NNS Assumes Maintenance Services Role at Kesselring Site

On Jan. 3, Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS) assumed responsibility for maintenance services at the Kenneth A. Kesselring Site in West Milton, NY. NNS was awarded the contract in September 2011 by Bechtel Marine Propulsion Corp. (BMPC) to provide maintenance services on the two nuclear reactor prototypes at the Kesselring site, a research and development facility that supports the U.S. Navy’s Nuclear Propulsion Program. A NNS management team relocated to Kesselring in October to begin the transition period.

“We are excited to welcome our Kesselring team to Newport News Shipbuilding,” said Matt Mulherin, NNS president. “We are fortunate to be gaining a wealth of talent and knowledge that will be of great benefit to both sites as we continue to explore ways to leverage our skills and capabilities in support of the Navy’s nuclear propulsion program.”

For more information, view the news release at www.globenewswire.com.

Alfred Flythe Performs “Safety First” in Front of Live Audience in Hampton

More than 800 shipbuilders were present at Luckie’s Dueling Piano Bar in Hampton on Dec. 22 to watch shipbuilder Alfred Flythe (X11) perform his hit single, “Safety First.” Shipbuilders unable to attend the event in December can view a video of the live performance at http://yardnet/events/safety/index.html.

In addition, Newport News Shipbuilding’s “Safety First” music video featuring Flythe and other shipbuilders was shown several times on the screen at the Norfolk Admirals hockey game on Dec. 30.

Reminder: NNS Closed Jan. 16

Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS) will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Due to the nature of shipyard operations, it will be necessary for some employees to work on the holiday. Supervision will notify employees of any such arrangements.

Employee Engagement Survey Coming Soon!

The Gallup Organization will administer its employee engagement survey at Newport News Shipbuilding Jan. 18 through Feb. 2. During this timeframe, both salary and hourly shipbuilders will be eligible to take the survey. Salaried employees will be sent a link to the survey electronically via email and hourly employees will be given the opportunity to take the survey on paper. As always, the survey is entirely confidential and consists of 16 questions. It should not take longer than 15 minutes to complete and all participating hourly employees will be paid for time spent taking the survey.

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New Banners in the Yard

The Facilities and Waterfront Support division is currently in the process of placing “Keep the Shipyard Clean” banners in various locations around the yard. The banners are intended to remind employees to always keep the yard clean.

“A clean work area makes a safer workplace,” said Eric Stevens, Night Shift Operations manager. “Let’s all get engaged so that we can all be ready when it comes to company cleanliness and safety.”

Shipbuilders are encouraged to contact Al Gunter (O46) at 8-5172 if they would like to obtain a banner for their work area.

U.S. Flag Presented to The Apprentice School

The Apprentice School Athletic Department held their annual holiday luncheon on Dec. 20 at the Apprentice School gymnasium. During the luncheon, a special presentation was made by Army Specialist Louis Adams, in appreciation of the 9,000 golf balls The Apprentice School sent to Kuwait last September. Adams presented Everett Jordan, director of education for The Apprentice School, and Keisha Pexton, The Apprentice School Athletic director, with a U.S. flag that was flown in Kuwait. Adams, who surprised his mother, shipbuilder Sandra Wilkins (E39) in December by showing up at her doorstep for a visit, was given a standing ovation from the crowd in gratitude for his service.

WHRO Will Air “Angle of Attack”

WHRO will air the first part of its two-part documentary series Angle of Attack: How Naval Aviation Changed the Face of War on Jan. 26 at 9 p.m. The film tells the story of 100 years of naval aviation and charts how technological innovations shaped strategic choices and conversely, how strategic imperatives propelled naval aviation toward innovation. The second-part of the documentary will air Feb. 2 at 9 p.m.

Where is it Now? USS Texas (SSN 775)

USS Texas (SSN 775) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Dec. 23 after completing her maiden Western Pacific (WESTPAC) deployment. During the six-month deployment, Texas conducted port visits in Guam; Yokosuka, Japan; Busan, South Korea; and Subic Bay, Philippines. The port visits to Japan and South Korea provided the opportunity for Texas to demonstrate some of the capabilities that a Virginia-Class submarine has to host country distinguished visitors, both civilian and military.
Shop Online at HII and NNS Logo Stores Today!

Shipbuilders are encouraged to visit the Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII) and Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS) online logo stores. Both stores feature a variety of logo apparel including a selection of t-shirts, polo shirts, caps, mugs, cups, and backpacks.

Continue to check both stores as more items will become available.

Visit the HII logo store at http://asiweb.vanguardmil.com/hii/

Visit the NNS logo store at http://www.huntingtingalls.com/nns/store.

NEW! Dale Carnegie Course

Newport News Shipbuilding has announced a new educational opportunity in its employee development curriculum: “The Dale Carnegie Course - Effective Communications and Human Relations” will be offered from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays starting Feb. 2 at the Sentara Careplex in Hampton. Shipbuilders taking the course are eligible for NNS’ deferred tuition reimbursement. To enroll, contact Wade or Linda Powell at 490-1611. For more info, contact Marilyn Jones (O44) at 8-6528 or visit the O44 Yardnet website.

Capt. William Hart to Speak

Capt. William Hart, Commanding Officer, USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), will speak at the Hampton Roads section of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME) meeting on Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. The event is open to all. For more info, contact Julie Lane (X70) at 8-7622.

REMINDERS

Need Photos for the 2011 Community Report

The Communications Department (O29) is looking for photos of community service events shipbuilders participated in throughout 2011. If you would like to submit a photo, please send an email to Communications@hii-nns.com.

“See” the News!

The latest edition of Focus NNS features the Quicken Loans Carrier Classic basketball game aboard the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), NNS’ 10th Habitat for Humanity house ground-breaking, Safety Song contest winner Alfred Flythe (X11), and a look back at 2011.

Summer Internships Available

Newport News Shipbuilding Talent Acquisition is now accepting applications for the summer internship pipeline program. The intern program provides meaningful summer employment to college students with a minimum 3.0 GPA enrolled in degree programs that match the company’s needs. Participants will work full-time, 40-hours per week, for 10 weeks during the summer months. Internships are available for both NNS and Huntington Ingalls Industries Corporate. The deadline to apply is Feb. 10. For more info, visit the Career’s website and search for Requisition ID 11022609.

Accidents Reported

Jan. 3 - 5

Total Accidents 7
Total Delayed Reports 3

Shipbuilders are encouraged to report accidents immediately.
Visit the Yardnet O27 website for info.

First Open House!

HealthWaves will host its first open house Jan. 17-20. Is your goal to lose weight? Quit smoking? Exercise? Feel better? Or simply maintain your healthy lifestyle? Find HealthWaves at the following times and locations:

Jan. 17: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Bldg. 903
Jan. 18: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Bldg. 520
Jan. 19: 6 a.m. - 8 a.m. at 50th St. gate
Jan. 19: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 42nd St. gate
Jan. 20: 6 a.m. - 8 a.m. at 37th St. gate
Jan. 20: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at South gate

Attendees will also have the opportunity to register for the ShipSHAPE Challenge, Kick the Stick, and OutSMART Diabetes! General information regarding HealthWaves programs and health coaching will also be available at each open house.

For more info:

Call Michele Stewart (O28) at 0-4578 or email:
HealthWaves@hii-nns.com


**Give Blood. Save a Life.**

Visit the Red Cross Bloodmobile on Dec. 10 at Bldg. 902. Call 0-4029 for an appointment.

**W-2 Name/Address Verification for W-2’s**

Shipbuilders should review the accuracy of the name and address on their pay stubs. W-2 forms will be mailed to the address that appears on the check stub. First and last names printed on the stub should appear exactly as it does on the employee’s social security card. Visit the [HR Yardnet website](http://www.hii-nns.com) for more info.

**What Conservation Means to Me**

To take responsibility for ourselves and future generations as well as manage natural resources in a way that is mindful.

*Judy DeWeese, O95*

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**Seeking Leaders: employment opportunities with Newport News Shipbuilding**

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**HRT Let HRT Drive You to Work**

Tired of driving yourself to work? Did you know that the Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) offers bus service specifically for shipyard and downtown Newport News workers?


**Employee Discounts & Classifieds**

The new Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII) Nationwide Employee Discount site is now available! Shipbuilders are now eligible for nearly 500 discounts! Visit the HII Employee Discount Page at [www.huntingtingalls.com/discounts/index.html](http://www.huntingtingalls.com/discounts/index.html) for a complete list of local discounts or go to [www.beneplace.com/hii](http://www.beneplace.com/hii) and use Company ID “HII” for the newly added nationwide discounts.

View and print this week’s Classifieds, at: [www.huntingtingalls.com/nns/employees/classifieds](http://www.huntingtingalls.com/nns/employees/classifieds).

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**DATEBOOK**

- **JAN 10**  
  “At the Helm” Toastmasters will meet at 4:45 p.m. in the NetCenter (classroom 105). Contact [William Henry](mailto:William.Henry@hii-nns.com) (E22/NNE) at 0-4581.
- **JAN 12**  
  The “Spear and Gear” Toastmasters Club will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 903 (room 725C) Contact [Eldeania Speller](mailto:Eldeania.Speller@hii-nns.com) (K05) at 0-3764 or [Rose Brodie](mailto:Rose.Brodie@hii-nns.com) (K75) at 4-3382 for more info.
- **JAN 13**  
  Support Builder athletics! The Apprentice School basketball teams will host the 2012 MLK Classic. Visit [www.gobuilders.com](http://www.gobuilders.com) for the complete game schedule.
- **JAN 24**  
  “At the Helm” Toastmasters will meet at 4:45 p.m. in the NetCenter (classroom 105). Contact [William Henry](mailto:William.Henry@hii-nns.com) (E22/NNE) at 0-4581.
- **FEB 24**  
  The Apprentice Alumni Association (AAA) will host its annual banquet at 7 p.m. at the Marriott in City Center. The Class of 1962 will be honored. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are $35 per person and are available from AAA delegates, officers and [Judy Hester](mailto:Judy.Hester@hii-nns.com) (O22) at 8-2512. For more info, visit [http://www.nnapprentice.com/alumni/news.htm](http://www.nnapprentice.com/alumni/news.htm).

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