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Adm. Chester Nimitz pins the Navy Cross on Doris Miller on *Enterprise* (CV 6) in 1942. U.S. Navy photo

Doris Miller Milestone Set for Wednesday

Newport News Shipbuilding will hold a ceremonial first cut of steel for the fourth *Ford*-class aircraft carrier, *Doris Miller* (CVN 81), on Wednesday, Aug 25.

The steel cut is one of the first milestones for the carrier, the second U.S. Navy ship named in honor of World War II hero Doris Miller. CVN 81 will be the first aircraft carrier ever named for an African American and the first to be named in honor of a sailor for actions while serving in the enlisted ranks.

At center stage during the ceremony will be **Gerald Bish** (X15), who will operate the CNC burning machine that will perform the first cut. The significance of the moment and of this carrier isn't lost on Bish.

"This is huge," he said. "I've read about Doris Miller, and it's an honor to do this. I'm nervous and excited at the same time."

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In-Yard Vaccinations Available Aug. 26

Newport News Shipbuilding employees can receive free COVID-19 vaccines on Thursday, Aug. 26, without leaving the shipyard.

Walk-ins will be accepted at Bldg. 4931-1, PCU Assembly Room, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vaccines will be administered by QuadMed, which operates the HII Family Health Center. They will be offering the Pfizer vaccine, first and second shots.

This is a convenient way to protect yourself from the more highly contagious delta variant of COVID-19, which has spurred an increase in cases at NNS and elsewhere. There is a time charge for this event for hourly employees. Salaried employees should flex their time.

Vaccines are also available at the HII Family Health Center, located at 4500 Washington Ave. The health center also offers vaccines to employee spouses and dependents age 12 and up if they are covered by an HII Anthem health plan.



**Newport News
Shipbuilding
Gives**

School Tools Drive Ends Aug. 27

Newport News Shipbuilding's 2021 School Tools Drive continues through Friday, Aug. 27. The goal is to provide school supplies for 2,300 local students. Donations from shipbuilders will impact classrooms, students' lives and the community's future.

Shipbuilders can give online at YouGiveGoods.com/nns-schooltools-2021, through collection containers at gate turnstiles or through department collections. See a full list of needed supplies and frequently asked questions on MyNNS.

Donations from shipbuilders will support local departments of social services, Boys & Girls Clubs, ForKids and An Achievable Dream.



Gerald Bish prepares for the ceremonial first cut of steel for *Doris Miller* (CVN 81). Photo by Ashley Cowan

Doris Miller Milestone Set for Wednesday

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Miller was collecting laundry on *West Virginia* (BB 48), when the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor began on Dec. 7, 1941. He was ordered to the ship's bridge to aid the mortally wounded commanding officer and subsequently manned a .50-caliber Browning anti-aircraft machine gun until he ran out of ammunition. Miller then helped move many other

injured sailors as the ship was ordered abandoned due to her own fires and flaming oil floating down from the destroyed *Arizona* (BB 39). *West Virginia* lost 150 of its 1,500-person crew.

Miller's actions earned him a commendation from then Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, and the Navy Cross, which was presented to him on NNS-built *Enterprise* (CV 6) by Adm. Chester Nimitz, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at the time. Miller died aboard *Liscome Bay* (CVE 56) in 1943 when the ship was hit by a torpedo and sank off Butaritari Atoll in the Gilbert Islands. He was 24.

While on-site attendance will be limited, the ceremony will be broadcast live at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 25, and available for replay on the following social media channels:

- NNS President Jennifer Boykin's Facebook page.
- Huntington Ingalls Industries Facebook page.
- Huntington Ingalls Industries YouTube page.

Virtual Hiring Event for Fitters is Sept. 8

Newport News Shipbuilding Talent Acquisition is hosting a series of virtual hiring events this summer to fill numerous trades positions. The next virtual hiring event for fitters will be held on Sept. 8. The deadline to apply is Sept. 1.

NNS is currently offering \$500 sign-on bonuses to fitter trainee and entry-level new hires, and \$1,000 sign-on bonuses to experienced fitter new hires. Job seekers who apply before Dec. 31 are eligible for the sign-on bonuses.

Employees are encouraged to share these opportunities. Visit buildyourcareer.com for more information about this summer's hiring events.

NNS Offering Sign-On Bonuses

Newport News Shipbuilding is offering \$500 sign-on bonuses to specific trades trainee and entry-level new hires and \$1,000 sign-on bonuses for specific experienced trades new hires. Job seekers who apply before Dec. 31 are eligible for the bonuses.

The specific trades positions include: fitters (X11); welders (X18); deck electricians (X31); sheet metal workers (X32); marine painters; blasters and insulators (X33); riggers (X36), pipefitters (X42); and outside machinists, refuelers and ship safety watch (X43).

The sign-on bonuses are for external new hires. Current NNS employees are ineligible.

"NNS needs to hire hundreds of trades employees by the end of this year," said **Cindi Wolfe**, director of HRIS, Learning and Development, and Talent Acquisition. "We're excited about being able to offer these sign-on bonuses to keep us competitive and encourage more candidates to apply and start working for NNS."

In addition, NNS also is offering \$500 cash bonus awards to NNS employees who refer trades candidates who are hired. Referrals must be submitted through the internal employee Careers site signing in with their MyHR ID and must be submitted by Dec. 31. Employees will be required to submit a copy of their referral's resume, which is a system requirement. Both the referral and job seeker's application must be submitted before the job posting deadline. For more information, visit the REFER program resource website at huntingtoningalls.com/hii-careers/refer-a-friend.

AROUND THE YARD



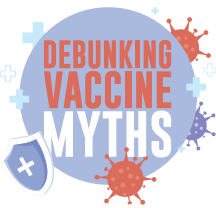
USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) Returns to NNS for Planned Incremental Availability

USS *Gerald R. Ford* (CVN 78) – which successfully completed full-ship shock trials earlier this month – returned to Newport News Shipbuilding Friday, Aug. 20, for a six-month planned incremental availability. During the availability, shipbuilders will conduct detailed inspections, assess any damage sustained during the trials, and continue modernization and maintenance work in advance of the ship’s deployment in 2022. Watch a time-lapse video of *Ford*’s arrival on MyNNS.

Environmental Management Systems ISO 14001 Certification Audit

An Environmental Management Systems (EMS) ISO 14001 Certification Audit is scheduled for Aug. 23-27. Shipbuilders should know NNS’ environmental policy and how it reflects their work. The policy can be summarized by the acronym SOAR: Stop Pollution, Obey Rules, Always Improve and Reduce Waste.

Visit the EMS-SOAR website for more information. For questions, contact **Sarah Lambert** at 534-3645.



Myth: I want to have a baby one day, and for that reason, I don’t think the COVID-19 vaccine is safe.

Fact: There is no evidence that the COVID-19 vaccination causes any problems with pregnancy, including the development of the placenta, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). If you are trying to become pregnant or wish to get pregnant in the future, the vaccine is safe.

Enter to Win Tickets for the Virginia Living Museum on the NNS to Go App

Newport News Shipbuilding is holding drawings for employees to receive tickets for free, unlimited admission to the Virginia Living Museum for six people for one year.

There will be four drawings for employees to receive the Virginia Living Museum tickets and four drawings for NNS-branded swag bag consolation prizes. Shipbuilders can enter the contest once a day via the NNS to Go app from Aug. 23 until Sept. 20. Drawings will be held on Aug. 31, Sept. 7, Sept. 14 and Sept. 21.



Pictured from left are **Anthony Lans**, **Ron Murray** and **Andy Lam**.

Shipbuilder Steering the Way

Anthony T. Lans was recently honored with a Level One On-the-Spot Ethics Award for rendering life-saving aid to a co-worker who was choking.

When he realized what was happening, Lans took quick action, performing the Heimlich maneuver seven or eight times until his co-worker stopped choking. **Ron Murray**, vice president of Quality, met with Lans to thank him for his actions and to present his award.

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Cases reported last week: **116** | Total cases at NNS: **3,935**

NNS employees medically cleared to return to work: **3,113** | NNS employees vaccinated: **54%**

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

DATEBOOK

AUGUST 25

The Asian Shipbuilders Including All Nationalities (ASIAN) employee resource group and L.E.A.R.N. are hosting a collaborative event via Zoom with the Society of Asian Scientists & Engineers (SASE) at 4 p.m. Guest speaker Darren Sekiguchi, vice president of F-35 at Lockheed Martin, will present "Traits of a Chameleon." Learn the characteristics and lessons that have guided Sekiguchi through his professional career, with a Q&A session to follow. Register on the L.E.A.R.N. MyNNS website.

AUGUST 25

The Project Management Shipbuilder Association (PMSA) will host a lunchtime presentation on reviewing the 13 areas of PMP with **Joe Tester** from 4 until 5 p.m. via WebEx. The event is open to all employees by reservation only. Sign up on the PMSA website. For questions, contact **Dennis Diones**, or email PMSA@hii-nns.com. No charge is provided.

SEPTEMBER 13

The Engagement and Diversity & Inclusion (ED&I) offices invite shipbuilders to join their monthly ED&I Together Strong Life Unites Panel Discussion Series: The Power of Mentorship from 4:30 until 6 p.m. via Zoom. Panelists include Dr. **Latitia McCane** (O61), **Sandy Collins** (O26), **Jim O'Brien** (K97), **Alonzo Smith** (O61) and Dr. **Helen Dennie** (O28) from L.E.A.R.N. This event is open to all NNS employees. Register on MyNNS. No charge will be provided. Email DiversityAndInclusion@hii-nns.com for questions.

SEPTEMBER 14

The Project Management Shipbuilder Association (PMSA) invites shipbuilders to attend a virtual informational session from 4:30 until 5:30 p.m. to learn how to use Ed Assist for funding of the PMP prep course and to learn about fall PMP prep course offerings. Sign up for the webinar on the PMSA website. For more information, visit the PMP Training and Ed Assist page or contact PMSA Boot Camp Lead **Debra Brand** via email.

SEPTEMBER 15

Determine if you're ready for retirement with help from SmartPath. Attend the Retirement Readiness 2.0 webinar at noon to take a deeper look into your retirement forecast. Register at onsmartpath.com/hii. If you cannot attend live, register anyway and SmartPath will email you a recording of the session.

SEPTEMBER 17

Newport News Shipbuilding employees are encouraged to participate in the United Way Day of Caring. Volunteer projects may include: landscaping, painting, cleaning, organizing and gardening. Volunteers can search and register for a project as an individual or as a team by visiting NNS Gives portal at nns.YourCause.com. Shipbuilders are reminded to log volunteer hours in NNS Gives.

On-site Know Your Numbers Health Screenings Available

Employees can take advantage of onsite Know Your Numbers health screenings scheduled throughout Newport News Shipbuilding to complete the Know Your Numbers program. Through the program, salaried employees enrolled in a HII Anthem medical plan must complete a health screening and a wellness profile to save \$600 annually on their medical insurance. Upcoming health screenings are available at the following locations:

Tuesday, Aug. 24

Bldg. 160 (Fishbowl Conference Room)
8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 25

Bldg. 872 (First Floor Conference Room)
7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 26

Pier 3 Bent 19 (Conference Room 247)
7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 27

Bldg. 77-78 (War Room Conference Room)
7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 30

Bldg. 4633 (Third Floor Conference Room)
7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 31

Bldg. 250 (Second Floor)
7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Employees can also complete a health screening at the HII Family Health Center or with their personal care provider. All medical information associated with the program is protected by federal law restricting the release of medical information.

For instructions to schedule a health screening and view the full calendar of events, visit www.myquadmed.com/kyn. Masks are required at all on-site health screenings.

SEEKING SHIPBUILDERS

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

Job Title	Req Number	Dept.	Location
Engineer Mechanical 3	8748, 6046	E03, O46	Newport News
Engineer Welding 2	8488	E37	Newport News
Engineering Technician 4	8744	E25	Newport News
Firefighter/EMT 1	7164	O15	Newport News
Fitter (Trainee, Entry-level & Experienced)	8445, 8464, 8465	X11	Newport News
K45 Technician 2	8279	K45	Newport News
Manager Quality 1	8209	X67	Newport News
MIP Foreman (2nd shift)	6968	K46	Newport News
MT/PT Inspector	4804	O38	Newport News
Pipe Fitter (Trainee, Entry-level & Experienced)	8492, 8504, 8524	X42	Newport News
Rigger (Entry-level & Experienced)	8664, 8665	X36	Newport News
Sheet Metal (Trainee, Entry-level & Experienced)	8626, 8628, 8627	X32	Newport News
Welder (Trainee, Entry-level & Experienced)	8685, 8645, 8644	X18	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.

