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Photo by Ashley Cowan

NNS Authenticates Keel for *New Jersey*

Newport News Shipbuilding hosted a keel authentication ceremony Monday, March 25, for the *Virginia*-class submarine *New Jersey* (SSN 796).

“We enjoy participating in the Navy’s many traditions,” said **Jennifer Boykin**, president of Newport News Shipbuilding. “They offer us an opportunity to pause and reflect on our daily work and remind the talented shipbuilders and the crew of the important role we all play in something much greater than ourselves—our nation’s defense.

“This tradition also begins a journey and lifelong partnership

between the sponsor and the ship,” Boykin added. “It is said that a sponsor’s spirit becomes part of the ship.”

Susan DiMarco, a retired dentist, community volunteer and wife of former Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson, is the Ship’s Sponsor. She chalked her initials onto a metal plate.

Shipbuilder **Jess Batruk** (X18), who is originally from New Jersey, then traced the initials with a welding torch, signifying the keel of SSN 796 as being “truly and fairly laid.” The metal plate will remain affixed to the ship throughout its life.

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**Newport News
Shipbuilding
Gives**

United Way Campaign Extended



Newport News Shipbuilding's 2019 United Way Campaign has been extended until Friday, March 29. To support this year's effort, shipbuilders should visit nns.YourCause.com. Last week, NNS President **Jennifer Boykin** sent a video to shipbuilders to show how the United Way of the Virginia Peninsula impacts the community. Watch Boykin's video on MyNNS.

New Jersey-Born Welder Authenticates Keel

For **Jess Batruk** (X18), becoming a welder at Newport News Shipbuilding was pretty close to landing a dream job.

“I haven’t been welding for very long, but I love it,” she said. “It’s everything I hoped it would be.”

On Monday, Batruk took center stage when she welded the initials of Ship’s Sponsor Dr. Susan DiMarco onto a metal plate that will be permanently affixed to the keel of *New Jersey* (SSN 796).

Born and raised in New Jersey, Batruk was honored to pay tribute to her home state. “It’s actually really cool. I have a lot of good memories from when I lived in Jersey. It’s a big chapter of my life and who I am,” she said.

Batruk moved to Virginia about six years ago and has been welding at NNS for the past two years. She came into the shipyard through the Virginia Ship Repair Association’s Pre-Hire Career Training Program in marine welding.

“That program is fantastic. It’s a good way to go – especially if you have no prior experience – because they give you the basics. You learn a lot of welding skills in a short period of time,” she said. “It was a good class, and I’m glad I took it because it gave me this opportunity.”

Batruk is proud to support the Navy by playing a part in the construction of *Virginia*-class submarines like *New Jersey*. “I know the sailors who are going to be living on these ships are going to be as safe as they can be with what they do,” she said.

A second-shift employee for her entire career at NNS, Batruk said working at the shipyard is a “thrill.” She’s also grateful for more seasoned welders who have helped her along the way. “There’s always a different challenge, and you’re always learning,” she said.



Welder **Jess Batruk** displays the welded initials of Susan DiMarco, the sponsor of *New Jersey* (SSN 796). Also pictured (left to right) are **Jennifer Boykin**, president of Newport News Shipbuilding; DiMarco; and Cmdr. Joseph Spinks, the submarine’s commanding officer. Photo by **Ashley Cowan**

NNS Authenticates Keel for *New Jersey*

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“I am extremely proud to sponsor the submarine *New Jersey*, named for my home state,” DiMarco said. “My family prides itself on service to our great country, and I am pleased to contribute in this way.”

Jeh Johnson and the couple’s son, Jeh Johnson Jr., who serves in the U.S. Coast Guard, attended the ceremony. Other guests included Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va., Rep. Donald Norcross, D-N.J., and the sub’s commanding officer, Cmdr. Joseph Spinks.

New Jersey is the 23rd *Virginia*-class fast attack submarine. Construction began in March 2016 and is about 42 percent complete. The boat is scheduled for delivery to the Navy in 2021. Watch a highlights video of Monday’s ceremony on MyNNS.

Computer Log-in Changes Delayed

The multi-factor authentication (MFA) enforcement initiative scheduled to begin March 29 has been delayed. When the initiative takes effect, computer users at Newport News Shipbuilding will only be able to log in to company devices using their YubiKey and PIN. Look for more information in upcoming editions of *Currents*.



March is National Nutrition Month

Shipbuilders got a crash course in prepping healthy dinners at a cooking demonstration hosted by BeWell for Life’s registered dietitian nutritionists for National Nutrition Month. To learn about healthy meal prep, nutrition and more, visit www.myquadmedical.com/hii or call (757) 327-4200 to meet with a registered dietitian nutritionist at no cost. Photo by **Matt Hildreth**

Inaugural "Enable Our Workforce" Expo a Success



Newport News Shipbuilding employees filled the sixth floor of Bldg. 520 to learn more about resources and opportunities the company provides during the first "Enable Our Workforce" Expo Tuesday, March 19.

The expo, a joint effort involving NNS' engagement and inclusion and diversity champions, was held in three sessions to accommodate shipbuilders on all shifts. "There was such a great turnout of employees for each session," said **Danyelle Saunders**, the Quality of Life engagement lead for the Operations Division.

Expo attendees visited different exhibitor tables to learn more about a variety of programs and initiatives at NNS – including employee resource groups, parking and transportation, volunteer and leadership training opportunities, the HII Family Health Center and just about everything in between.

Ed Artis (O41) said things that stood out to him included mentoring and leadership training. "They develop you to move up in the company. It's important to me to keep moving up and not be stagnant," he said. Already involved in employee engagement, Artis said he wanted to attend so he could share information about companywide initiatives with coworkers.

Another attendee, **Tamika Lomax** (T54), said she came to see if there was information



Information about a variety of topics, benefits and services was available during the expo. Photo by **Matt Hildreth**

available that relates to her job directly or to the customers she serves in the yard. "You never know what you could find that will help you solve a problem that you currently have or set you up for something in the future," she said.

"There's just so much I didn't know we had," said **Brian Kirkpatrick** (T55), as he left the expo. "I found it very helpful."

Two more "Enable Our Workforce" Expos are planned for this year, including one on June 18 inside the shipyard gates.

"I am looking forward to the impact this will have on our waterfront employees who are not always able to readily access the information being presented by our exhibitors," Saunders said. "I truly believe exposure and awareness is half the battle to improving the quality of life and growth and development of our NNS work family. The approach of our NNSFORWARD Strategy embodies much more than just coming to work and building ships. So the information we are bringing to employees is essential to helping us achieve our business goals."

NNS to Celebrate Earth Day

Newport News Shipbuilding employees will celebrate Earth Day by volunteering to clean up and spread mulch around trees and shrubs at Christopher Newport Park and the Victory Arch area in downtown Newport News. NNS volunteers will also clean the Huntington Park beachfront. The event is planned for Thursday, April 18. The rain date is Friday, April 19.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers will meet at the park next to the cul-de-sac on 26th Street (off West Avenue) at 3:30 p.m. and will receive a 2019 Earth Day T-shirt, reusable bag and certificate of participation. Visit the Environmental Engineering Earth Day website for more information and to download volunteer forms. Volunteer forms should be submitted to **Ebony Webb** (O27) via email or Yardmail to Department O27, Bldg. 79-1. Forms can also be faxed to

688-6007. They must be received by Tuesday, April 16.

NNS' annual Earth Day Coloring Contest kicks off Tuesday, March 26, and runs through April 22 for children – between the ages of 4 and 17 – of Huntington Ingalls Industries employees. Visit the Earth Day website to download and print this year's coloring picture. Each age group winner will receive a 2019 Earth Day T-shirt and a reusable bag. Further coloring contest details are listed at the bottom of the coloring picture.

NNS is also participating in the Virginia Living Museum's Earth Day celebration from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. April 20. Shipbuilders are encouraged to attend with their family and friends and visit the NNS tent.



Young Men in Engineering (YME) mentors from Newport News Shipbuilding meet with mentees from Cradock Middle School in Portsmouth every other week.

Shipbuilders Mentor Portsmouth Students

Every other Thursday afternoon, Newport News Shipbuilding employees trek from the shipyard to Portsmouth's Cradock Middle School. The purpose? To mentor young men and introduce them to career possibilities in STEM fields.

"The kids love it, and we love being there," said **Lewis Fisher** (X46), who leads the Young Men in Engineering or YME program for NNS. "We are grooming the next generation of leaders. We want them to blaze a new trail for inner-city kids to follow."

YME – one of several SEEKnns programs that impact students in local schools – kicked off this school year. Just a few months in, Fisher and other mentors already see progress in the two dozen student participants. "It's crazy how intelligent these kids are. They just need something to click so they can go on to the next level," said YME mentor **Major McNair** (E82).

Employees Can Now Update Education Information in MyHR

In an effort to increase employee self-service, all Newport News Shipbuilding employees can now enter and update education information on their employee profile in MyHR. This change empowers employees to keep their educational information up to date in real time in support of career and other company opportunities. In addition, emergency contact information can be updated by employees.

Employees are reminded that the information entered must be accurate. Falsification of company records (false or misleading information) could result in disciplinary action up to and including termination. Education information for colleges and universities must only include accredited schools. School accreditation can be verified by the U.S. Department of Education at ope.ed.gov/dapip.

For additional assistance with MyHR:

- Visit the MyHR website for more information about the application and its benefits
- Contact the IT Service Desk at 8-HELP for password and log-on questions
- General questions should be sent to MyHR@hii-nns.com

Students and mentors have participated in STEM activities like a duct tape boat-building exercise. They've also toured the campus of Old Dominion University. After activities, participants write journal entries about what they learned and how it will help them moving forward. **Isaac Wigfall** (X47) created an inspirational creed for YME participants.

Beyond academics, mentees talk with mentors about college, the military or even personal situations they face. "Being from Portsmouth, I understand the struggles a lot of these young men face on a daily basis, and I am blessed to be able to give back," said YME mentor **Zach Johnson** (X06).

Jalisa Logan, a technology resource teacher at Cradock, said students look forward to YME mentoring sessions. "I believe in a lot of ways it makes them feel special because someone is interested in them. The time these mentors have taken to do this program is priceless, and I cannot thank them enough for being a part of YME," she said.

Fisher said the ultimate goal is to help develop and bring talent to NNS. "But even if that doesn't happen, helping these kids go from where they are into prosperous careers is excellent," he said.

For more information about YME or other SEEKnns programs, contact **Shauntel Foster** (K01) at 688-0224.

New Huntington Avenue Bridge Opens

The city of Newport News opened the new Huntington Avenue bridge last weekend. However, all pedestrian signals installed as part of the bridge replacement project, which began last summer, will remain in place.

The traffic lights at 42nd Street and Washington Avenue will also remain. Crosswalks that were removed for the project on the north side of 41st Street and Washington Avenue and on the south side of 39th Street and Huntington Avenue will not be reinstalled.

See the Distribution A memo for more information.

AROUND THE YARD

Relay For Life Kickoff is Tuesday

Newport News Shipbuilding's American Cancer Society Relay For Life team will host a campaign kickoff event Tuesday, March 26, from 4:15 until 6 p.m. in Bldg. 520-6 (Executive Dining Room).

In addition to registering for the event, attendees will have the opportunity to network and learn more information about the cause. Relay For Life raises money for cancer research, caregiving assistance and patient lodging while recognizing loved ones and lives lost from cancer.

This is the second year NNS is participating as a sponsor for Relay For Life and the team has a fundraising goal of \$25,000. It is estimated that 1.7 million people in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer this year, and 45,440 of them are in Virginia. Every donation is one step closer to help find a cure and impact a life affected by cancer, hence the team's slogan, "Taking Steps Toward a Cure."

Come join the Relay For Life team at the kickoff event to support their mission and become a part of the team.

Visit www.RelayforLife.org/NNS to register. For more information, contact **Adam Krininger** (PEER M40) at 380-4286.

Apprentice School Store Announces New Hours

Beginning April 2, the Company Store, located in the lobby of The Apprentice School, will be open from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The store stocks Apprentice School, alumni, centennial and Newport News Shipbuilding items.

Apprentice School Establishing Athletic Hall of Fame

Do you know anyone who should be considered for the new Apprentice School Hall of Fame? Email the name of the nominee, contact info of the nominee or nominee's family, and any statistics or athlete's achievements to trotmma@as.edu. Go Builders!



Pictured from left are **Bill Price**, **Bob Schatzel**, **Jack Wright**, **James Osborne**, **Nathan Dolan** and **Matt Needy**. Photo by **Matt Hildreth**

Shipbuilders Steering the Way



James Osborne (K45), **Nate Dolan** (K78) and **Jack Wright** (X18) were recently honored with Level One On-the-Spot Ethics awards for coming to the aid of a fellow shipbuilder who had experienced a medical emergency.

On Jan. 28, Osborne and Dolan were traveling south on Shipyard Drive when they saw a bicyclist lying in the rocks on the side of the road. The two discovered that a medical emergency had caused the shipbuilder to wreck his bicycle and cause further injury. Osborne and Dolan immediately called for an ambulance.

Wright – who knows the injured employee – also came upon the scene and offered further assistance. He helped to keep the employee calm and was able to contact the employee's supervisor and the person he was on his way to meet.

Because of Osborne, Dolan and Wright, the injured employee was able to receive necessary medical attention. **Matt Needy**, vice president of Operations, met with the three shipbuilders, thanked them for their actions and presented their awards.

Blood Drives Planned



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 James Goins.

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*.

DATEBOOK

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

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.

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.

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.

APRIL 24

The L.E.A.R.N. Program will host an after-work presentation on the two-ship buy with **Mike Shawcross**, vice president of *Enterprise* (CVN 80) and CVN 81 Aircraft Carrier Programs, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the VASCIC auditorium. 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.

MAY 4

The 2019 NNS Submarine Golf Classic will be held at 9 a.m. at Cypress Creek Golf Club. This is a four-person Captain's Choice tournament. The cost is \$75 per person (\$300 per team). Tournament proceeds will benefit the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank and the USO of Hampton Roads and Central Virginia. The rain date is June 1. For more information, contact **J Mathews** (X82) at 292-6341 or **Alicia Wonders** (X84) at 688-4145.

MAY 8

Save the date for upcoming Female and Builder (FaB) Talk sessions. A May 8 session will focus on the power of mentorship. An Aug. 21 session will focus on effective communication and a Nov. 13 session will serve as a wrap up for the year. Sessions are from 4 until 5 p.m. at The Apprentice School. Contact **Latasha Jarrett** (O22) at 380-2005 for more information.

SEEKING SHIPBUILDERS

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

Job Title	Req Number	Dept.	Location
Experienced Blaster	26320BR	X33	Newport News
Compensation Analyst 3	29158BR	O23	Newport News
Compensation Analyst 4	29159BR	O23	Newport News
iDS Collaborative Environment, Information Governance Lead/Engineer Systems Architect 2	28186BR	X57	Newport News
iDS Business Process/Engineer Systems Architect 3	28190BR	X57	Newport News
iDS ERP Information Governance Lead/Engineer Systems Architect 3	28182BR	X57	Newport News
iDS PLM Information Governance Lead/Engineer Systems Architect 3	28183BR	X57	Newport News
IDS IT Software Engineer 5	25377BR	T55	Newport News
IDS IT Systems Engineer 2	25595BR	T55	Newport News
IDS Systems Engineer 4	26287BR	T55	Newport News
Industrial Control PLC Programmer	26431BR	E44	Newport News
Engineer Electrical 3	28008BR	E13	Newport News
Engineer Systems Test 4 - WESEEA Technical Lead	27340BR	E25	Newport News
Nuclear Procedure Writer Engineer 3	24606BR	E84	Newport News
Quality Engineer/Software Engineer 3	25661BR	E44	Newport News

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 for more information.



EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Congratulations

to all first quarter Excellence in Action honorees. These individuals are leading the way in customer satisfaction, leadership, continuous improvement and operational excellence across all areas of the company.

Through efforts of employees like those listed below, Newport News Shipbuilding will achieve its goal of transforming the business for the next decade and beyond to be the safest, most efficient and innovative workplace possible. Well done honorees!

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT SUCCESS PROJECTS

iDS Mobility Device Deployment Process Improvement

Jeffrey Speight, O35; Steven Andrews, T56;
Tammy Dogan, T51; Donna Jessup, K47;
Felicia Ceasor, X51; Robert Powell Jr., X51
Nominator: Ronald Teixeira

MultiFactor Authentication

Kathleen Wilkins, T54; Cedrick Short, T51;
Charles Thompson, T54; Matthew Hayes, T54;
Deshawn Jones, T54; Darren Murray, T54;
Michael Lajoie, T54; Lakay Neale, T51;
Sarah Nadeau, T54; William Vaughan, T54;
Robert Raines, T56 Nominator: Tom Jones

SFA Digital Gallup Survey Team

Heather Smith, O44; Raven Brooks, X10;
Roxanne Hoyer, X10; Shineka Dixon, E41;
Christine Schaffner, O44; Melvin Bradshaw Jr., O96;
Tracy Hall, X10; Michael Cunneen, X10;
Kimberly Gibson, O44; Alan Clark Jr., K51;
Kimberly Ludwig, X10; Kendra Patterson, O44;
Lavonya Washington, X10; Dakota Cunningham, K49;
David McKetney, T54 Nominator: Karen Pfeifer

SUPSHIP Access to COGNOS Business System Reports in the NNS MCE

Zoltan Molnar, O19; Thomas Carlough, O19;
Victoria Doheny, T56; Guy Manicone, O79;
James Ozment, O79; Michael Thomas, T56;
Chris Goush, O55; Kendra Queeney, O55;
Paul Lentz, T5; Melonie Fluet, T53;
Kendal Felix, T53; Brandon Simmons, O55;
Sherry Maclay, X48; Jefferson Teller, X48
Nominator: Charles Dalrymple

O79 Manning Database Replacement

Gene Crawford, K51; Steven Hanke, X48
Nominator: Michael Brown

Radioactive Waste/Material Shipping and Disposal Improved Cycle Times

Roneisha Moore, X42; William Young, X42;
John Cummings III, E81; Tyler Smith, E81;
Franklin Sullivan, E85; George Wynn, X42;
David Smith, E85; James Young, E81;
Earl Hammock, X73; Marc Santarsiero, E81;
James Savage, X42; Rickey Williams, X42;
Tiffanee Navarro, E81; Mitch Montgomery, E81;
Steven Clark Jr., X73; Ronald Reavis, E85;
Robert Stacy, X42; Patrick Souliere, E81;
Mike Denny, E81 Nominator: Thresa-Jan Nelson

Installation of the Hull Mounted Enclosure to Support S8GP Refueling Complex

Roland Greene, E82; David Tucker, E82;
James Hyde, E82; Thomas Keen, E82;
Jeffrey Wood, O68; Andrew Watts, E82;
Matthew Riddick, E82; James Cleary, O68
Nominator: Paul Laroche

Classified Brief with State and Federal Officials

Jesse Wolford, O56; Douglas Wolkowich, E85;
Leonard Rossi, E85; Rodney Jones, E85;
Jason Wright, E85; Teresa Benefield, E85;
Michael Dorsey Jr., E85; Sean Judge, E85;
Marcus Hart, E85; Emanuel Willis, E85;
Neil Smith, E85; Amanda Leahy, E85
Nominator: Jonathan Calma

VMB Wardroom/Stateroom 1 Pilot

Joseph Stinson, K46; Heinz Trulley, K46;
Michael Mabus, K46; Ricky Austin, X84;
Robert Kitchin, X84; Shenika Alexander, O93;
Isaac Wigfall, X47; Joseph Traynham, K46;
Robin Lynn Truman, O93; Rachel Johnson, X71;
Casey Morrison III, O93; Ashanti Bridge, K46;
Ryan Herington, K46; Michael Griffith, K46;
Yong Richardson, K46; Dwayne Alcock, X82
Nominator: Gerald Johnson

SFS USS Columbus (SSN 762) Reporting

George Herring, O76; Steven Grizzle, O76
Nominator: Alvin Whitlow

Oily Waste Treatment Facilities Upgrades to Accept JP5

Walter Gresham, O46; Richard Collier, X78;
Richard Sherman, O46; Gilbert Vetere, O46;
Dwain Jenkins Jr., O27; John Liechti, O46;
Donald Ogburn, O46; James Malady, O46;
Kevin Greene, X47; Gary Chenkin, O46
Nominator: Valerie Bentley

Direct Vent Delivery on USS John F. Kennedy (CVN 79)

Shavon Gary, O53; Kenneth Cossett, O53;
Lagena Moore, O53; Ashley Shortt, O51;
Christina Coltrain, X46; Thomas Hill, X32;
Lindsey Schaefer, X46; Donta Sharpe, X46
Nominator: Roger Lowman

Work Certification Centering Discussion Development (VCS and KS)

Darrell Smith, O04; Richard Pierce, O39;
Michael Jaroma, O04; William Mckenna, O04;
Camden West, E82; Michael Hiner, E84;
Christopher Gearhart, O04; Trevor Nixon, E84;
Calvin Wright, O39 Nominator: Kari Conklin

Foundry Casting Drawing Improvement Project for Virginia Class Submarines

James Noffsinger, E47; Bradley Welliver, E47;
Brandon Cash, 572; John Binns IV, 572;
Darryl Trautner, 572; Nathan Singleton, E47;
David Strautmman, E47
Nominator: Kenton Meland

DECKPLATE SUCCESS PROJECTS

Hull Mounted Enclosure to S8G Welding

Cody Ramos, X09; Kecia Taylor, O96;
Matthew Butler, X73; Jonnathan Wilson, X09;
Emmanuel Johnson, X11; Tony Guarino, O96;
Larry White Jr., X11; Dennis Highsmith, X11;
Michael Graham, X18; Antonio Turner, X18;
Brian Cook, X09; Devon Plesser, X09;
Adam Demm, X09; Nicholas Zaza, X09;
Scott Bailey, X09; John Posson, X09; Colin
Tschantret, X09; Lester Blauvelt, X09;
Josiah Schmid, X09; Adam Passione, X09
Nominator: Timothy Alexander

Clean Test Source Tube and Inspect Test Source

Leland Beale III, E81; Henry Beale, K48; Kevin Nguyen, E85; Monte Walden, X73; Mark Buttolph, E81; Ronnie Sightler Jr., X43; Ernest Brooks, X43; Jason Wright, E85; William Mallory, E85; John Wiggins, E81; Emanuel Willis, E85; Susanna Simmons, E85; Dylan Bell, X43 Nominator: Julie Lane

USS John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) Sponson Unit 7444A Assembly Team

William Philpott Jr, X10; Maxwell Crenshaw III, X10; Nathan Hassell, X10; Eric Shirley, X10; Edward Doherty, X10; Roger Woods, X21; Ronald Hall, X36; Robin Wolfe, X36; Eric Vargas, X36; Bryant Heath, X36; Oscar Deloatch, X18; Leon Walston, X18; Thomas Morse, X11; Monteo Auston, X11; Covert Sutton, X36; Derek May, X11; Gregory Iannuzzi, X11; Prentice Douglas, X18; Gregory Edge, X18; Ronard Bailey, X18; Matthew Rymer, X18; Curtis Hamlin Jr, X18; Austin Gower, X18; Rudy Rhodes, X18; William Boggs, X18 Nominator: William Weaver

USS John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) Sponson Unit 7313A Construction Team

Dave Philpott, X10; Maxwell Crenshaw III, X10; Joshua Kampsen, X10; Nolan Dandridge, X10; Dondrae Hunter, X10; James Insley, X36; Tony Edmonds, X36; Michael Brumfield, X11; Jkori Copes, X11; Wayne Jennings, X11; Walter Pozo, X11; Steven Greenwell, X11; Bryce Schiflett, X11; Schley Young, X11; Richard Blake, X11; Christopher Paterson, X18; William Nixon, X18; Dedrick Williams, X18; Frederick Hunt IV, X18; Christopher Munn, X18; Patrick Tompkins, X18; Sean Erwin, X18; Roger Woods, X21; Nathan Hassell, X10; Travis Benson, X36 Nominator: William Weaver

USS Helena (SSN 725) Ships Force Facility

Sidney Nesmith III, X36; Torrence Barham, O46; John Potts, X36; Michael Doggett Jr., O46; Michael Wallace, O46; Kevin Epps, X36; Jonathan Marshall, O46; James Harris, X36; Adam Green, O41; Tanner Harper, O46; Aaron Holloway, O46; Brian Faulk, O46; Ernest Peele, X36; Michael Rogan, O46; Kevin Averette, X36; Bryan Ransom, O43; Philip Nelson, O43; Joshua Kinder, O41; Hunter Stormer, X36 Nominator: Richard Paquette

USS George Washington (CVN 73) Priority Vent Assemblies

Michael Monday, X32; Sherelle Thomas, X32; Brandon Hunt, M40; Robert Talton, X32; Meredith Holland, X32; Jessie Patton, X32; Justin Davis, X32; Thomas Steele Jr., X32; John Forrest Jr., X32; Linwood Faulk, X32 Nominator: Mark Davis

USS George Washington (CVN 73) RPSW Repair Team

Jalen Jones Sykes, X42; Joseph Mammano, X42; Donnie Britt, X18; Timothy O Sullivan, O22; Stephen Cottle, K45; Eric Schmidt, X42; Lynwood Collier, X18; Brent Bunn, X42 Nominator: Gary Miller

WSQ-9 POD Removal in Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard on USS Columbia (SSN 771)

Michael Stephenson, K48; Wayne Schubert, X18; Rodney Powell, X42; Wayne Thurnher, K48; Bryan Bailey, X18; Ashford Ellison Jr., X42; Robert Hicks Jr., X36; George Godfrey Jr., X36; Roger Oberst, X11; Joseph Roy Jr., X36; Michael Jones, X11; Terry Stevens, X11 Nominator: James Ozmer Jr.

EMI Filter Replacement

Alan Varney, X31; Stanley Pearson Jr., K48; Amondo Hall, X31 Nominator: Thomas Reap

Blasting of Inner Bottom Tanks

Theodore Bryant Jr., K47; Hosea Brown, X33; Christopher Lambert, X33; Frederick Oyeboode, X33; Breon Nixon, X33 Nominator: Tony Wilkerson

Pre-Staging To Support 9A/9B Joining

Lionel Whitehead, X36; Bryan Stewart-Jones, X36; James Adams, X36; Kenneth Mustard, X36; Allen Andrews, X36; Malik Harris, X36; Mark Malone, X36; James West, X36; Joseph Braxton IV, X36; Keyshan Williams, X36; Spenser Pignatelli, X36 Nominator: John Wagoner

Pallet Recycling Program

Shelton Perkins, O53; Kenneth Bell, O53; Robert Prout Jr., O53; Courtland Myles, O53 Nominator: Valerie Smith

EXECUTE EFFICIENTLY

Side Protection Foam - Conformance Testing

Leonard Wilson, M71; Michael Luck, M71; Lenora Harper, O31; William West Jr., M71; Jason Smith, O31; Gordon Ware, O31; George Lafrance Jr., M71; Jeff Cooper, O31; Steve Jones, O31 Nominator: David Conley

VCS RC Deck Translation Instrumentation Enhancement

Matthew Player, E25; Jordan Romecki, E25 Nominator: Michael Wallace

NNDDMS Replacement

Bryan Prince, T55; William Spracklin Jr., T55; Donald Stuart, T56; Benjamin Phillips, K49; George Riddick Jr., O14; Margaret Laubach, O14; Raymond Conyers, O14; Donald Carter, O14; TC Tennial, O14; Eric Goolsby, O14 Nominator: Michael Kush

30 Responses in December

Dalphine Hazell, O06; Asha Adkins, O06; Nicole Lawrence, O31; James Dimaggio, O06; Andre Carter, O06; Ifeoluwa Shorunke, O06; Derrick Hall, O06; Andrew Ferguson, O06; Jacob Sorenson, O06 Nominator: Dennis Perry III

TFW Planning Support for Fabrication/ Pipe Bending for Navy Program Ships

Aaron Pierson, K78; Rishard Robertson, K78; Nathan Dolan Jr., K78

Nominator: Susan Sampson

USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78)

Advanced Weapons Elevators Wireless Communications System

Terrance Ricks, E56; Douglas Mintz, E02; Christopher Keene, E73; William Marshall II, E56; Brian Zechmeister, E73; David Brelsford, E56; Jennifer Ammentorp, E56; Marie Lawson, E73; Dhendwiella Geneville, E83 Nominator: Kirt Kerr

In-Plant Equipment; Internal Protection (Dust/Rat Proofing Methods)

Jason Roberto, E63; Christopher Hernandez, K47; Robert Hobbs, X51 Nominator: Kendall Morgan

GROW THE BUSINESS BASE

MTS 635 and 626 Inactivation Concept Study and Cost Estimation

James Calabrese, X72; Richard Wiatt, X73; Kenneth Meyers, E82; Mark Vance, O41; Scott Brubaker, O41; John Anderson, X36; Nicholas Marickovich, E42; Lisa Kominsky, E81; Michael Gorenc, E81; Steven Robnett, O19; Paul Taylor, E47; Donald Brinkley II, X44; William Drewry, X44; Donald Heberling Jr, E03 Nominator: Michael Smith

EIA LEADERSHIP PROJECTS

VCS MIP/HT Test Procedure Adjudication to Support USS Delaware (SSN 791) Float-off

Steven White, K46; William Blomstrom, E25; Jonathan Retzbach, E25; Gary Leonard Jr., E26; Illichris Gordon, K48; Sean Bresnan, E06 Nominator: Kevin Wheeler

LEAD THE WAY

iDS Initiative in Manufacturing - MX Trailer Tours

Joseph Poplin, O53; Charlie Butler, O54; Linda Carrithers, K51; Stephen Johnson, O54; Gregory Jordan, O54; William Bruff Jr., O54; Michael Arden, X10; Alan Clark Jr., K51; Ronald Teixeira, T56; Kimberly Ludwig, X10; Joshua Buchanan, K49; Matthew Corl-Cox, O54; Claissa Riley, T52; Keith Burse, O54; Karen Deal, O34; Sanders Collins, O25 Nominator: Joseph Robertson Jr.

ENABLE OUR WORKFORCE

General Foreman, James Jones, Helps Employee in Need

James Jones, K47 Nominator: Timothy Slade

X33D Team Quality

Janel Gomes, X33; Brent Wiggins, K47; Lee Beamon, X33; Charles Pierce, X33; Thomas Vargas, X33; James Adams, X33; Aaron Jackson, K47; Orlando Negron, X33; Leon Birchette, X33 Nominator: Jon Monge

Lifting and Handling Quality Team

Ronald Goodwin Jr., X36; Andrew Williams, O69; Richard King, O69; Richard West, O69; Joseph Bruce, O69; James Grant Jr., O69; Benford Hunter, O69 Nominator: Alonzo Smith

O45 On Boarding Processing

Timothy Warnick, O45; Christopher Pearson, O45; Charles Owusu, O45; William Pope, O45; Theodore Wiggins Jr., O19; Michael Shelton, O45; Shavonda Holland, O45; Robert Hansford, O45; Brittanie Herriott, O45; Stanley Bland Jr., O45 Nominator: Ahmad High

TRANSFORM BUSINESS OPERATIONS

X21 Production Control Use of Big Blast

Ashley Mills, X21; Jonathan Strozky, X21; Edgar Douglas, X21; Neil Rosenbaum, X21; Kyle Mutter, X21; Laquasha Edwards, X21; Nicolette Freeman, X21; Julian Lawson, X21 Nominator: Edward Brown Jr.

Additively Manufactured Casting Patterns to Resolve Obsolescence

Donald Northway, A572; James Carter, E83; Harry Knepp, A572; Brian Shields, E83; Brett Carson, E83; Ronald Bishop, M71; Matthew Wright, E83; Angelo Cochenour, E83; Mark Bixby, A572; Floyd Revelle, A572; Zachary Hudgins, M71; Marc Morotini, A572; Peter Watson, A572; Lloyd Outten, E83;

Ashley Stachura, M71; Carter Almquist, A572 Nominator: Mark Madler

Fairbanks Morse Engine Negotiation Team CVN80/81

Carrie Clark, O51; Jerry Kaczmarczyk, K22; Kenneth Kane, O51 Nominator: Julie Menna

BOE Process Development and Execution for CVN80/81

Samantha Wyatt, K22; Needham Jones III, O19; Sharon Hardy, X47; Michael Urbaniak, O19; Jerry Kaczmarczyk, K22; Latasha Delaney, O55; Jonathan Morris, O19; Michael Nelson, O19; James Miller IV, K22; Edward Wilczynski Jr., O19 Nominator: Karen Enos