

**JENNIFER BOYKIN, PRESIDENT, NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING**

TODAY IS A GREAT DAY FOR NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING. IT IS MY HONOR TO WELCOME YOU TO THE FIRST CUT OF STEEL CEREMONY FOR OUR NATION'S NEWEST AIRCRAFT CARRIER, THE ENTERPRISE CVN 80.

**KAYLA COOK, ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONAL SUPPORT**

(SUNG) AND THE ROCKET'S RED GLARE, THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR.

**TONY GOODMAN, MACHINE HAND SPECIALIST**

WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO PUT YOUR HAND OF BLESSING ON THIS COMPANY AND ON ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE TAKEN THOUGHTS AND IDEAS AND BRING THEM TO LIFE.

**JENNIFER BOYKIN**

CVN 80 WILL REVOLUTIONIZE HOW WE BUILD SHIPS. KNOWING THAT THE STEEL CUT TODAY WILL BE TRANSFORMED OVER THE NEXT NINE YEARS INTO THE MIGHTIEST OF SHIPS. KNOWING THAT THIS ENTERPRISE WILL REIGN AS QUEEN OF THE SEAS UNTIL THE YEAR 2078 OR THEREABOUT AND KNOWING THAT SHE IS "MADE IN AMERICA, ONLY IN NEWPORT NEWS" BY THE GREATEST SHIPBUILDERS IN THE WORLD. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE OUR SHIP'S SPONSORS SIMONE BILES AND KATIE LEDECKY WITH US TODAY. THEY HAVE INSPIRED ALL OF US WITH THEIR ATHLETICISM, THEIR PROFESSIONALISM, AND THEIR PATRIOTISM. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE WELCOME THE SPONSORS OF ENTERPRISE CVN 80: SIMONE BILES AND KATIE LEDECKY.

**SIMONE BILES, UNITED STATES OLYMPIAN, SPONSOR, ENTERPRISE (CVN 80)**

MY FATHER SERVED IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE FOR OVER 21 YEARS AND TAUGHT ME DISCIPLINE, DETERMINATION, AND DEDICATION TO ACHIEVE MY GOALS AND THESE SAME VALUES ARE ON DISPLAY AS THESE ADVANCED SHIPS ARE BEING BUILT HERE. ONCE AGAIN, THANKS FOR THIS HONOR AND I AM HUMBLD AND PRIVILEGED TO BE A PART OF THE NATION'S NEWEST CARRIER, ENTERPRISE CVN 80.

**KATIE LEDECKY, UNITED STATES OLYMPIAN, SPONSOR, ENTERPRISE (CVN 80)**

WE REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING ALL OF THE YOUNG KIDS HERE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AS WE COMPETE INTERNATIONALLY, WE REALLY, TRULY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COMPETE AT THE LEVEL THAT WE DO WITHOUT THE FREEDOM THAT WE HAVE AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE PROMISE WE WILL NEVER TAKE FOR GRANTED. AND WE'RE EXCITED TO CUT THE STEEL TODAY AND START THIS PROCESS AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS OVER THE YEARS AND WE'RE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS.

**JENNIFER BOYKIN**

ARE YOU READY, WAYNE?

**KATIE LEDECKY**

ALRIGHT, EVERYONE COUNT DOWN WITH US!

**KATIE LEDECKY & SIMONE BILES**

"3, 2, 1...CUT THAT STEEL!"

**JENNIFER BOYKIN**

WE KNOW THAT BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU, YOU HAVE PLENTY OF GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS, SO WHAT WE HAVE FOR YOU BOTH IS A CUSTOM-MADE CVN 80 FIRST CUT OF STEEL MEDAL MADE WITH AIRCRAFT CARRIER STEEL.