



Shipbuilders Keep Safety in Mind During Snow Storm Prep and Cleanup

On Sunday, Feb. 15, Newport News Shipbuilding's Facilities crews began preparing for the winter storm that hit Hampton Roads early last week.

"The forecast predicted that snow would begin falling on Monday afternoon, so the team was called on Sunday night and asked to prepare for extended work hours," said **Michele Affolter**, O46 Plant Operations supervisor. "Early Monday morning, we had a meeting to discuss our strategy for preparation and cleanup."

Before the snow began falling Monday afternoon, crews spread thousands of pounds of salt and magnesium chloride along shipyard walkways and roadways.

"Keeping employees safe was our top priority, so we cleared emergency exit paths and areas around the gates and walkways first," said **Edwin Marcano**, one of the 35-member team who worked around the clock to keep NNS free of snow and ice. "Overall, I think the teamwork of the crew was amazing. Everyone pitched in to help out in any way they could."

Aaron Holloway operated front-end loading tractors and back hoes to spread salt and sand and remove snow and ice from shipyard road and walkways. "Safety was on the forefront of everyone's mind throughout the week," he said. "Communication was key. Our team did a great job..."

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... of communicating to each other about what was done and what needed to be done. A lot of the team has worked storms before, so they were aware of the problem areas.”

Affolter said that the most challenging part of last week’s storm was the bitterly cold temperatures. “Usually sunlight is great in the days following a snow storm because it helps to melt away the snow,” she said. “However, last week, the snow that was melted during the day refroze at night and created many challenges for us. Overall, the team was able to execute the plan and make the shipyard safe for employees that came into work.”

From Feb. 16 to Feb. 20, the team worked more than 5,000 man hours without an accident and spread more than:

- 400,000 pounds of salt
- 150,000 pounds of sand
- 2,500 gallons of magnesium chloride
- 10,000 pounds of ice melt pellets



Facilities crews worked to rid NNS of snow and ice Feb. 16-20. Photo on front cover and above by Chris Oxley

To prevent shipbuilders from traveling over ice to purchase food from canteens, a free lunch was provided to waterfront shipbuilders Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Special thanks to all shipbuilders who contributed to snow removal effort and keeping employees safe.

One City Marathon Runner: Jeffrica Key

Job Title: O26 Product Training Manager

Age: 38

Running: One City Marathon Relay

Classification: Average Runner

Biggest Race: Gameday 10K

Biggest Challenge: Nutrition. Fueling properly before and after a run is so important. The difference in performance is remarkable when you have eaten properly.

Strategy: During my longer runs when I want to slow down or stop, I pick a spot/landmark that’s some distance in front of me and push myself to just make it to that spot. I keep doing that so I never stop running until I have reached my goal. It works most of the time.

Why I Run: Running helps me maintain good health. I am a former smoker and I would often think to myself, imagine how much healthier you would be and how much longer you could run if you would completely stop smoking. Prayer and running helped me eliminate the habit completely.

Motivation: Running keeps me healthy and happy. I crave the challenge. Although it’s not considered a team sport, there tends to be an amazing sense of community at every race.

Running Playlist: Anything that takes my mind off of the miles to go....it’s pretty eclectic.

Favorite Tech: Nike Fuelband, Soleus, Nike Running App, Digifit App

Work Application: Running, or at least training to become faster and stronger involves learning to be uncomfortable. To develop professionally and in life, you need to be in some situations that stretch you or make you uncomfortable in order to learn and grow.

Favorite Areas to Run: Noland Trail and Oyster Point City Center

Advice: It’s only as difficult as you make it. If your desire is to become more active then it’s a matter of tying up your laces and hitting the pavement. Slow is fine... it’s MOVING!

The One City Marathon is March 15. To register or to volunteer, visit www.oncecitymarathon.com today.



AROUND THE YARD

Have You Seen the Latest Edition of Focus NNS?

Join host **Bryan Moore** for the latest edition of Focus NNS, meet "Big Dave," the largest pipe bending machine in the world, and learn how NNS is preparing future shipbuilders with a Career Pathways program called GEMS (Girls With Engineering Minds in Shipbuilding). Also, see how the City of Newport News is preparing for its first marathon. Watch Focus NNS at nns.huntingtoningalls.com/videos.

WiSE to Host Women's History Month Event

Join Women in Shipbuilding Enterprise (WiSE) for its annual Women's History Month Celebration on Thursday, March 26 at 4:30 p.m. in the VASCIC auditorium.

This year's theme is "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives." Special guest speaker will be **Mike Petters**, HII President and CEO. All current female Master Shipbuilders and past "WiSE Woman" award winners will be recognized. Several vice president mentoring sessions will be raffled to event attendees. Refreshments will also be provided.

Visit the WiSE Yardnet website for more information about the WiSE employee resource group.



One City Marathon NNS Runners Bibs

Newport News Shipbuilding employees who register for the One City Marathon, Relay, or 8K receive a special runner's bib. Visit www.onecitymarathon.com and register today. The One City Marathon is March 15.

Trades Operations T-Shirt Contest

This Friday, Feb. 27 is the last day to submit a design for the Trades Operations' T-shirt Design Contest. The contest is themed, "Let's Glide with Shipyard Pride" and is open to all NNS employees. For contest rules and for more information. For questions, contact **Cameron Harihan** (X36) at 380-2049.



Pictured (L to R): Linda McMillian, LaShonda Pearson, Sarah Gentry, Glenn Skinner and Elisha Davis.

Apprentice School Jaycees Presented Awards

The Jaycees' Junior Chamber of Commerce is the premier organization for management, leadership and service to the community. On Jan. 23-25, the Virginia Jaycees had their 75th state convention. Apprentice Jaycees' President **Glenn Skinner** and Individual Development Vice President **Elisha Davis** were nominated for the First Timers Award and the following Apprentice Jaycees received awards during the event:

- Apprentice Jaycees Advisor **Linda McMillian**: Presidential medallion for going above and beyond the call of duty to keep the chapter on track.
- Apprentice Jaycees Co-Advisor **Sarah Gentry**: Regional Director of the Year and Presidential Medallion for serving on the State Executive Committee.
- Apprentice Jaycees Secretary **LaShonda Pearson**: Tucker Award for outstanding local officer.



Check Out "Hot Shots"

"Hot Shots" is a collection of photos taken at Newport News Shipbuilding each month by staff photographers. Check out the January/February 2015 edition at nns.huntingtoningalls.com/photos.

Mark Your Calendar: Office Services to Host IHS Open House March 12

Newport News Shipbuilding's Office Services (O14) is hosting several Information Handling Services (IHS) Open Houses in 2015. The first will be Thursday, March 12 in Bldg. 600 (Library) from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. IHS representatives will be on hand to answer questions pertaining to changes to the 2015 subscription and to give tips on product use. All shipbuilders are encouraged to stop by and get information on the latest IHS products and trainings.

Contact **Leslie Kuykendall** (014) at 688-6188 for more information, or if you would be interested in an Open House in your area.

DATEBOOK

FEBRUARY 25

The "Spear and Gear" Toastmasters Club will meet from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 812 (The Apprentice School) second floor conference room. Guests are always welcome. Contact **Rose Brodie** (K75) at 534-3382 or **Donna Graves** (E08) at 688-6204 for more information.

FEBRUARY 25

Saint Leo University will hold a Lunch-and-Learn session in the CMAF (Bldg. 1865-1) from 12-12:30 p.m. For additional information or contact Michael Godfrey, St. Leo rep, at 249-0390.

FEBRUARY 25

To celebrate Engineers Week, NNS will be participating in Engineering Career Days Feb. 25-26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at CNU (David Student Union). Contact **Sherri Thompson** (O44) at 534-1990 for more information.

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FEBRUARY 28

The Apprentice School Class of 2014 Graduation Ceremony will be held at Liberty Baptist Church (Worship Center) in Hampton. Doors will open at 1 p.m. and the ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. The event is free and open to all shipbuilders.

FEBRUARY 28

Peninsula Engineers Council Banquet is from 6-9 p.m. at NNS in Bldg. 520-6 (James River Room). Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-engineer-of-the-year-banquet-tickets-14865006635 to purchase tickets.

MARCH 4

The Navy League of Hampton Roads and the Hampton Roads Naval Historical Foundation will co-sponsor a FREE Women's History Month celebration from 4-6 p.m. at the Hampton Roads Naval Museum. Reservations are required. Call 322-3108 to RSVP by Feb. 27. The Hampton Roads Naval Museum is located at One Waterside Drive, Suite 248, Norfolk, Virginia 23510 (level 2 of Nauticus).

MARCH 11

The International Compliance Office will hold Annual Export Training-Basic from 9-10 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. in Bldg. 520-6 (James River Room). Register via the Learning Exchange (LX) or contact **Sarah Williams** (O19) at 380-3599.

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MARCH 27

The Progressive Club will host their Spring Golf Tournament at Sleepy Hole Golf Course in Smithfield. Check-in time is noon and there will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Cost is \$300 per team. For questions, contact **Kenny McBurney** (X88) at 380-3659.

Last Chance Admirals Discount

The Norfolk Admirals are offering NNS and HII employees discounted tickets to Friday's game at Norfolk Scope. Go to www.norfolkadmirals.com/groups (code: Hockey15). **Tickets must be ordered by 11:59 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26.** Tickets will be held at will call. Offer not valid at the door. Call Sami at 640-1212 (ext. 24) for more information.

Submit a Valid CVN 72 Opportunity for Improvement of Lessons Learned

USS *Abraham Lincoln's* (CVN 72) Opportunity and Lessons Learned Program is currently sponsoring a promotion this **Friday, Feb. 27**. Shipbuilders who submit a valid opportunity or lessons learned during the promotional period will be invited to a CVN 72 Program appreciation luncheon.

For additional information about the promotion, view the flier on Yardnet. For questions, send an email to CVN72LessonLearned@hii-nns.com or contact **Cherie Powell** (E47) at 380-2046, **D'Javon Alston** (E47) at 688-3360.

Opportunities Through the Career and Professional Development (O44)

The Dale Carnegie Course:

(Effective Communications and Human Relations): 12-week course, where students learn to strengthen interpersonal relations, manage stress and handle fast-changing workplace conditions. Course focused on people/leadership skills, controlling stress and worry, memory development, and improving self confidence.

High Impact Presentations:

Two-day course, for anyone who speaks in front of groups. Students learn to develop a central theme, structure presentations, persuade the audience with facts and examples and lead effective question/answer sessions.

Visit the O44 Yardnet website for information about the courses available. Contact **Kimberly McCrum** (O44) at 380-4706 or **Tina Howell** (O44) at 380-7898 for questions.

NOTICE: Resubmit Last Week's Classifieds this Week Feb. 23-26

Due to system error, the Classified ad submission form was not working correctly last week. Employees that submitted ads Feb. 16-19, should resubmit their ad Feb. 23-26 online at nns.huntingtoningalls.com/currents to appear in the March 2 edition of *Currents*. We apologize for any inconvenience. For questions, contact **Lauren Ward** (O29) at 380-4622.

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