guest speaker – to commemorate Women's History Month in March.

However, the group decided to do something different this year by hosting an event with Bloom, a leadership club for young women that operates in Newport News middle schools. “We wanted to make Women's History Month more about outreach and serving the young women in our community,” said **Tatayanna Cox-Taylor** (X51), vice chair of WiSE.

About 100 girls who participate in the program came to NNS Friday, March 15, for the event.

Bridget Adams, the youth development supervisor for Newport News Public Schools, said Bloom's goal is to make participants leaders in their schools. There is no specific criteria for membership, and all girls are welcome. She said she is grateful for the partnership with WiSE and NNS.

“Giving girls opportunities like this exposes them to what can be,” Adams said. “It's really important for them to see women who are accomplishing things but also struggled along the way.”

Chandra McCulley-Hooker, trade director for the *Virginia* and *Columbia* class submarine programs, was among the women who shared their journeys and words of



Students use cell phones to research visionary women during WiSE's Women's History Month program at the old Apprentice School gym. Photo by **Ashley Cowan**

encouragement with students. **Heather Ray**, *Columbia* class program manager, lead a question-and-answer session with participants. Students also researched visionary women and presented their findings to the group during the event. Shipbuilders provided hands-on demonstrations.

Jordan Hill, an eighth grader at Crittenden Middle School, said her experiences with Bloom – including the WiSE event – have been awesome. “It's just been a lot of fun to work with the other girls in the group and feel empowered,” she said. “I'm glad to be surrounded by these people.”

Cox-Taylor said being around such positive energy and the themes of empowerment and visionary women were inspirational. “It reignited the flame for me to do more,” she said.



Wrestler Makes History

Erin Aragon (X18) made history at Newport News Shipbuilding as the first female wrestler at The Apprentice School. She is grateful for the chance to be an apprentice, welder and wrestler.

“I'm lucky that the opportunities were given to me, but I feel like I'm doing my part for women everywhere just by taking these opportunities,” said Aragon, an Arizona native.

Last weekend, she placed second in her weight class at the National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA) national championship. The men's Apprentice School team also placed second overall. Watch a video featuring Aragon's story on MyNNS. To learn more about Apprentice wrestling, visit GoBuilders.com. Photo by **Ashley Cowan**

Tornado Drills Tuesday

Newport News Shipbuilding will hold tornado drills at 9:45 a.m. and at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19.

During the drills, the shipyard whistle will sound for three 30-second blasts at 30-second intervals and activate the electronic Send Word Now notification system for text and email messages only. Five minutes after the drill is initiated, the one minute all-clear whistle will sound to conclude the drill.

Shipbuilders are not required to take shelter during the drills, but they should recognize the warning signal and know where they would move in the event of an actual tornado. For more information, see the Distribution A memo.

NOTICE: Computer Log-in Changes Effective March 29

Beginning March 29, computer users at Newport News Shipbuilding will only be able to log in to company devices using their YubiKey and PIN. The company is disabling the ability to log in with user IDs and passwords to remain in compliance with Department of Defense regulations.

Employees who lock their YubiKey by entering their PIN incorrectly three times can quickly unlock it using the following steps:

- Go to a co-worker who is logged in on their NNS computer. After they have closed any applications that would violate need to know, have them launch Intercede MyID but not login.
- Plug in the locked YubiKey and select it from the card options displayed. Click "Reset PIN" at the bottom right corner.

If a user loses, damages or forgets their YubiKey, they should call the Service Desk at 688-HELP. For more information, visit the multi-factor authentication (MFA) website on MyNNS.



Shipbuilders participate in the VCS cornhole tournament. Photo by Matt Hildreth

VCS Program Holds Cornhole Tournament



The *Virginia* Class Submarine Program held its first Cornhole Engagement Tournament March 3-6 at the Covered Module Assembly Facility (CMAF).

Held during lunch and open to all employees, the tournament included finalists representing the Modular Outfitting Facility (MOF), Supplemental Modular Outfitting Facility (SMOF) and CMAF. "Players and co-workers rallied around their teams and enjoyed the excitement of the friendly rivalry between shops," said **Rodney Huffman** (X82). "This event was a success because it allowed co-workers to come together and have fun to create a healthy work environment."

Rodney Bays (X84) and **William Hoeffler** (X84), who represented the CMAF, were the tournament champions. The pair received first-place trophies. Their win means the championship trophy and custom cornhole boards will remain at the CMAF until the next tournament.

The VCS program plans to hold second- and third-shift tournaments in the coming weeks.

Blood Drives Planned to Honor Fallen Shipbuilders

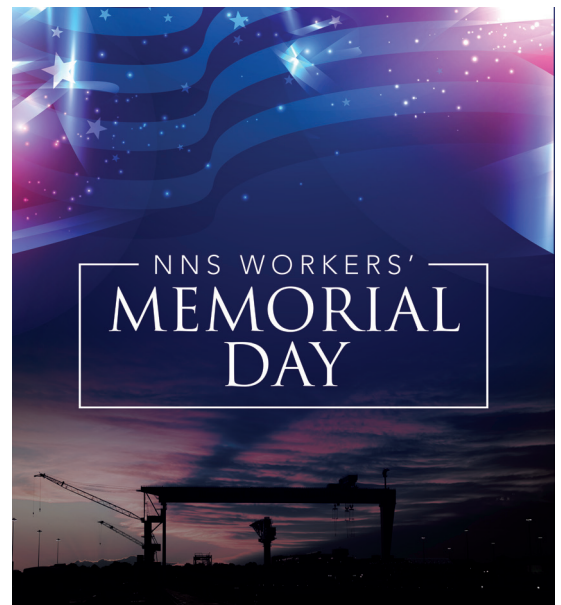


Leading up to this year's Workers' Memorial Day ceremonies, Newport News Shipbuilding and the American Red Cross are hosting two in-yard blood drives in honor of shipbuilders who have died or been injured on the job.

The first drive will be held from 7:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. April 9 in Bldg. 4931 (PCU Assembly Room). The second will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. April 22 in Bldg. 1744 (Fifth Floor Conference Room).

Shipbuilders who would like to donate should fill out the Blood Drive Donation Form and return it to **Judy Fundak** (K18) by email or fax it to 688-7060.

Look for more information regarding the 2019 Workers' Memorial Day ceremonies in upcoming editions of *Currents*.



AROUND THE YARD

Trades Town Hall Meeting March 28

Shipbuilders are invited to attend a town hall meeting with **Xavier Beale**, vice president of Trades, from 3:45 until 4:15 p.m. March 28 in Bldg. 227 (Applebees). During the meeting, Beale will provide an update on current initiatives, and there will be open discussion. No charge will be provided.

United Steelworkers Must Declare Tobacco-Use Status for Benefits

From April 22 through June 30, all tobacco-free Steelworkers enrolled in the HII medical plan must declare their tobacco-use status as "tobacco-free" to save \$12.69 per paycheck starting July 1. Shipbuilders enrolled in HII medical insurance who do not use any tobacco products qualify for the "tobacco-free" discount.

To receive the discount, Steelworkers need to log into UPoint from www.hiibenefits.com or call the Huntington Ingalls Benefits Center (HIBC) at 1-877-216-3222 and update their status starting April 22. To log in or call, employees first need their UPoint password.

The NNS benefits office is hosting enrollment clinics throughout the shipyard to help Steelworkers access their UPoint passwords so they can declare their tobacco-use status. For more information, or to get help setting up a UPoint password, attend one of the walk-in clinics listed below:

- Monday, March 18: The Apprentice School from 6:30 until 7 a.m., noon until 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 until 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 20: Bldg. 505 (**Sandra Gibbons**' Warehouse) from noon until 12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 26: Bldg. 550-2 (Conference Room) from 6:30 until 7 a.m., noon until 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 until 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 27: Bldg. 511 (**MaryLou Fulcher**'s Warehouse) from noon until 12:30 p.m.

Technology access may vary and help is first come, first served. Look for additional communications on future clinic dates for UPoint and tobacco status support.



Newport News Shipbuilding's employee resource groups will participate in the "Enable Our Workforce" Expo March 19 in Bldg. 520.

Enable Our Workforce Expo Tuesday



Newport News Shipbuilding's engagement and inclusion and diversity champions are partnering to host an "Enable Our Workforce" Expo on Tuesday, March 19.

It will include a variety of exhibitors on topics specifically designed for shipbuilders, breakout sessions, door prizes and more. The expo is open to all shipbuilders, but breakout sessions featuring the HII Family Health Center, Onsite Dental, Commute with Enterprise, Relay For Life, employee resource groups and active shooter training require registration on the Quality of Life website on MyNNS.

There will be three sessions to accommodate shipbuilders on all three shifts – from 6 until 8 a.m., 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and 3:30 until 5:30 p.m. – in Bldg. 520-6. No charge will be provided. Another expo will be held June 18 on the waterfront.

Contact **Danyelle Saunders** (K49) at 688-7762 or via email for questions or to volunteer.

New Process for Lost Company Mobile Devices



Technology Services (T54) has developed a new process to streamline the steps to report a lost or stolen company mobile device.

Beginning Monday, March 25, users who have lost or found a mobile device such as a cell phone or tablet must call the Service Desk at 688-HELP to report it. Calling the Service Desk will initiate a process to create a ticket that will include notifying Security (O15) and creating a request for a replacement device.

The new process will shorten the amount of time that users wait for a replacement, reduce the cost to the business and improve the security of the devices for the company. Contact the Service Desk for questions about the new process.

Yardnet Procedure Website Changing



The Yardnet procedure website is migrating into SharePoint Monday, March 25, in support of the NNSFORWARD Strategy. This change includes the Policy and Procedures (P&P), Standard Shipyard Procedures (SSP), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and Supplemental Work Procedures (SWP) pages. It does not affect NNS Nuclear or E85 RadCon procedures.

To optimize the use of the SharePoint search capability, the old legacy and Command Media site will be merged, providing one enhanced user interface. The procedure format is not changing and will remain in Adobe PDF format. However, the document is now searchable, which was not possible on the old Yardnet site.

A how-to guide on navigating the new site can be found on the Command Media SharePoint main page.

For more information, contact **Sherrie Hannah** (X48) at 688-1655 or **Sarah McDonald** (X48) at 380-4641.

DATEBOOK

MARCH 20

The Professional Enhancement and Enrichment Rotation (PEER) Program is hosting a learn at lunch (bring your own lunch) event for potential candidates from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 160-2 (EOC). The program is open to salaried individual contributors. To sign up, email PEERProgram@hii-nns.com with your name, department, phone number and learn at lunch date.

MARCH 20

The Veterans Employee Resource Group is hosting Betty Miller, the commander of DAV Chapter 21, in the Alumni Room at The Apprentice School from 4:30 until 6 p.m.

MARCH 23-24

Newport News Shipbuilding is an education sponsor of the African Art: Power and Identity and Cash Crop exhibition on view at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center. NNS employees and their families can enjoy free admission to the exhibition from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, March 23, and from 1 until 5 p.m. Sunday, March 24, with an employee ID. The Peninsula Fine Arts Center is located at 101 Museum Drive in Newport News.

MARCH 26

Ready for tax season? Attend the "Tax Planning" SmartPath class to see how the new tax laws affect you. Classes are offered at noon in Bldg. 520-6 (James River Room) and 4:30 p.m. in VASCIC (2 West Dining Area). Email BeWell@hii-co.com to register for your preferred class time or ask your foreman to register you. PTO/flex is required during scheduled work hours.

MARCH 26

Newport News Shipbuilding's American Cancer Society Relay For Life team will host a kickoff event from 4:15 until 6 p.m. in Bldg. 520-6 (Executive Dining Room). Employees who are interested in participating in Relay For Life can sign up at the kickoff. For more information, contact **Adam Krininger** (PEER M40) at 380-4286.

MARCH 28

The "Spear and Gear" Toastmasters Club will host a meeting from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Room 247 of The Apprentice School (Bldg. 1919). The event is open to all Newport News Shipbuilding employees and no RSVP is required. The event will provide a forum for employees to learn how to become more effective communicators and leaders. For more information, contact **Jason Paquette** (E83) at 534-2770.

MARCH 26

The L.E.A.R.N. Program will host an after-work presentation with **Bharat Amin**, vice president and chief information officer, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Bldg. 520-6 (James River Room). The event is open to all employees by reservation only. Sign-up on the L.E.A.R.N. website on MyNNS. For questions, contact **Tanika Vasquez** (E08) at 688-7916, **Helen Dennie** (O28) at 380-4831 or email LEARN@hii-nns.com.

MARCH 27

The Professional Enhancement and Enrichment Rotation (PEER) Program is hosting a learn at lunch (bring your own lunch) event for potential candidates from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 903-7 (MDC). The program is open to salaried individual contributors. To sign up, email PEERProgram@hii-nns.com with your name, department, phone number and learn at lunch date.

APRIL 2

April is Autism Awareness Month, and April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day. Wear blue and join fellow shipbuilders on the Apprentice School Football Field at noon for the second Annual Light It Up Blue photo in support of individuals and families impacted by autism. For more information, contact **Pamela Setterholm** (E46) at 688-7592.

APRIL 2

Engineering and Design is hosting a Teaching, Enlightening, Aspiring (TEA) Talk featuring **Xavier Beale**, vice president of Trades. The event is from 4:30 until 5:30 p.m. in VASCIC (2 West Dining Room). TEA Talk is a leadership development series that provides a forum for employees to hear stories from company leaders about how their personal lives have influenced their careers at NNS. No charge will be provided. To RSVP, sign up on the TEA talk website on MyNNS. For additional questions, see the event flier or contact **Tanika Vasquez** (E08) at 688-7916.

APRIL 5

The Apprentice Alumni Association will recognize the 50th anniversary of the Class of 1969 during the annual Apprentice Alumni banquet at the Newport News Marriott at City Center. A social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and the program commencing at 7 p.m. This year, the ticket price has been reduced to \$30. Dues-paying alumni who purchase tickets will have the opportunity to receive one or two priority Oyster Roast tickets in the fall. To purchase tickets, contact your delegates, **Sally Krystyn** (O22) or Teagle Insurance. For more information, contact **Sarah Gentry** (K45) at (757) 329-2449.

APRIL 9

The Apprentice Alumni Baseball Social will be held at War Memorial Stadium at 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact **Lynné Cave** (X50) at 380-2381.

APRIL 10

The Professional Enhancement and Enrichment Rotation (PEER) Program is hosting a learn at lunch (bring your own lunch) event for potential candidates from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 520-4 (O19 Conference Room). The program is open to salaried individual contributors. To sign up, email PEERProgram@hii-nns.com with your name, department, phone number and learn at lunch date.

APRIL 11

Newport News Shipbuilding is a sponsor of this year's "Tastefully Yours" event at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. The tasting event will feature dozens of the Peninsula's finest restaurants. All proceeds will benefit the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank. For ticket information, contact **Abra McCollum** (T52) at 380-2935 or visit www.hrfoodbank.org from a home computer.

APRIL 13

The Progressive Club is holding its 2019 Cabin Fever Golf Tournament at Sleepy Hole Golf Club. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m. This is a four-person, captain's choice tournament. The cost is \$75 per person (\$300 per team). Fees include green, cart fees and dinner. There will also be raffles and prizes. Deadline to register and pay is April 5. For more information, contact **Loria Mooneyham** at (757) 869-4459 or **Everett Eagle** at (757) 897-5245.

APRIL 15

The Professional Enhancement and Enrichment Rotation (PEER) Program is hosting an open house from 4 until 6 p.m. in Bldg. 903-7 (MDC). The event will provide an opportunity for candidates, active participants and host departments to discuss rotation opportunities, department goals and mutual expectations. No sign up is required. Visit the PEER website for more information.

SEEKING SHIPBUILDERS

Visit www.buildyourcareer.com to search for the latest NNS job openings.

Job Title	Req Number	Dept.	Location
CNC Machinist	24205BR	M53	Newport News
Quality Analyst 4	26460BR	K93	Newport News
iDS IT Software Engineer 3	25373BR	T55	Newport News
iDS IT Software Engineer 5	25377BR	T55	Newport News
iDS IT Systems Engineer 2 Siemens Teamcenter NX	25595BR	T55	Newport News
iDS IT Systems Engineer 3	23037BR	T55	Newport News
iDS Systems Engineer 4	26287BR	T55	Newport News
Industrial Control PLC Programmer	26431BR	E44	Newport News
Engineer Systems Architect 2	28186BR	X57	Newport News
Nuclear Procedure Writer Engineer 2	24607BR	E84	Newport News
Nuclear Procedure Writer Engineer 3	24606BR	E84	Newport News
Quality Engineer 3	27064BR	K93	Newport News
Quality Engineer 3	23925BR	O05	Newport News
Quality Engineer/Software Engineer 3	25661BR	E44	Newport News
Manager Info Tech Audit 3	29024BR	N363	Newport News

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