

JIMMY JESSUP, ACTING CRAFT MANAGER, THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL

THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL IS MY FOUNDATION BECAUSE IT'S WHERE I STARTED MY CAREER AND KIND OF MY LIFE HERE AT NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING. BUT WHAT THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL DID WAS GIVE ME OPPORTUNITIES THAT I NEVER WOULD HAVE GOTTEN ANYWHERE ELSE. TODAY, I THINK I'M A VERY GOOD MECHANIC BECAUSE OF NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING AND THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL.

THIS IS ALL BIGGER THAN US. 100 YEARS AGO, IN 1919, HOMER L. FERGUSON'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 24 ESTABLISHED THE TRAINING ON THE CLOCK. AND SO IN JULY OF 1919 IS WHERE IT WAS ESTABLISHED AND A HUNDRED YEARS LATER, WE STILL HAVE THAT TRADITION GOING. AND SO IN JULY OF 1919 IS WHERE IT WAS ESTABLISHED AND A HUNDRED YEARS LATER, WE STILL HAVE THAT TRADITION GOING.

DAVID BURROUGHS, APPRENTICE SCHOOL GRADUATE, CLASS OF 2019

TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING THAT'S A LEGACY IN THE HISTORY WITHIN THE SHIPYARD IT'S TRULY REWARDING. AND I'M REALLY HAPPY TO BE A PART OF THAT RIGHT NOW.

CHARLES BEAMON, CRAFT INSTRUCTOR, THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL

THE CORE OF THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL: LEADERSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP, CRAFTSMANSHIP. TEACH THEM A WHOLE BUNCH OF THINGS THAT NOT ONLY CARRY THROUGH THEIR SHIPBUILDING EXPERIENCE, BUT THROUGH LIFE.

DAVID BURROUGHS

THE APPRENTICESHIP HAS HELPED ME ON THE JOB BY GIVING ME THE EDUCATION IN MY THEORY CLASS, TO BE ABLE TO FINE TUNE WHAT I'M DOING HERE. AND ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS WHO ARE COMING IN AND BE A BETTER ELECTRICIAN.

DEBORAH PITTMAN, APPRENTICE SCHOOL GRADUATE, CLASS OF 2019

I ENJOYED THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL. THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES, MY TEACHERS, INSTRUCTORS. I'VE NETWORKED WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE, I'VE MET A LOT OF GREAT PEOPLE. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE EACH AND EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM. I REALLY LOVE MY APPRENTICES, THEY'RE PRETTY COOL.

DAVID BURROUGHS

YOU REALLY HAVE TO COME HERE AND BE PREPARED TO WORK, BE PREPARED TO LEARN, JUST BE THE BEST THAT YOU ARE.

CHARLES BEAMON

A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND THE EARLY MORNINGS OR LATE NIGHTS. THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE TO SACRIFICE, GOING TO CLASS, EVENTS, STUDIES.

TURNER PAXTON, APPRENTICE GRADUATE, CLASS OF 2019

BUT IT TAKES A REALLY GOOD LEADERSHIP MENTALITY AND STATE OF MIND TO ACTUALLY BE THE GREAT APPRENTICES THAT WE NEED TO LEAD THIS COMPANY TO GO FURTHER ALONG IN THE SHIPYARD WHERE OUR FUTURE IS HELD.

CHARLES BEAMON

I'M PROUD OF THEM BECAUSE I KNOW THEY PUT IN HARD WORK, I KNOW THEY PUT THEIR HEART INTO THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL. I KNOW THEY PUT THE HEART INTO THE TRADES AND EVERYTHING THEY DO.

TURNER PAXTON

THERE'S NO OTHER JOB LIKE IT. THERE'S NO OTHER PLACE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO WALK THROUGH THESE GATES AND JUST SEE FREEDOM IN FRONT OF YOU. YOU SEE THIS GIANT VESSEL THAT WE'RE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTING FROM SCRATCH. THERE'S JUST NOTHING ELSE LIKE IT. SEEING IT GO FROM DRY DOCK FROM ONE LITTLE PANEL AT A TIME. TO BEING WELDED AND PUT TOGETHER OVER A VAST LONG PROCESS AND BEING ESTABLISHED AND PUT IN THE WATER OVER HERE. TO WHERE IT'S GETTING SAILED OUT BY THE NAVY AND YOU JUST GET TO SEE IT FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM. IT'S JUST AMAZING. IT'S AN IMMACULATE FEELING.

DEBORAH PITTMAN

I'M PASSIONATE ABOUT IT BECAUSE I KNOW WHAT THESE SHIPS DO, YOU KNOW, AFTER THEY LEAVE HERE. THEY GO AND PROTECT AND SERVE MY FAMILY, MY HUSBAND, YOU KNOW, MY FRIENDS, YOU KNOW, THAT HAVE NEVER EVEN BEEN HERE. SO IT'S VERY HEARTFELT.