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PEER Program participants Jessica Watkins, left, and Nicole Radcliff work together on a project. Photo by Matt Hildreth

## PEER Program Offers Unique Opportunities



**Jessica Watkins** (O97 PEER) started her career at Newport News Shipbuilding right out of college, working in the Information Technology division. After a couple of years at NNS, Watkins was curious about expanding her knowledge in other areas of the shipyard.

That's when she decided to apply for the Professional Enhancement and Enrichment Rotation (PEER) Program, which allows shipbuilders to complete four six-month rotations in departments across NNS. The two-year program is open to salaried individual contributors and includes mentoring.

"It's scary in a good way. The PEER Program is a great opportunity to take a step back from what is familiar and see the bigger picture of the company," Watkins said. "I think that's a beneficial experience for anyone."

Now on her third rotation, Watkins is grateful for the knowledge she has gained and the relationships she has built across NNS. Shipbuilders request departments they would like to work in before each of the four rotations. The participants are not guaranteed the slots that they request, but the PEER Program Office works closely with every participant and host manager to ensure mutually beneficial rotations.

"The whole point of going into the program was to gain exposure. It didn't really matter to me where I went. Even if I didn't get my first or second choice, I was going to go into that rotation with an open mind, see how I could make a difference and try to learn as much as I could," Watkins said.

## Save the Date: NNS Family Day May 18

Newport News Shipbuilding is hosting an event for shipbuilders and their families on Saturday, May 18. Look for more details in upcoming editions of *Currents* and on the NNS to Go app.

Shipbuilders who are interested in volunteering during Family Day should visit [nns.huntingtoningalls.com/family-day-2019-volunteers](https://nns.huntingtoningalls.com/family-day-2019-volunteers).

## Annual Enrollment Benefits Fairs Coming Next Week



Benefits annual enrollment for Newport News Shipbuilding employees is April 22 through May 3.

Shipbuilders are invited to attend annual enrollment fairs next week to learn about benefit options, talk with 401(k) representatives and review the Tobacco Free Incentive Program.

This year, United Steelworkers, guards and salaried employees enrolled in a Huntington Ingalls Industries medical plan must update their tobacco-use status to "tobacco-free" to receive savings of \$660 on their annual medical insurance premium starting July 1.

Benefits fairs are held next week in Bldg. 520-6 (James River Room).

Benefits fairs for salaried employees:

- Monday, April 15  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 16  
7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Benefits fairs for hourly employees:

- Wednesday, April 17  
6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursday, April 18  
6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Management-approved PTO/flex is required during scheduled work hours. For questions, call the NNS benefits office at 380-2268.



Shipbuilders completed a turn-ship evolution for USS *Gerald R. Ford* (CVN 78) in March. Photo by **Matt Hildreth**

## Ford (CVN 78) Post-Delivery Work Continues

Newport News Shipbuilding continues to make progress on post-delivery work on USS *Gerald R. Ford* (CVN 78). In March, shipbuilders completed a major milestone – a turn-ship evolution – in support of propulsion plant, main engine and dock trial testing.

During the turn-ship evolution, shipbuilders from Waterfront Support Services (X36) worked to remove and install mooring lines and to direct the maneuvers through the docking pilot, Capt. **Allen Sutton**. After the evolution, shipbuilders had to reset a number of temporary services to the ship – including water, sewer, phones, the fire main and other specialized services for the propulsion plant.

“During ship movement, the main objective is the safety of the ship, crew and workforce. Working with the crew to schedule and integrate all the events is imperative to an important event going smoothly. Failure is never an option,” said X78 Construction Supervisor **Rick Collier**. “Our diverse team of NNS engineers and trades knocked it out of the park.”

Work on *Ford* is progressing toward sea trials and redelivery to the U.S. Navy later this year.

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The experience has helped Watkins visualize where NNS is headed and how different departments are so often intertwined. “Building a network and having other people to reach out to and collaborate with on different things has been great. Being able to collaborate is a huge success factor for our company,” she said.

At the end of the two-year rotation, PEER Program participants can choose to return to their home department – their positions are not filled during the rotation – or transfer permanently to one of their rotation stops or apply elsewhere in the company.

Shipbuilders who are interested in the PEER Program can attend an open house from 4 until 6 p.m. Monday, April 15, 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. Visit the PEER Program website for more information.

## NNS to Observe Workers' Memorial Day April 26

Each year, Workers' Memorial Day serves as an opportunity to remember and honor workers who have lost their lives, been injured or become ill on the job. In addition to the commemoration and mourning that is associated with this day, Workers' Memorial Day gives Newport News Shipbuilding employees an opportunity to recommit to making the shipyard as safe and healthful as possible for all workers.

This year, NNS will observe Workers' Memorial Day on Friday, April 26, with three ceremonies to allow employees on all shifts to participate:

- 6:30 a.m. in the roadway near Bldg. 1748 (North Yard)
- Noon in the roadway between the Modular Outfitting Facility (MOF) and the Supplemental Modular Outfitting Facility (SMOF)
- 4 p.m. in the roadway between the MOF and SMOF

Employees attending the 6:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. ceremonies will be able to use X job order 8105 for their travel and attendance to the ceremony. Employees attending the noon ceremony are able to use this job order for their travel time.

## Blood Drives Planned

Leading up to the Workers' Memorial Day ceremonies, Newport News Shipbuilding and the American Red Cross are hosting two in-yard blood drives in honor of the late James Goins, a longtime shipbuilder.

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 (688-7060).





About 50 Newport News Shipbuilding employees volunteered at the *FIRST* Robotics Chesapeake District Hampton Roads Competition.

## Shipbuilders Contribute to *FIRST* Robotics Success



Newport News Shipbuilding was once again the proud sponsor of the *FIRST* Robotics Chesapeake District Hampton Roads Competition held March 16 and 17 at Churchland High School in Portsmouth.

NNS provided approximately 50 volunteers, contributing over 3,500 hours of support to the two-day event. **Charles Southall**, vice president of Engineering and Design, kicked off the competition, which also featured words of encouragement from U.S. Rep. Bobby Scott. Doris Blanchard, a NASA human computer, visited the event and took photos with the teams.

## NNS Seeks Research Proposals

Do you have a project idea for Research and Development? Newport News Shipbuilding has begun a continuous call for proposals. Ideas can now be submitted by visiting the R&D Ideation website. The current campaign is for National Shipbuilding Research Program (NSRP) ideas and will run through May 31. Any research ideas that support reduced total ownership cost, improved quality, enhanced workforce excellence, increased materials and process commonality, and identification of best practices should be submitted for the NSRP funding consideration.

Information regarding this solicitation, specific focus areas and the research announcement summary proposals format can be found at [www.nsrp.org](http://www.nsrp.org) within the Proposal Preparation Kit. For more information or for assistance in submitting an idea, contact **Elmer Dickens** (E32) at 688-9079.

"Newport News employees did a fantastic job of filling key volunteer positions, including volunteer coordinator, student ambassador training, and even game announcer," said Leighann Scott Boland, executive director, *FIRST* Chesapeake. A Hampton Roads team, Blackwater Robotics from Franklin High School, was the event winner.

Volunteers and mentors are critical to the program's success, said volunteer co-coordinator **Lewis Fisher** (X46). "I love volunteering and mentoring for *FIRST* and NNS because *FIRST* gives kids around the world a level playing field. I see kids that grew up in conditions like myself, who have an opportunity to change their future by learning about STEM and the sacrifices needed to prepare to change the world as a whole," he said.

**Chris Garrity** (E73), also a volunteer co-coordinator, echoed some of the same sentiments. "*FIRST* has lit the path to STEM for these students and has shown me dedicated and inspired mentors from all different backgrounds. That for me is just awesome," he said.

*FIRST* (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a national program that designs innovative programs that build science and technology skills in the next generation of innovators and engineers. Shipbuilders who would like to volunteer their time or find out how to help should contact **Chris Garrity** at 688-0432 or **Lewis Fisher** at 688-4761.



Pictured from left are Justin Sleigher, Jennifer Boykin, Brandi Smith and Donnell Gilchrist.

**Justin Sleigher** (X67) and **Donnell Gilchrist** (O39) shared with Boykin the impact of the new vision.

"Donnell and I shared how the vision has impacted the individual team members bringing unity across many quality control departments, and the overall impact of how the message is influencing quality awareness across the waterfront," Sleigher said.

Gilchrist said he was grateful for the opportunity to share the vision with Boykin.

"Teams around the shipyard have embraced our new vision and are wearing their quality hoodies proudly," he said.

## Quality Control Presents Vision to Boykin



Members of Newport News Shipbuilding's Quality Control team recently met with NNS President **Jennifer Boykin** to present their new vision: "Quality, everyone owns it, we protect it."

## Shipbuilder Walks for Son in Relay For Life

Relay For Life brings communities like Newport News Shipbuilding together to remember loved ones lost to cancer, honor survivors and raise money to help the American Cancer Society make a global impact.

**Maggie Yarborough** (O58) is participating with NNS' team for the first time this year. However, she isn't new to Relay For Life, participating in Virginia Beach for years in honor of her son, Christopher.

After graduating from college in 2005 and starting a new job, Christopher noticed a lump in his throat. He disregarded it after passing a physical exam required by his new job. However, the lump became more noticeable and Christopher reluctantly went to the hospital. After prescribed antibiotics failed to treat the issue, Christopher requested a biopsy. At 24, he was diagnosed with papillary thyroid cancer.

"I was petrified," Yarborough said. "The cancer was aggressive and had spread to Christopher's vocal cords, nerves, esophagus and lymphatic system." Eventually, a discouraged Yarborough sought the expertise of physicians at Duke Cancer Center. After numerous radiation treatments, three surgeries and two unique radioactive pills, Christopher has surpassed the 10-year cancer-free mark and has resumed status quo – he got married and is a senior manager at his job.

In addition to walking for Christopher, Yarborough participates in Relay For life to raise awareness. According to the American Cancer Society, 1 in 3 people will probably develop cancer. Yarborough believes early detection is vital. "Cancer does not discriminate by age, and if there is a lump that isn't supposed to be there, get it checked out," she said.

"Annual physicals and tests are for everyone at every age. I encourage my friends, co-workers, and family to get their annual exams. I also encourage my co-workers to take advantage of the free health screenings provided by our company," she said. "I want people to put their health on the front burner and not the back."



Maggie Yarborough with her son, Christopher, who fought an aggressive form of cancer.

Yarborough's slogan, "Newport News Shipbuilding: Taking Steps for a Cure," was voted the official slogan for the NNS Relay For Life team.

The 2019 Relay for Life on the Peninsula takes place on May 17 at Tabb High School. To register for this event with the NNS team, visit [www.RelayForLife.org/NNS](http://www.RelayForLife.org/NNS) or contact **Adam Krininger** (PEER M40) at 534-2652.



## Plant Operations Supports United Way

Plant Operations (O46) supported Newport News Shipbuilding's recent United Way campaign with a penny war competition. Department Manager **Buzz Halleen** engaged in competition with his General Foremen **Valerie Bentley**, **Michael Romanelli**, **David Crews**, **Mike Wallace** and **Jesse Cartwright**. Each person had a jar to collect donations. Coins equaled positive points and bills were negative points. The loser would get a pie in the face. After three weeks, the department raised a total of \$278.13 for United Way. There was a tie between all of the general foremen, with Halleen coming in last and earning pies in the face.

## Remember USS *Thresher*

Wednesday, April 10, marks 56 years since the tragic sinking of USS *Thresher*. On April 10, 1963, *Thresher* commenced a deep dive test as part of the submarine's sea trials. At approximately 9:15 a.m., communications with the submarine were lost and all 129 officers, crew, shipyard workers and civilians aboard.

An investigation concluded the loss of *Thresher* was likely due to a casting, piping or welding failure that flooded the engine room with water, causing electrical and power failures and the eventual

loss of the boat. Although *Thresher* was not built by Newport News Shipbuilding, its somber anniversary is a time to reflect on the importance of first-time quality.

At 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, the shipyard's whistle will sound. Shipbuilders are asked to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the men who lost their lives in service to the United States – and reflect on ways to ensure the first-time quality of all NNS products and processes.



## AROUND THE YARD

### Natural Gas Project to Impact North Yard April 10

Virginia Natural Gas will purge its new pipeline from River Road to Outfitting Birth (OB) 2 in the North Yard during second shift Wednesday, April 10. The work is in support of the natural gas conversion of the *Nancy Lee* steam barge.

The purging is expected to take 15 minutes and will be performed when wind conditions are favorable. Traffic will be closed temporarily through the south side of OB 2 and the north end of OB 1. A 100-foot radius will be established, and the area will be roped and monitored. Driving and hot work will be prohibited in the affected zone during purging.

After purging is complete, Virginia Natural Gas will odorize the pipe, which will disperse the common “rotten egg” smell associated with natural gas into the line. The odorizing will affect the area from the southwest end of Dry Dock 12 to the north side of the OB 1 Spud Barge, and from the river to the west end of Bldg. 1745.

The odorizing will not present any risk. However, personnel working in these areas will notice a natural gas odor and noise associated with the process during purging. See the Distribution A memo for more information and to view a map of affected areas.

### Virginia Musical Theatre Tickets Available

Newport News Shipbuilding is sponsoring the Virginia Musical Theatre’s production of “Sister Act” April 26-28 at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts in Virginia Beach. As part of the sponsorship, free tickets are available to shipbuilders for Friday (April 26) at 8 p.m.; Saturday (April 27) at 2 p.m.; Saturday (April 27) at 8 p.m.; and Sunday (April 28) at 2:30 p.m.

Employees interested in free tickets should complete the ticket request form on the NNS to Go app. Two tickets will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Employees selected to receive tickets will be notified by the Communications Division via email with instructions on how to pick up their tickets. NNS employees not selected to receive free tickets still qualify for a \$20 discount off the regular ticket price.

For tickets and more information, contact the Sandler Center Box Office at (757) 340-5446.

### ManTech Call for Proposals

New research and development ideas are always welcome and can be submitted by visiting the Research and Development website. The current campaign, which is for manufacturing technology (ManTech) proposals, is scheduled to run through May 17. Any research ideas that support improvements in manufacturing cost, schedule and safety should be submitted for ManTech funding consideration. For questions or assistance in submitting ideas, contact **Tammy Rossi** (E30) at 688-4664.

### NNS to Celebrate Earth Day

Newport News Shipbuilding employees will celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up and spreading mulch around trees and shrubs. The event is planned for Thursday, April 18. The rain date is Friday, April 19.

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 an Earth Day T-shirt, reusable bag and a certificate of participation. Visit the Environmental Engineering Earth Day website for more information and to download volunteer forms. Forms should be submitted to **Ebony Webb** (O27) by April 16 via email or Yardmail to Department O27, Bldg. 79-1. Forms can also be faxed to 688-6007.

NNS’ annual Earth Day Coloring Contest continues through April 22 for children of Huntington Ingalls Industries employees. Visit the Earth Day website to download and print this year’s coloring picture. Shipbuilders also are invited to the Virginia Living Museum’s Earth Day celebration from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. April 20.



### Twenty Shipbuilders Complete Facilitation 101

Twenty employees successfully completed Newport News Shipbuilding’s Facilitation 101 course March 20. The course teaches the skills necessary for anyone who leads meetings, coordinates teams or manages projects.

Employees interested in future training sessions can enroll in the course through the Learning Exchange (LX) by using keyword search “facilitation” or contacting **Maya Archer** (X51) at 380-4647. Seating is limited to the first 20 registrants. Supervisor permission is required.

There are three remaining sessions scheduled for 2019.

Pictured are **Jason Jaques** (X51), **John M. Weideman** (E47), **Stacy Allmond** (K23), **Erin Joseph** (K23), **Tony Woodrum** (X57), **Charmaine Smith** (O04), **Jacob Rogers** (X51), **Aysis Blackley** (O35), **Quinn Williams** (O51), **Gladys O. Smith** (X51), **Tysheka Simpson** (K23), **David Daley** (X57), **Adam Levenson** (E44), **Carla Minett** (K07), **Nicole Ellis** (O51), **Rachel Biehl** (X51), **Julia Farrant** (O96), **Geoffrey Van Gelder** (O96), **Felicia Ceasor** (X51) and **Thelma Pierce** (E49). Photo by **Maya Archer** (X51)

## DATEBOOK

### 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](mailto:PEERProgram@hii-nns.com) with your name, department, phone number and learn at lunch date.

### APRIL 10

Attend an information session from 4 until 5:30 p.m. in Classroom 303 in The Apprentice School about MBA programs for working professionals offered by William & Mary's Raymond A. Mason School of Business. Register at [www.wmflexmba2.eventbrite.com](http://www.wmflexmba2.eventbrite.com). For more information, contact **Latasha Jarrett** (O22) at 380-2005.

### 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](http://www.hrfoodbank.org) from a home computer.

### APRIL 11 AND 25

The "Spear and Gear" Toastmasters Club will host a meeting from 4:45 to 5:45 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 16

The deadline to apply to the Huntington Ingalls Industries Scholarship Fund for the 2019-2020 school year is 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 16. Individual amounts will range from \$1,500 annually for a two-year college or vocational program to \$3,000 per year for selected students enrolled in a four-year program. The fund also awards scholarships of up to \$3,000 toward pre-K school readiness education costs. Visit [www.huntingtoningalls.com/scholarship](http://www.huntingtoningalls.com/scholarship) to learn more about the program and access application links.

### APRIL 23

Is retirement in your future? Attend the Retirement Readiness class from SmartPath for tips and tricks you can use today. Classes are offered at noon in Bldg. 520-6 (James River Room) and 4:30 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. PTO/flex is required during scheduled work hours.

### 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](mailto: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

Attend a Female and Builder (FaB) Talk session titled "the Power of Mentorship" at 4 p.m. at The Apprentice School (Second Floor, Student Commons). The event will include a leadership panel to share experiences, provide guidance and answer questions. Shipbuilders will have the opportunity to openly discuss upward mobility in the shipyard and how they can help increase female representation in management development programs in the company. The FaB Talk is open to all NNS employees. To RSVP, visit [fabtalk.eventbrite.com](http://fabtalk.eventbrite.com). For more information, contact **Latasha Jarrett** (O22) at 380-2005.

### JUNE 1

The Hampton Roads chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation will host a golf tournament at Sleepy Hole Golf Course. NNS' Contracts and Pricing Department is supporting this community event to help find a cure for Type 1 diabetes. There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start with a four-person Captain's Choice format. The cost is \$80 per person. Price includes green fees, cart, unlimited range balls, post tournament awards and dinner. Contact **Steve Speight** (O19) at 380-7381 for more information.



## Office Madness Tournament

The E86 Engagement Team recently held its second office madness Nerf basketball shoot-out tournament. Thirty-two teams consisting of two players each competed in the single-elimination games.

Each player had 30 seconds to score as many points as possible. The team with the highest combined score moved on to the next round. The final four teams had two exciting match-ups, and the winners of those games competed head-to-head for the title.

**Matt Thomas** and **Angelo Patillo** of Team " \_ " won the championship after a sudden death elimination over Team "McDouble" members **Kevin McNeill** and **Jon Harley**.

## SEEKING SHIPBUILDERS

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

Job Title	Req Number	Dept.	Location
CNC Machinist	24205BR	M53	Newport News
Experienced Structural Welder	28468BR	X18	Newport News
Quality Analyst 4	26803BR	K93	Newport News
Industrial Control PLC Programmer	26431BR	E44	Newport News
SAP Basis Administrator 2	28048BR	T54	Newport News
SAP Basis Administrator 3	27465BR	T54	Newport News
SharePoint Application Analyst 3	25057BR	T54	Newport News
IT Software Engineer Product Owner 2	24940BR	E59	Newport News
Engineer Systems Architect 2	28186BR	X57	Newport News
Engineer Systems Architect 3	28182BR	X57	Newport News
Engineer Quality 3	22886BR	O05	Newport News
Engineer Quality 4	29114BR	K93	Newport News
Foreman - Facilities Maintenance	29456BR	O43	Newport News
Manager Quality 3	29374BR	K23	Newport News
Supervisor Test Inspection 1	29531BR	O96	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](http://www.huntingtoningalls.com/careers/refer-a-friend) for more information.



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Jay Blair  
40 years



Laura Blount  
40 years



Allen Bradshaw  
40 years



Diane Carr  
40 years



Lowell Cramer  
40 years



Tom Davenport  
40 years



Paul Douglas  
40 years



Carolyn Ezell  
40 years



Cecil Freeman  
40 years



Claude Garthright  
40 years



Rusty Huffman  
40 years



Calvin Leary  
40 years



Michael Logan  
40 years



Ron McCrea  
40 years



Stephanie Mears  
40 years



Reno D. Moore  
40 years



Keith Owens  
40 years



Clifton Parker  
40 years



Randy Parker  
40 years



Mike Pittman  
40 years



Willie Powell  
40 years



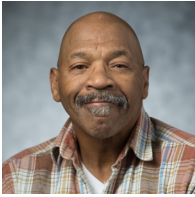
Gary Roy  
40 years



Annette Saunders  
40 years



Leonard "Lo" Shuler  
40 years



Alverse "Big Al" Stringfield  
40 years



Jeff Trimbur  
40 years



Forrest Vance  
40 years



James "Jaws" Williams  
40 years



Gary "G-Man" Wilson  
40 years



Joyce Wright  
40 years

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# MARCH



Phonsa Young  
40 years

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## MARCH

### 55 YEARS

Napoleon Lee X15  
Irving Routten Jr. M53

### 50 YEARS

Anthony Williams X42

### 45 YEARS

John Cowan T55  
Richard Spratley III X11

### 40 YEARS

Harriet Askew O43  
John Blair Jr. X42  
Laura Blount X43  
Robert Bradshaw O31  
Diane Carr O43  
George Chappell O37  
Lowell Cramer X36  
Thomas Davenport Jr. O46  
Edgar Douglas X21

Carolyn Ezell X33  
Cecil Freeman X11  
Timothy Frye X84  
Claude Garthright Jr. O43  
Rodney Huffman X18  
Mack Irving Jr. X11  
Calvin Leary Jr. M53  
Michael Logan O26  
Keith McClure X11  
Ronald Mccrea N930  
Michael Mcdonald X44  
Stephanie Mears X76  
Gary Michaelis N930  
Reginald Moore X33  
Russell Moore M30  
Lee Morings K48  
Russell Owens X42  
Clifton Parker X18  
Isreal Parker E25  
Michael Pittman O45  
Willie Powell X18

Frenchie Puryear E17  
Gary Roy O26  
Aurelia Saunders K48  
Lavone Sessoms O14  
Leonard Shuler X33  
Alverse Stringfield X11  
Jeffery Sweeney X18  
Carlton Taylor X36  
Jeffery Trimbur E83  
Forrest Vance T53  
Vickie Wiggins O14  
Michael Williams O43  
James Williams O26  
Gary Wilson O43  
Joyce Wright X33  
Alphonsia Young X18

### 35 YEARS

Tommy Arrington O43  
Archie Boswell K07  
Michael Burkett O25

Donna Diggs E79  
Douglas Fields O26  
Timothy House M40  
Danny Keel X67  
Derek King X31  
James Ledoyen K48  
William Massenburt M30  
Michael Miller X69  
Leonard Nadeau K45  
David Neese E25  
Charles Patton X36  
Dean Rudisill K48  
Mark Webb E68

### 30 YEARS

Steven Kincaid O35  
Ronald Murray O11

### 20 YEARS

Bruce Blanchard M53  
Gregory Bly K45

Alfred Brown O51  
Mitchell Bryant K48  
Kelli Case E79  
Brian Cater X22  
Thomas Chooran X43  
Stephanie Conover O50  
Joe Dabbs E79  
Elizabeth Flora O93  
Craig Garland O52  
Timothy Glascock O88  
Howard Goodrich E44  
Christopher Greiner E13  
Christopher Jenkins E12  
Quang Khuu E68  
Charles Kim E60  
David Levander O52  
Mark Lydic O48  
Constance Marshall X36  
Terrence Mccabe X46  
Shawn Mckeiver X43  
Regina Mclean O22

William Moody E75  
Elisabeth Morrissey O97  
James Murray E72  
David Newcomb M53  
Bruce Ontko T54  
Angela Parvin O72  
Blaine Pottle E25  
G. Ronald Powell E74  
Kavin Quarles E17  
Michael Slaughter E56  
Brian Swisher X47  
Pamela Taylor O41  
Andre Taylor X44  
W.R. Temple O79  
Richard Thompson M71  
Truc Tran E83

## RETIREMENTS

## FEBRUARY

Charles Brown O58  
Shirley Burgess O53  
Tyrone Burks O43  
Gary Butler X33

Anthony Dobbins X33  
Arthur Fladger X73  
Ralph Gilley O46  
Jerry Laughrun X47

Walter McClamb O43  
Anita Miles X33  
John Nelms E21  
Wilfredo Peralta E25

Randy Reid X33  
Robert Ross E86  
Dianna Taylor O46  
Obadiah Thompson X32

Julie Todd N363  
Ronald Whitehurst O43



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