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Photo by Matt Hildreth

Shipbuilders Provide Vital Support for Foodbank



The generosity of Newport News Shipbuilding employees will provide tens of thousands of meals for local families in need.

“The NNS workforce is not only an expert in strengthening our nation, but also in strengthening our local neighborhoods with its outpouring of support throughout the year. This is especially true during the holidays when your generous donations help those across the greater Peninsula who have limited access to nutritious food,” said Donna Tighe, director of Development for the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank. “We value our partnership because we could not fulfill our mission without your help.”

Shipbuilders donated nearly 100,000 pounds of food and about \$14,900 in cash for the Foodbank during NNS’ annual food drive in November.

“Thanks to the kindness and generosity of the NNS workforce, over 70,000 meals will be provided throughout the holidays to those in need on the Peninsula to ease some of the pain from hunger,” said **Judy Fundak** (K18). “An ‘everyday hero’ generously applies to all who support this cause now and throughout the year.”

An estimated one in seven Virginians struggle with hunger. “Know that by giving, you are helping alleviate the stress and struggles of food insecurity in someone’s life,” Tighe said. “Thank you for believing in our cause.”

NNS to Christen *John F. Kennedy* Saturday



Newport News Shipbuilding will christen *John F. Kennedy* (CVN 79) at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

The historic event will take place in Dry Dock 12, where shipbuilders continue construction work on the ship.

The ship’s namesake, John F. Kennedy, is recognized as a man of innovation. Kennedy, the nation’s 35th president, understood the importance of space exploration, the humanity of civil rights and the necessity of sustaining the most powerful military in the world.

Alan Price, director of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston, thinks that if Kennedy were here to see...

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...the ship, his reaction to it and the honor bestowed would not be taken lightly. “I think he would appreciate the scientific achievement involved in creating such a craft. I think he would be amazed by it,” Price said.

During the ceremony, Ship’s Sponsor Caroline Kennedy – John F. Kennedy’s daughter – will smash a bottle of American sparkling wine across the ship’s hull.

A webcast of the event will be provided at KennedyChristening.com. A livestream will also be available on both the Huntington Ingalls Industries and Jennifer Boykin Facebook pages.



Alan Price, director of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, talks about Kennedy’s legacy. Photo by Aaron Pritchett

CVN 79 is the second ship in the *Gerald R. Ford* class and the second U.S. Navy carrier named in honor of Kennedy.

The first *John F. Kennedy* (CV-67) was the last conventionally powered carrier built for the Navy by NNS. It was commissioned in 1968 and served until 2007.

Dogfish Labs Recognized in Navy Publication; Creates *Kennedy* Christening App

Dogfish Labs, Newport News Shipbuilding’s Technology Innovation Lab and Mobile Center of Excellence, was recently mentioned in the Navy publication *Undersea Warfare* for its work on the Woodward Governor Augmented Reality Training Application for *Los Angeles*-class submarines.

Another project supported and created by Dogfish Labs is the official app for the Dec. 7 *John F. Kennedy* (CVN 79) christening ceremony. The app uses augmented reality to give attendees a unique experience. It is interactive with the *Kennedy* christening program that will be available during the event.

The application provides computer graphic overlays that allow sailors to visualize maintenance procedures on a submarine’s diesel engine governor.

Shipbuilders are encouraged to download the app in advance of the event but should be mindful of company policies regarding personal device usage at Newport News Shipbuilding.

“Sailors have been using our training application since 2017. It is rewarding to take part in improving warfighter readiness for the U.S. Navy,” said **Jovan Celar**, a Dogfish Labs engineer.

Dogfish Labs, located in Brooks Crossing, was created in 2011 as part of Strategy, Planning, Architecture & Innovation (T56).

Download the official *John F. Kennedy* (CVN 79) Christening app



To enjoy exclusive augmented reality experiences in combination with the christening program.

KennedyChristening.com #CVN79



As a reminder, it is against company policy to use the camera feature on personal devices at Newport News Shipbuilding. This app requires access to a device’s camera – therefore, employees should not use this app on company property prior to the christening ceremony on Dec. 7. During the ceremony, this policy will be lifted in the event area only, allowing guests to use personal camera-enabled devices.

Apprentice School Foundation Awards Scholarship

Jonnathan Santana (X15) was recently recognized as this year's fourth Apprentice School Foundation Scholarship recipient during a ceremony at The Apprentice School. Santana, who started his apprenticeship Oct. 7, received a \$500 scholarship that can be used for technology, school supplies, relocation expenses, and room and board.

The Apprentice School Foundation provides a tax-deductible opportunity for alumni, friends and community partners of The Apprentice School to help fund scholarships, historic preservation and community service projects that carry on the school's legacy. The foundation awards four scholarships annually. For more information, visit the foundation's website at www.tasfd.org.



Jonnathan Santana (X15) is pictured with Apprentice School Foundation Board Member Jessica Walker (O22).



Talent Acquisition recruited at 21 universities this fall and met more than 2,000 students.

Talent Acquisition Wraps Up University Fall Recruiting

Newport News Shipbuilding Talent Acquisition wrapped up university fall recruiting season Nov. 6 at Elizabeth City State University. Since September, Talent Acquisition, along with support from Business Management, Engineering and IT, visited 21 universities and met more than 2,000 students.

Schools visited included Virginia Tech, Virginia Commonwealth University, North Carolina State University, Auburn University, Penn State, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, William & Mary,

Florida International University, West Virginia University, Christopher Newport University, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Hampton University, North Carolina A&T State University, University of Akron, University of Central Florida, Morgan State University, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, Clemson University and Sweet Briar College.

December 2019 and May 2020 graduates can apply to open entry-level positions at www.buildyourcareer.com in the Students & New Graduates portal.

Shipbuilder Honored

Shawn Bicknell (X36) was honored by the Trades and Waterfront Support engagement champions' for its fourth quarter shipbuilder recognition.

Bicknell mentors his teammates and helps prepare them to take their testing for rigger qualifications. He also believes in teamwork and creating an atmosphere in which each shipbuilder knows they are an important part of that team and have each other's backs.

Pictured from left are **Dave Vandegrift**, **Shawn Bicknell**, **Paula Young**, **Phil Gross** and **Terrence Randolph**.



Propeller Club Supports the First Tee

The Newport News Propeller Club recently donated to the First Tee of the Virginia Peninsula. The First Tee serves local youth between the ages of 5 and 17. The collaboration between local golf courses and the Peninsula Metropolitan YMCA provides an environment for youth to learn life skills through playing the game of golf.

Through Life and Golf Skills classes, National School Program and Outreach Program, over 11,000 children throughout the Peninsula have been introduced to core values and life skills inherent to the game of golf.

Pictured from left are Propeller Club Second Vice President **Willy Adams** (O19), Propeller Club Member and First Tee volunteer **Sarah Gentry** (K45), Propeller Club President **David Batdorf** (K15), First Tee Program Director **Jessica Huss** and First Tee volunteer **Edward Wilczynski**.

“I Build, We Build”: Angelo Maker

If someone had told 7-year-old **Angelo Maker** (X22) that he would one day help build the most technologically advanced warships in the world while living in America, he probably wouldn't have believed it.

Growing up in South Sudan, Maker suffered great loss and overcame physical and mental challenges most will never face. Poverty and violence as a result of war tore apart his home country.

Sudan was ruled by two different influences: English in the south and Arabic in the north. Eventually, the English pulled out of the country, leaving the southern half vulnerable to the northern influence. Natives were forced to convert from Christianity to Islam. If they refused, they were killed. Maker witnessed the deaths of his mother and three brothers and spent many years as an orphaned refugee. One of the “Lost Boys of Sudan,” Maker eventually had the opportunity to settle in the United States.

Now nearly 40 years old and living in Virginia with his wife and children, Maker has not forgotten the country he left behind. He believes in hope and the importance of giving back to a community. “It’s been my passion because my life was based on getting help from others and I want to do the same,” Maker said.

Maker has set up a foundation to support education in South Sudan. “Some of them will become doctors and engineers and be able to contribute to the whole world,” he said.

His pride in shipbuilding is evident and his passion contagious. He understands the importance of team work. “Do your job passionately and correctly. All the lives on these ships depend on you and me. They trust us,” he said.

See the ad featuring Maker below. Watch a video on MyNNS, the NNS to Go app or on company social media channels to learn more about him and how he builds hope.

Winter Months Introduce Security Obstacles

Newport News Shipbuilding security officers are responsible for the identification of all individuals on company property at all times. As the peak of the winter approaches and additional clothing is needed to stay warm, shipbuilders should adhere to the following measures:

- Wear company ID badges on the outer garment, upper front portion of the body when entering a turnstile or door card reader. The badge should remain visible at all times until an employee exits the facility.
- Remove all garments that cover the face to enable positive identification, especially when an officer approaches or as shipbuilders enter the facility or an outlying building.

Following these measures will mitigate false identification and reduce the chances for delays when entering and exiting company facilities.

I BUILD HOPE

Shipbuilder Angelo Maker understands the power of hope. A refugee from South Sudan, Maker knows firsthand the positive difference our mighty ships make around the world. He works hard every day to inspire his fellow shipbuilders whose expertise helps ensure a safe and secure future for all.



Have an idea for a future “I Build, We Build” feature?
Send an email with details to communications@hii-nns.com.



AROUND THE YARD

Indirect Cost Charging Changes Take Effect Dec. 9



On Dec. 9, employees should begin using “W” job orders to charge to any indirect process and/or department overhead charge, with the exception of the following:

- Training labor costs (Business Conduct Training, Information Security Training, etc.)
- Legal proceedings
- Patents
- Unallowable activities (HIIPAC, lobbying, etc.)
- Other items per management direction (storm preparation, bloodmobile, etc.)

When entering “W” job orders into MyTime, employees should use the same format as “X” job orders.

A library of “W” job orders has been created to help employees understand which “W” job order should be used when charging their time. This library and other resources, including a list of frequently asked questions, is available via the Indirect Goldbook on MyNNS.

In some cases more than one “W” job order may be used to describe the activity being performed. When these cases occur, employees should use their best judgment in selecting the “W” order that most closely represents the activity in question.

Shipbuilders should contact their division’s Business Management analyst for specific questions about this change. A list of all division analysts is available on the Business Management (O97) website.

For more information, see the Distribution A memo regarding the change.



Members of the Industrial Engineering team stand with food drive donations. Photo by Ashley Cowan

Industrial Engineering Supports Food Drive

This year, Industrial Engineering (X51) participated in Newport News Shipbuilding’s annual food drive by donating jars of peanut butter with its inaugural PB & IE campaign. The team’s generosity made the effort a success and will help provide nutritious meals for families across the region.

Apprentice School Foundation Still Selling Centennial Bricks

The Apprentice School Foundation’s “The Legacy Continues Centennial Brick Campaign” is part of The Apprentice School’s centennial celebration. For a donation of \$125 or \$250, supporters can have a personalized 4- by 8-inch or 8- by 8-inch brick displayed on the plaza in front of The Apprentice School.

Small memorabilia bricks are also available. The mini version of a 4- by 8-inch brick is 1.5 by 3 inches and costs \$25. The mini version of an 8- by 8-inch brick is 3 by 3 inches and costs \$30.

Supporters can leave a permanent legacy while also supporting the vision and mission of the foundation. Proceeds will support scholarships, historic preservation of the school, The Apprentice School Student Association and underrepresented and financially constrained youth in Hampton Roads. Visit www.tasfd.org for more information or to purchase bricks.

Registration Open for Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration

Newport News Shipbuilding’s Inclusion and Diversity Council will host the fourth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration on all shifts on Jan. 17, 2020.

The events are open to all employees by reservation only. All three sessions will be held in Bldg. 4930 to accommodate first, second and third shifts. The third-shift session will be held from 6 until 6:30 a.m. with refreshments included. The first- and second-shift sessions will be from noon until 12:30 p.m. and from 8 until 8:30 p.m., respectively. Lunch will be provided for both sessions.

Employees must register on MyNNS by Dec. 13. Supervisors must register employees without computer access. For more information, contact **Margaret Williams** (O18) at 688-6931.

What Was the Biggest Story at NNS in 2019?

From The Apprentice School’s centennial to the upcoming christening of *John F. Kennedy* (CVN 79), 2019 has been eventful for Newport News Shipbuilding. Visit hii.checkboxonline.com/2019-Top-Stories and pick the top five moments at NNS from this year or add your own. The top five stories will be featured in the final 2019 episode of Focus NNS.

DATEBOOK

DECEMBER 4

Aramark Services and Newport News Shipbuilding Food Services are hosting a Food Truck Roundup at 8 p.m. at the Blast and Coat Facility (Bldg. 4730). For questions, contact **Dwain Jenkins Sr.** (K49) via email or at 688-7281 or Mickey Yeamans at (757) 285-0153 or Yeamans-Mickey@aramark.com.

DECEMBER 5

Attend the Data Analytics Roadshow to learn about the Data Analytics team and see the types of projects it is currently working on to improve shipbuilding from 4:30 until 5:30 p.m. in the VASCIC auditorium. Sign up on MyNNS.

DECEMBER 6

Help celebrate The Apprentice School Jaycees' 15th anniversary from 4:30 until 8 p.m. at the Hilton Tavern in Newport News. All Apprentice students and alumni are invited to become members. Come learn about the chapter's founding and its proud history. For more information, contact **Jim Hart** (T52) at 688-1718 or **Sean Brady** (E81) at 534-4383.

DECEMBER 9

Xavier Beale, vice president of Trades, is hosting town hall meetings from noon until 12:30 p.m. and from 8 until 8:30 p.m. at Applebee's (Bldg. 227). Topics will include productivity guidelines, transportation updates and health and wellness. No time charge will be provided. For more information, contact **Cindy Mann** (O61) at 688-7563.

DECEMBER 12 AND 17

The Chesapeake Regional Medical Center Mobile Mammography Unit will be onsite at the HII Family Health Center from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Dec. 12 and 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Dec. 17. The mobile unit offers comfortable and discreet appointments for state-of-the-art 2D and 3D mammograms for women age 40 and over. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (757) 312-6400 or visit www.ChesapeakeMammo.com.

DECEMBER 12

The Access Center (Bldg. 625) will close for quarterly maintenance from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. During this time, replacement and visitor badges will not be issued. Plan accordingly for visitors who are scheduled to come onsite. For questions, contact **Daryl Hagwood** (O15) at 688-2464

DECEMBER 13

Shipbuilders and their families are invited to attend ARTech Lights from 3:30 until 8 p.m. at Brooks Crossing. Attendees can see a double helix art installation that will shine nightly through December. The event will also include hands-on "Techtivities" from Newport News Shipbuilding and Jefferson Lab, food and beverage vendors, a fire pit, a silent disco, fire performers, a DJ and a skating rink.

DECEMBER 14

Shipbuilders, family and friends are invited to volunteer at a longleaf pine tree planting event to benefit the Nature Conservancy from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Piney Grove Preserve in Waverly. For more information and to sign up, contact **Sarah Lambert** (O27) via email.

FREE FITNESS CLASSES

Newport News Shipbuilding employees are encouraged to participate in free group fitness classes in December. Classes are held from 4:30 until 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Downtown Maritime Community Center (3201 Washington Ave.). A restorative fitness class, along with a meditative sound bath experience, will be held during FIT Yoga on Dec. 11. Employees attending this class are encouraged to bring a blanket. No group fitness classes will be held between Dec. 14 and Jan. 12.

Shipbuilders Attend TEA Talk

Engineering and Design hosted Teaching Enlightening Aspiring (TEA) Talk with guest speaker **Keisha Pexton**, director of Learning and Workforce Development, in October. She spoke about her first leadership role at Newport News Shipbuilding as captain of the Lady Builders basketball team and how it helped determine the kind of leader she wanted to be.

Her talk focused on being yourself, developing your brand, acting with integrity and taking thoughtful risks. "Your reputation happens one of two ways – intentionally or unintentionally. Your reputation is your brand, take care of it, and manage it," she said. "The size of your success depends on your willingness to say yes to the opportunities that challenge you and daring to be different."

Pexton attributed her current role to taking on leadership roles that challenged her development and daring to be different.

She shared the following takeaways with event attendees:

- Focus on responding and not simply reacting. Be assertive rather than aggressive. Have assertiveness by displaying controlled behavior and controlling facial expressions and body language.
- Don't miss opportunities because you are fearful and unprepared. Take thoughtful risks and accept challenges.
- Get to the point, don't discount yourself and don't over sell or over explain. Be confident and concise. Get to the point by using a technique called What, So What, Now What:
 - What: State what is the issue or problem or what needs to change.
 - So What: State why it is important.
 - Now What: State how to get it done.

SEEKING SHIPBUILDERS

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

Job Title	Req Number	Dept.	Location
Entry-level Sheet Metal Worker	32273BR	X32	Newport News
Experienced Sheet Metal Worker	32274BR	X32	Newport News
iDS Business Process Engineer 3	32742BR	X57	Newport News
iDS Computational Business Analytics Engineer 3	32750BR	X57	Newport News
iDS Operations Research Engineer 2	32749BR	X57	Newport News
International Trade Compliance Analyst 3	33213BR	O17	Newport News
Manager Production Planning and Scheduling 2	33461BR	X47	Newport News
Manager Radiation Safety 1	33537BR	X09	Ballston Spa, NY
Project Management Analyst 4	33504BR	O06	Newport News
SAP PS/PP PEO Solution Architect	31560BR	T55	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.

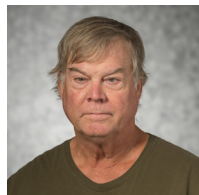
LONG SERVICE

MASTER SHIPBUILDERS

NOVEMBER



William Aldridge
40 years



Jack Allen Jr.
40 years



Thomas Allen
40 years



Ed Bailey
40 years



Gladys Baker
40 years



Michael Balsor
40 years



David Batdorf
40 years



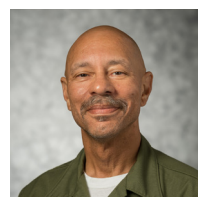
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Walter Brooks
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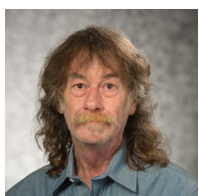
Tyvan "TC" Campbell
40 years



Tony Craig
40 years



Ronnie Dentler
40 years



Art Dunnigan
40 years



Michael "Fitch" Fitchett
40 years



Vondra Gray
40 years



Dick Gunderson
40 years



Mary Hogge
40 years



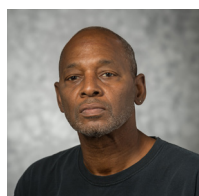
Archer "AJ" Jones
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Larry Lewis
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Donna Little
40 years



Tony Manners
40 years



Craig Messick
40 years



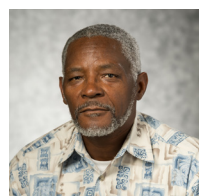
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Leora Patterson
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Wendell Ramey
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Clifton Scott
40 years



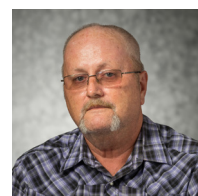
Willie Suiter
40 years



Brad Welliver
40 years



Scott Winebarger
40 years



Steve Winslow
40 years

LONG SERVICE

NOVEMBER

45 YEARS

Michael Foster E51
James Terry O38

Ronald Dentler X18
John Dickson X42
William Dunnigan X31

Charles Short X18
Joseph Smith O54
Willie Suiter X33
Kimberly Usher X67
Bradley Welliver E47
Jon Winebarger O19
Steven Winslow M30

Bradford Guisewite X44
James Hopkins Jr. E82
Ralph Knight Jr. M53
Michael Manning X11
John Miles E18
Jeffrey Robbins E68
Robert Schatzel K17
Michael Shook O39
Raymond Stearns O40
Rodney Ward E51

Carl Hamelin E84
Karen Hastings O19
Charles Holley X47
Wanda Mills K49
Rhonda Pearman O81
Craig Piland E63
Daniel Ploutz E91
Joseph Smith Jr. E27
Paul Tovey E80
Donald Tuculet E83

Ladoris Carter X51
Kristy Gaskins O52
Lee Irons E70
Patricia Joyner E56
Kirt Kerr E56
Bruce Kuck T55
Michael Lamb O44
Alex McClure E75
Paula Mcelroy O40
Jose Melendez Jr. E47
Arnold Miller E71
David Ray E70
William Stout E84
Martin Verelst E03
Tanga Williams X43

40 YEARS

William Aldridge Jr. M53
Jack Allen Jr. O43
Thomas Allen X36
Earnest Bailey O48
Gladys Baker O69
Michael Balsor K45
David Batdorf K15
John Birkhead X22
Stephanie Brooks X31
Walter Brooks E82
Tyvan Campbell O64
Anthony Craig O46

Vondra Gray O53
Richard Gunderson E25
Mary Hogge X47
Archer Jones Jr. O43
Larry Lewis O53
Donna Little O53
Anthony Manners X32
Craig Messick O64
Scott Myers X44
Leora Patterson X44
James Phaup X42
Wendell Ramey E49
Clifton Scott K48

35 YEARS

Walton Bass X47
Vincent Branch X74
Bernard Branon III X11
Patricia Cash K45
Jeffrey Chason X32
William Crocker Jr. X31
Janice Fritz N356
Roderick Gardner E16

30 YEARS

Shannon Babb E91
Gaetano Carrubba E82
Bernard Chmielewski E73
Bryan Corning E25
Peter Ferland X44

25 YEARS

Thomas Jones O43
Timothy Sherrange E26

20 YEARS

Robert Barnstead X48

RETIREMENTS

OCTOBER

Arthur Bagley X32
James Bishop O43
Sherwood Blanchard X32
Dallas Boone K45
Herbert Bradshaw O46
John Cowan T55

Jeannette Crotts E42
Calvin Davis K45
Michael Durben X15
Thomas Engelberger E18
Matthew Eshelman O67
Andy Flood X11

Rodney Gramberry X31
Elton Holley X33
Craig Huber K45
Richard Johnson X67
Joseph Jordan X11
Timothy Mccoy E25

John Miller X47
Edwin Milteer X33
Alan Minter X57
Mustafa Ozyurt T54
Rufus Porter X31
Russell Ripp E68

Antonia Robinson O35
Clayton Schaefer O04
Thomas Schoolfield O38
Glen Schott X36
Bobby Smith K45
James Stewart X42

Lynn Vance M21
Bobby White O46
Lawton White K46
Jeffrey Wyman X44



40 Years Ago

A hammerhead crane on Pier 5 is shown prior to its demolition as part of project to rebuild the pier in 1979. NNS Photo Archive