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Shipyard Landmark Razed

Earlier this spring, Newport News Shipbuilding quietly bid farewell to a brick chimney that stood above the shipyard for a century. Not quite as iconic as “Big Blue” or tugboat *Dorothy*, the Bldg. 78 chimney was an important asset and among the tallest structures at NNS.

“It’s sad to see a landmark like that go, but times are changing. The shipyard is modernizing, and we’re not using things like that anymore,” said **Scott Miller** (O41), whose team led the demolition project. “That chimney had been around since the time my grandparents were born. It was a unique opportunity to change the skyline.”

Built in 1920 as part of the shipyard’s power generation system, the chimney originally stood 220 feet high. In the 1950s, newer forced-air boiler technology eliminated the

need for a chimney to create a natural draft effect, so it was used only to carry smoke high enough to avoid being a nuisance or health hazard for shipbuilders.

In the early 1960s – possibly because of instability or damage – the top portion of the chimney was demolished, bringing it to 160 feet. It remained in service until 2010. Last year, an inspection found signs of deterioration.

In March, contractors began demolishing the structure using a “top down” method. They scaled the chimney and installed safety gear and scaffolding to capture debris. Bricks were knocked into the chimney and carried out through a hole created in the bottom of the structure. They moved the scaffolding down as 5- or 6-foot sections were demolished.

Despite the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic, the project stayed on schedule. Some shipbuilders were even able to take bricks as souvenirs. Miller said the brick and mortar was tested and did not contain any hazardous materials.

While the chimney demolition was completed in late April, work continues on Bldg. 78, where the chimney formed part of an exterior wall.

Miller said his team was working on a new building in the North Yard at the same time they were working to take down one of the shipyard’s older assets. “It just shows the whole cycle of the shipyard and how we’re evolving and changing,” he said.

Watch a time-lapse video of the demolition project on MyNNS.

HII Scholarship Fund Application Deadline Extended

As a result of disruptions caused by COVID-19, the application deadline for the Huntington Ingalls Industries Scholarship Fund 2020-2021 school year has been extended to June 19 for the 2020-2021 school year. Scholarships are available for students who are enrolled in two- or four-year college programs. Scholarships are also available for use toward pre-K school readiness education costs.

Children of all HII employees are eligible to apply, with the exception of children of senior executives and those employees who have been with the company for less than two years. To learn more about the HII Scholarship Fund, or to access the application links, visit www.huntingtoningalls.com/employees/hii-scholarship-fund.

Blood Drives Return to NNS in June

American Red Cross blood drives will return to Newport News Shipbuilding in June. Drives will be held June 4 and 10 in Bldg. 520. For a complete list of blood drives and additional information in regard to COVID-19 and blood donations, see the NNS blood drive schedule on MyNNS or www.redcrossblood.org. For questions, email corporatetcitizenship@hii-nns.com.

NNS employees can also charge off-site donation time to job order 0874X with the following considerations:

- The employee's supervisor must approve charge to department overhead.
- Employee can charge a maximum of 1.5 hours to this charge for a blood donation.
- The charge cannot be used if it results in an employee billing overtime for pay period.



Pictured from left are **Alexandria Barrow**, **Diamond Harris** and **Shorine White**, who handed out doughnuts to employees in the Modular Outfitting Facility (MOF).

Showing Appreciation in the MOF

To help boost morale and show appreciation for shipbuilders, members of the InDEEP Engagement Team, led by X18 Lead General Foreman **Vernon Eason**, recently handed out doughnuts to deckplate employees in the Modular Outfitting Facility (MOF). Team members wore masks and gloves and adhered to social distancing and other guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As they received doughnuts, shipbuilders were encouraged to be safe and thanked for continuing to support NNS' mission and vision.

ATTEND VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

The Spear & Gear Toastmasters Club is partnering with Barbara H. Smith, a professional trainer, speaker and coach, for a free virtual workshop at 5 p.m. on May 20. The session

will help attendees learn essentials of the elevator pitch, intro, bio and more as well as presentation skills. Email spearandgeartoastmastersclub@gmail.com from a personal email address to receive an invitation to the virtual session.

Cleaning Efforts Between Shifts

Every day, shipbuilders from different trades work together between shifts to clean and sanitize touchpoints across the shipyard. To learn more about their efforts, watch a video on MyNNS, the NNS to Go app, NNS' external website or the HII YouTube channel.

Masks Available for Shipbuilders

Shipbuilders in need of masks can visit one of Newport News Shipbuilding's toolrooms. Employees working in buildings outside of shipyard gates can pick up masks in the following Digital Café locations:

- Bldg. 520
- Bldg. 903 (Conference Room 105)
- Bldg. 888 (Conference Room 109)

Employees can also contact the following building coordinators to pick up masks:

- **Val Phillips** (Bldg. 600)
- **Ken Sumner** (VASCIC/Maritime Building/Brooks Crossing)
- **Linda Bruce** (Bldg. 901)
- **Penny Cooper** (Bldg. 902)
- **Jamie McEwen** (Bldg. 903)

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

The adjustment to a new normal amid the Coronavirus pandemic has created a vital need to focus on self-care and mental health. COVID-19 has caused disruption, uncertainty and stress. All employees and their dependents and family members have access to free, confidential support through HERO: HII Employees Reach Out. HERO can help with stress and anxiety and provide tips for working from home effectively and keeping children active and engaged with at-home schooling. To access HERO, call 1-855-400-9185 or visit www.hiihero.com (code "Huntington Ingalls"). All HERO support is free and confidential.

LONG SERVICE

MASTER SHIPBUILDERS MARCH/APRIL



Ernie Byrum
40 years



Bob Callahan
40 years



Ron Ferguson
40 years



Dale Fouse
40 years



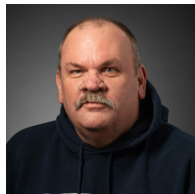
Denice Hazell
40 years



Mike "Hux" Huxford
40 years



Teresa Ruark
40 years



Ronald "Smitty" Smith II
40 years



Brian Welch
40 years



Chris West
40 years



David "D.W." Williams
40 years



James Williams
40 years



John Wright Jr.
40 years

LONG SERVICE MARCH

40 YEARS

Kenneth Keeter K47
Debbie Turner O23
Brian Welch O60
James Williams E27
John Wright Jr. E84

35 YEARS

Dwayne Alcock X82
John Bell Jr. X31

Robert Fleming O38
Stephen Foster X18
William Haigler E22
Chanel Johnson O51
Timothy Marks X33
Kenneth Polas X73
Terry Tynes X36

30 YEARS

Jesse Artis X31

Dennis Barnes X47
Samuel Blank E25
Talbot Branch X11
Andre Briggs X31
James Clayborne X11
Carl Fischer Jr. E84
Lisa Gibson O53
John Glenn X44
Roy Hassell X32
Kenneth Holland X73

Vincent Holley X42
Ronald Martin O63
Gary Mayfield X36
Charles McGehee IV O28
Owen Merritt K48
Ronald Morrison E49
Steve Moton X36
Darren Price X47
Michele Ray-Bannon O58
John Risucci X74

Charles Slade Jr. X36
Diane Thomas T51
Jerald Trussell E83
Larry Wilson X42

25 YEARS

Samuel Bosley E33
Richard Leybold E51
John Stuck E13
Nathan Wade X62

20 YEARS

Paul Blessner O05
Lloyd Bradshaw Jr. X73
William Deshong E63
Warren Garcia E83
Adam Hill X47
Amy Mayes E25

LONG SERVICE

APRIL

60 YEARS

Paul Williams X43

David Williams X73

35 YEARS

Larry Bateman O43

Robert Bedio E85

John Bosco E37

Kenneth Callaway O19

Wiley Carter X42

Dale Cowell X73

Gregory Davis X33

Ronnie Davis O54

Angela Davis O95

Douglas Fletcher K23

Shelton Foster Jr. X42

Christopher Hall X11

Earl Hammock Jr. X73

Elliott Hill M21

Monica Jones E81

Donald Kaminski O43

Todd Kelley X73

30 YEARS

Russell Allen N366

Robert Austin Jr. X60

Curtis Baines K93

Brendan Barrett X47

Daniel Beale X33

Sarah Bellamy O43

Terry Brooks X36

Terence Burnett K47

Rodney Butler X43

Percell Chavers III X33

Daryl Curry X36

Zerro Davis X36

Michael Duncan X33

Lynn Fraser O48

Marlon Gatling X11

Charles George III X36

Mickey Gilliam X31

Joel Goodson M53

Antonio Hargrave X31

Jimmy Harrison X42

Coleman Higgins E81

Randy Hill K47

Bernard James Jr. O15

Wyneil Lee O53

Erek Little X33

Richard Martin Jr. O39

Michael Massenburg X33

Cynthia Matheson K17

Vincent Matthews O14

John Persinger E81

Anthony Rainey X42

Alvin Ricks X33

Mickey Roberts X36

Lee Robison X42

Daniel Rouleau M53

Susan Shatto O58

Larry Tatem X42

Craig Wells X31

Edward White X42

25 YEARS

Michael Austin X44

Alvin Lankford Jr. K48

Calvin Rock X44

Heather Westmoreland K51

20 YEARS

Christopher Boone E86

Joanne Brent X44

Susan Brooks E47

Gary Custis E70

Edwin Davila E70

Nathan Greene X70

Joshua Horner X71

Amy Ingram K49

Damien Jenkins X57

Donna Jessup K47

Frederick Kokosky E84

David Krejcarek E89

Jerusal Leang E84

Aaron Lee E24

Jason Mintz N960

Anthony Mitchell E17

Gregory Paul O68

Cheryl Pierce E70

Bonnie Sexton O53

Daniel Simpson O59

Mark Tuori E70

Terence Wood E47

Jeffrey Woodward E81

RETIREMENTS

FEBRUARY/MARCH

Anthony Adams E83

Joseph Antonucci X11

William Artis O43

Jesse Artis X31

William Ayers X70

Earl Baker X31

Van Beasley X33

William Black E84

Felton Blowe O51

Quinton Branch O43

Donald Brinkley X44

Everett Browning E60

Carlton Burney X43

Debra Burrill E79

Roger Chabot X36

Walter Chawlk N355

Robert Coultas E84

Daryl Davis X33

Claude Deberry X42

Joel Fischer E84

Leary Futrell X11

Scott Garrett X74

Ronald Gist X31

William Gledhill O41

Edward Gore O46

Anthony Griffin O53

Terrence Griffin O14

Carolyn Grimes O14

Dale Halberg O19

Edward Hall X76

Joseph Harrell X43

Steven Jacobs O19

George Kanezo X74

Mark Knotts E83

K. Kristiansen X51

Larry Lewis O53

Peggy Little E83

Kevin McLane K47

Eugene Mckoy X36

Gilbert Meekins X21

Karl Michaelis O43

Anthony Mitchell E17

Alton Morgan X18

Lee Morings K45

Robert Mosby X73

Paul Mulherin E70

Walter Munden X47

Russell Murphy X01

Ralph Newman E81

David Oliver E64

Otis Osborn E70

James Phaup X42

Michael Philipoom E82

Stephen Reilly E56

Kenneth Ricks X32

Randolph Scott X11

Mark Sheehan X31

Gerald Shepherd E84

William Sparks X36

Robert Spitzer K07

Benjamin Stilley X11

Audrey Streat E84

Rowland Taliaferro N930

Bradley Thomas X22

William Usher X36

Martin Walsh X10

James West T56

Norman Whittaker E83

Joseph Wilson E03



40 Years Ago

Newport News Shipbuilding launched USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70) on March 15, 1980. NNS photo archive