



Shipbuilders in the Sail Loft put finishing touches on the flag that will cover *Montana's* bow during the christening ceremony. Photo by Matt Hildreth

***Montana* (SSN 794) Christening Set for Saturday**

Newport News Shipbuilding is preparing for a new type of christening this weekend for *Virginia*-class submarine *Montana* (SSN 794). Instead of packing into the Modular Outfitting Facility (MOF) for a large event, shipbuilders, family and friends will be able to watch a live webcast.

“We always look forward to celebrating christenings with the community. But safety is our priority, and given the health risks

posed by COVID-19, we are not able to host an in-person event with guests right now,” said **Kimberly Zayakosky**, Events and Protocol manager. “We encourage shipbuilders and their families to tune in as we honor the construction team and commemorate this important milestone.”

Although the event will be different from past christenings, Ship’s Sponsor Sally Jewell, former U.S. Secretary of the Interior,

will be on hand to perform the traditional honor of breaking a bottle of American-made sparkling wine on *Montana's* hull.

Visit MontanaChristening.com to watch the ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. The ceremony will also be available for replay on the website. Join the conversation on social media using #SSN794.

NNS Will Not Host Master Shipbuilder Event in 2020

Newport News Shipbuilding will not host an in-person Master Shipbuilder event this year. The decision was made to protect the health and safety of employees, friends and family members. NNS is planning new ways to celebrate this distinguished group of employees with 40 or more years of service. Although different from years past, the recognition will be just as special and memorable.

In the coming weeks, NNS Master Shipbuilders will receive information about how the company plans to celebrate.



Shipbuilders Participate in Safety Stand-Down

Newport News Shipbuilding held a mandatory safety stand-down Sept. 1-2.

The stand-down stopped operations at designated times across the shipyard, on all three shifts, to discuss the importance of safety. It was held over two days to ensure social distancing practices were maintained.

In addition to industrial safety, the discussion included information about how employees could protect themselves from COVID-19 going into Labor Day weekend.

Shipbuilders in the Pattern Shop participate in the safety stand-down. Photo by **Matt Hildreth**

New Anthem Health Care App Available

Huntington Ingalls Industries has partnered with Anthem to offer employees a new health care app called Engage. Engage is a personalized digital assistant that helps users:

- Get quick information based on their medical conditions.
- Receive personalized alerts for treatment plans and clinical recommendations.
- Create a virtual care team of in-network providers.
- Connect with Anthem and HII-specific health programs.
- Quickly access Anthem ID cards.

Access Engage by downloading the Engage Wellbeing app or by visiting www.engage-wellbeing.com and following the prompts to create an account. Enter “Huntington Ingalls” in the employer field to get started. Look for additional information about Engage, including email communications from Anthem, in the coming weeks.

All Engage accounts are securely maintained by Anthem, and all medical information is protected by federal law restricting release of medical information. Per HII’s medical plans, Engage is available to salaried Newport News Shipbuilding employees and their dependents.

23 Inducted into National Society of Leadership and Success

The Apprentice School Chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) inducted 23 new members on Aug. 21. Presiding over the induction ceremony was faculty adviser **Pat Krystyn**. Dr. **Latitia McCane**, director of Education at The Apprentice School, delivered the keynote address.

The NSLS helps members build communication and leadership skills through a five-step Foundations of Leadership development program. Advanced and executive leadership certifications are also available. Candidates are selected based on academic and on-the-job performance, as well as leadership potential.

Congratulations to the newest members of the NSLS: **Rebecca Arnold, Jason Bailey, Patrick Bederka, Preston Blair, Mingyi Cisar, Alma Cochran, Joshua Crawford, Darek Dabbs, Joseph Evans III, Christopher Guimond, Cody Hammonds, Taylor Lufholm, Tyler Marlowe, Jason Mintz, Matthew Monteith, Kristin Munford, Joshua Richardson, Kory Scholle, Austin**



Inductee Preston Blair, center, with Pat Krystyn, right, and Dr. Latitia McCane.

Shrewsberry, Calesia Smith, Johnathan Walker, Wesley Wallner and Melissa Westphal.

AROUND THE YARD

Talent Acquisition Kicks Off Fall College Recruiting

Newport News Shipbuilding Talent Acquisition is kicking off the fall 2020 college recruiting season this week. Recruiters will participate in virtual recruiting events with the following universities this fall: Auburn, Christopher Newport, Clemson, Elizabeth City State, Florida International, Hampton, Morgan State, Norfolk State, North Carolina A&T, North Carolina State, Old Dominion, Penn State, Regent, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, University of Akron, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Tech, West Virginia and William & Mary.

“All college recruiting events will be done virtually this fall,” said **Jessicah Hegeman**, manager of University Relations and Recruitment. “Talent Acquisition is committed to staying connected with students this fall in this new virtual world of college recruiting and networking.”

Talent Acquisition will advertise entry-level job opportunities for December 2020 and May 2021 graduates as well as 2021 spring Co-op and 2021 summer internship opportunities. If you know a college student interested in learning more about NNS, encourage them to participate in their school’s virtual career fairs to network with NNS. For a complete list of upcoming recruiting events, visit huntingtoningalls.com/events.

Promotional Item Pickup Now Contactless

A redesigned catalog with new items and a user-friendly order form are now on the Customer Affairs (K01) SharePoint site. Once an order is placed, instructions will be sent for the new contactless pick up process. Please note these items must be paid for via department funds.

Annual Engagement Survey Begins Soon

Newport News Shipbuilding employees will soon have the opportunity to participate in Huntington Ingalls Industries’ annual engagement survey, HII President and CEO **Mike Petters** announced in a letter to employees on Sept. 3.

In previous years, the survey has included 12 questions. This year, two new questions have been added – one of which relates to being treated with civility and the other about whether employees are being kept informed by their supervisors. Individual responses are 100% confidential, and the compiled results are shared so they can be used for team discussions and action-planning.

The survey will begin later this month. Look for more information in upcoming editions of *Currents*.

This Week’s COVID-19 Q&A

What are the hours of operation for the NNS COVID-19 testing center?

Testing is available Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., and beginning this week the testing center will be open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays. The center is located at the Old Apprentice School gym (Bldg. 601).

Can you clarify the location of the COVID-19 testing center? I know it’s the Old Apprentice School gym, but I ended up at Bldg. 600 off Marshall Avenue.

The Old Apprentice School gym is Bldg. 601. It is adjacent to the school’s football field, which borders the south end of the Bldg. 600 parking lot. This has been an issue for employees using Google directions. The company plans to post directional signage to assist you. Meanwhile, punch in directions for “Apprentice School football field” to better find Bldg. 601.

Can I see my test results?

Mako Medical offers online access to test results. Employees who have been tested can view their results by texting “MAKO” to 66349 or by visiting <https://mako.luminatehealth.com>. You must create an account with a username and password in order to view your results.

What should I do if I’m experiencing COVID-19 symptoms?

If you suspect you may have COVID-19, call COVID-19 hotline at 1-844-243-8749 and press Option 4 to register for testing and receive

details about the testing protocol for symptomatic employees.

I’m arriving for a test and my children are with me. What should I do?

To avoid potential exposure, we discourage bringing children to the COVID-19 testing center. We understand that sometimes it can’t be avoided. If children must be with you, call the COVID Test Desk at 380-7776 and a lab technician will come to your vehicle and administer the test.

Are bandanas an effective form of face covering?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updates its recommendations as new scientific evidence emerges. Evaluations of various face coverings is an ongoing process. Any face covering should cover your nose and mouth and fit snugly to the side of your face to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets. If you wear a bandana, make sure it is tight-fitting to protect yourself and others.

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 at NNS

Cases reported Aug. 31-Sept. 7: **25**

Total cases at NNS: **676**

Total number of NNS employees medically cleared to return to work: **459**

See case details at nns.huntingtoningalls.com/411.

DATEBOOK

SEPTEMBER 10

Shipbuilders looking for a way to sharpen speaking, listening and leadership skills can join the online "Spear and Gear" Toastmasters Club meeting via Zoom from 5 until 6 p.m. RSVP by Sept. 8 to receive further meeting details. Contact **Jamar Skyles** (X44) and **Michael Miller** (E37) at spearandgeartoastmastersclub@gmail.com from a personal email address.

SEPTEMBER 15

The L.E.A.R.N. Program and the African American Shipbuilders Association (AASA) will host an after-work presentation with **Xavier Beale**, vice president of Trades, from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m. via WebEx. 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, **Chris Porro** (E47) at 534-0332, or email LEARN@hii-nns.com. No charge is provided.

SEPTEMBER 16

Take a look into your retirement plan to determine if you are saving enough for the future. Attend the Retirement Reading Part 2 webinar from SmartPath at noon. Register at www.joinsmartpath.com/hii/classes.

SEPTEMBER 18

Learn how to stay social and connected with friends and family during COVID-19. Attend a HERO webinar at 11:30 a.m. Visit www.hiibenefits.com for details and to register.

SEPTEMBER 24

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Volunteer for the Great American Cleanup

Newport News Shipbuilding is teaming up with Hampton Roads communities for the Great American Cleanup this year.

NNS employee volunteers are needed to help clean up parts of the city of Newport News on Sept. 17. The rain date is Sept. 18. Locations are Christopher Newport Park in downtown Newport News (across from VASCIC), the Victory Arch area, the Huntington Park beachfront and Oakland Industrial Park.

Volunteers should meet at their corresponding site location with their site coordinator from 3:30 until 5 p.m. Volunteers receive a 2020 Earth Day T-shirt, reusable bag and certificate of participation. Safety guidelines will be in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and the number of volunteers will be limited.

Volunteer forms are available on MyNNS. Send completed forms to **Ebony Webb** (O27) via email or via Yardmail to Department O27, Bldg. 79-1.

For questions, contact **Sarah Lambert** (O27) via email.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

The Hispanic Outreach & Leadership Alliance (HOLA) is planning a number of events in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, which begins Sept. 15. Kickoff events with food trucks, music, cornhole, and displays about Hispanic countries and instruments are planned for first and second shift on Sept. 15. Burrito Loco and CC Truck (Cool Runnings) will be the participating food trucks.

The first-shift celebration at The Rock will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The second-shift celebration, located between the Modular Outfitting Facility (MOF) and Supplemental Modular Outfitting Facility (SMOF), will be held from 8 until 9:30 p.m.

All company and government distancing and face covering requirements will be enforced during the events.

SEEKING SHIPBUILDERS

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

Job Title	Req Number	Dept.	Location
Construction Supervisor 2	2967	X82	Newport News
Engineer Electromechanical 2	564	E24	Newport News
Engineer Electromechanical 4	813	E70	Newport News
Entry-level Blaster	1630	X33	Newport News
Entry-level Pipefitter	1649	X42	Newport News
Experienced Insulator	1631	X33	Newport News
Experienced Pipefitter	1642	X42	Newport News
Manager Engineering 2	1714	E24	Newport News
Production Planning and Scheduler 3	2569	X83	Groton, CT
Project Management Analyst 4	2385	O93	Newport News

Employees are encouraged to use MyHR or the "Current HII Employees Job Search" button at www.buildyourcareer.com to apply. The company continues to offer cash bonus awards for referrals to select positions, visit www.huntingtoningalls.com/hii-careers/refer-a-friend for more information.

SUPPORT RELAY FOR LIFE

Shipbuilders can support Relay For Life by purchasing luminaria bags to honor cancer survivors, those who lost their lives to the disease, and caregivers. NNS Relay For Life T-shirts also are on sale. Luminarias can be purchased for \$10 each or three for \$25. T-shirts can be purchased for \$10. To order luminarias or T-shirts, contact **Amy Prillaman** (O93) at 688-4453 or via email or **Jenn Cherry** (O22) at 688-2742 or via email by Sept. 12.

Shipbuilders also can make donations at www.RelayForLife.org/NNS.

The drive-thru luminaria event will be held from 7:30 until 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19, at BayPort Credit Union, located at One Bayport Way in Newport News. Luminarias will be lit at 7:30 p.m. and will burn during the event to serve as a reminder of the purpose of Relay For Life.

LONG SERVICE

MASTER SHIPBUILDERS

AUGUST



David Adams
40 years



Gene Allen
40 years



Tony Baird
40 years



Ann Beale Robison
40 years



Kenneth "Blizz" Blizzard
40 years



Earl "Peso" Boyd
40 years



Michael Brown
40 years



Anthony Bryant
40 years



Mike Butler
40 years



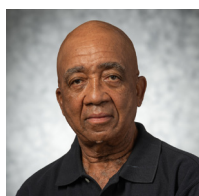
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40 years



John Chilbert
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Lynda Coffey
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Clinton Cofield
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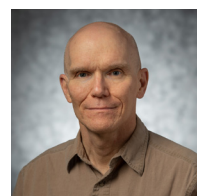
Bubba Coston
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Dave Cullen
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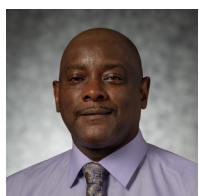
Vicki Gares
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Dave Gooding
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Bert Grenoble
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Ernest Gresham
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Rusty Harrington
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Buddy Hill
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Carl Hilliard
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Maurice Hines
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Andy Hintz
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Darrell Hollifield
40 years



Charlie Holloway
40 years



Richard "Hommie" Holmes
40 years



Garland "G.C." Jennings Jr.
40 years



James "J.J." Johnson
40 years



Willie "W.J." Johnson
40 years

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Gregory Joyner
40 years



Stephen Ladd
40 years



Richard "HotPocket" Lawing
40 years



Stacey Lilly
40 years



Stephen Lovelace
40 years



Ralph Mann
40 years



Larry "Gator" Matthews
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Andrew Meekins
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Richard Miller
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Michael Otto
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James "Magic" Ricks
40 years



Michael Schultz
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Kenneth "K.D." Scott
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Larry Shoulars
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Dave Smith
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Shelton Smith
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Ed Spruill
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Debra Stanfield
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Pamela Stevenson
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Andre Thompson
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Lonell "L.T." Thompson
40 years



John Ullery
40 years



Raymond West
40 years



Alfonso Whitby
40 years



Tony Williams
40 years



Earl Wood
40 years

LONG SERVICE

AUGUST

45 YEARS

Kenneth Bickett Jr. X31
Joseph Butler Jr. T55
Bobby Fitzgerald O39
Willie Gilliam III X47
Douglas Mills X18
Reginald Newkirk K46
Stephen Ovide E85
Marshall Ramsey K45
Arthur Tracey Jr. X31

John Chilbert O41
Lynda Coffey X36
Clinton Cofield O43
Randolynn Combs X42
Isaac Coston X33
David Cullen X70
Harold Denson X11
Vicki Gares O53
Alvin Gholston X43
David Gomer X42
David Gooding E14
Herbert Grenoble E86
Ernest Gresham X32
Gene Harrington X43
Evelyn Hicks N960
Edmond Hill Jr. A572
Carl Hilliard X11
Maurice Hines O43
James Hintz O67
Melvin Hollifield O87
Charlie Holloway X36
Richard Holmes Jr. X36
Howard Hughes X31
Garland Jennings Jr. O19
Gina Johnson O43
James Johnson X42
Willie Johnson Jr. O43
Gregory Joyner O26
Stephen Ladd X67

Richard Lawing X33
Stacey Lilly X32
Stephen Lovelace X42
Ralph Mann O48
Larry Matthews K45
Andrew Meekins X36
Richard Miller E21
Michael Otto O26
Curtis Portlock M53
James Ricks X36
Michael Schultz M53
Kenneth Scott O19
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David Smith E85
Edwood Spruill X01
Debra Stanfield X31
Pamela Stevenson X33
Lonnell Thompson K45
Andre Thompson X36
John Ullery O05
Raymond West K46
Alfonso Whitby X33
Antonio Williams X44
Julius Wood M30

35 YEARS
Clinton Anthony O53
Juan Aponte Jr. O67

Thomas Boesel E70
Arthur Boyce X57
Sharon Brockman E85
David Buchanan II K22
Carl Carrow E25
Jeffrey Davidson O05
Danny Deeds X32
Donald Doverspike X01
John Duke O63
Jeremiah Elliott O53
Robert Ganshaw E15
Richard Harrison E83
Stephen Hollandsworth E56
Lisa Jennings X76
Shelton Laws X01
Lisa Maddrey O19
Deanna Mauld X47
Mark Mctheny O15
Christine Miller X42
Wesley Newman E70
Johnny Patterson Jr. K47
Joseph Prince E05
John Purcell III K47
William Putney X18
Gail Sawyer X73
Ricky Spoonhoward E03
Bruce Thomas E14
Patrick Ward X42
Karen Widmeyer E68

30 YEARS
Edward Armstrong X71
Jeffrey Bailey X62
John Bane X15
Veral Bell X33
Edmond Braxton Jr. K46
Ricardo Copeland O51
Joann Diggs X44
Brian Hill X36
Dennis Johnson Jr. X31
James Jones N960
Deborah Lewis X31
Jennifer Marshall X22
Nathaniel Mitchell X47
Kevin Nguyen E85
Leroy Pierce Jr. O39
Steven Roberts K70
Russell Schafer E25
Frances Stewart X33
Harold Strickland Jr. E37
Warren Taylor X73
Mark Wilson K47

25 YEARS
Jason Duty X71
Barry Surber O19

20 YEARS

Anita Allen O45
John Anderson X36
Julie Anderson X47
David Capps E12
Seth Fitch E20
Joseph Gray E12
Evelyn Gregory O18
Jacqueline Gross O25
Stacey Hammonds E44
Kevin Hill E70
Kenneth Hodges O51
George Holmes Jr. E20
Harold Howard E49
Scott Hubiak E44
James Joines E84
Vladimir Maksimovich E37
David Mcmillan K49
Jennifer Nelson O75
Roy Phillips X31
Matthew Schmidt E11
Mary Shaw N905
Christopher Skiba E47
Craig Smith Jr. E37
Bruce Stein T54
Dianna Yoko N364

40 YEARS

David Adams O44
Gene Allen X36
William Angel X42
Henry Baird X20
William Barbrey X36
Ann Beale X33
Kenneth Blizzard X11
Ricky Boothe M53
Harvey Bowden III X42
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RETIREMENTS

JULY

Joseph Banks X31
Howard Blakeney X33
Dion Brown X36
Wiley Carter X42
Keith Collins X47
John Davis O46
Ronald Dillard X33

Donna Graves E92
Kenny Hargrove X73
Roy Hassell X32
Steven Hewitt X82
Robert Horning X31
Kenny King X11
Jeffrey Lassiter X31

Alfred Lee X18
Scott Mcinnis E41
Jonathan Michie O41
John Norris K48
Michael Perron O39
Kim Price E26
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Ricky Reid O43
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Michael Roberts X47
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William Smith X18

Norman Stith O53
Michael Surber E68
Cleveland Swain X11
Diane Thomas T51
John Watso O48
Brian Welch O60
Edward White X42

Paul Williams X43
Travis Wilson X82
Truman Wise O43
Gregory Woodfolk X42
David Wright E70



40 Years Ago

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