Apprentice School Graduates 206 Apprentices

The Apprentice School held commencement exercises for its 2013 graduating class on Saturday, Feb. 23. The graduation, held at the Liberty Baptist Church Worship Center in Hampton, celebrated the achievements of 206 apprentices representing 21 trades.

Retired Navy Admiral Tim Keating served as the commencement speaker and talked about his personal experiences with Newport News Shipbuilding-built aircraft carriers and submarines and the impact they have made to the U.S. Navy. “Think of the difference you have made over decades of good, honest hard work,” he said to the graduates. He later went on to tell the shipbuilders “You are our secret weapon. Continued on p. 3

NNS Encourages Students to Pursue Their Engineering Passion

Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS) partnered with NASA Langley Research Center and the Peninsula Engineering Council (PEC) to host a Careers Day event Feb. 21-22. The event was held at The Apprentice School gymnasium and engaged 600 sophomores and juniors from Peninsula and Southside high schools to explore their passion in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and increase their awareness and appreciation of engineering - all while having fun.

The event concluded with an “Engineering Design Challenge.” The NNS challenge was to build a duct tape boat that would hold the most weight while floating, and the NASA challenge was to build a Mars capsule with the most atmospheric drag. The winners of each challenge were presented with awards. “It is inspiring to see so many young people who have an interest in STEM,” said Jennifer McClain, manager of Career Pathways Program. “It is to our benefit to harness this enthusiasm and educate these students about the many career opportunities that are available to them and to do it in a fun and memorable way.”

U.S. Senator Tim Kaine Visits NNS to Discuss Defense Budget Impacts

Registration for NNS 5K is Underway

2012 NNS Safety Song Video Released

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U.S. Senator Tim Kaine Discusses Defense Budget Impacts During Tour of NNS

On Tuesday, Feb. 19, U.S. Senator Tim Kaine (D-Va.) visited Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS) for a tour of the shipyard followed by a press conference. The senator, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and former governor of Virginia, met with shipbuilders to discuss potential budget cuts and learned how they impact NNS’ maintenance and construction work.

“Compared to the sophistication and the quality of the work that is being done here, the decisions that we have to make to get this budget in a better process and to avoid ugly and non-strategic cuts — it’s not hard,” Kaine said during a press conference following the tour.

HII President and CEO Mike Petters joined Kaine for the press conference held in front of the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). Petters mentioned that the current budget process has stalled the ship’s overhaul and has delayed the arrival of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), which was scheduled to arrive Feb. 14 for its refueling and complex overhaul (RCOH).

NNS President Matt Mulherin joined the senator on the shipyard tour, which included visits in aircraft carrier and submarine construction facilities and a tour of the aircraft carrier Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78).

“Newport News Shipbuilding has already been negatively impacted by the recent delay in aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln’s refueling and complex overhaul,” said Mulherin. “Senator Kaine saw first-hand today how hard we are working to build these warships as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible, and we’re confident he is returning to Washington with a better understanding of how difficult it will be to meet those efficiency objectives should a decision be made that does not place top priority on our nation’s defense.”

AASA Hosts Annual Black History Month Celebration

The African American Shipbuilders Association (AASA) hosted its annual Black History Month Celebration on Thursday, Feb. 21. This year’s event was themed, “Building a Greater Legacy, As We Move Forward” and featured guest speaker Rev. Dr. Jerome A. Barber, president and co-founder of Six House, Inc.

“The celebration was outstanding, said David McNeil (M53), who took photographs of the event. “It was an honor to meet the half centurions and see them receive their awards for being at the shipyard for over fifty years. I was so inspired by them that it gave me a new outlook about working here. I took their message straight back to the Machine Shop to tell others about the program.”

Following the event, attendees enjoyed refreshments and time to network with attendees. Visit the AASA Yardnet website for additional information about the AASA employee resource group at Newport News Shipbuilding.

On-The-Spot Ethics Recognition Program

Listed below are the most recent winners of the On-The-Spot Ethics Recognition Program Award. The purpose of the program is for employees to recognize other employees who demonstrate ownership of company values and high standards of ethical behavior in their everyday work activities. Congratulations to the following employees:

Marcia Capelli (O53), Michele Bannon (O58), Zach Quidley (E84), Shawn Debreaux (O58), Joel Nichols (O58), Mike Quinn (O19), Janet Bass (M30), Dianette Reid (X33), Constance Warthen (O53), Leon Barbrey, Jr. (X71), Sandra Veryzer (O53) and Gary Knight (X33).
56 apprentices completed an optional, advanced program (advanced shipyard operations, cost estimator, modeling and simulation program analyst, nuclear test technician or production planner).

Forty-seven apprentices earned honors and 13 apprentices earned high honors under the new honors program that combines academic and craft grades to determine overall performance.

Athletic awards were presented to 22 apprentices, and 10 apprentices completed their required academics with perfect 4.0 grade point averages.

Micah Terrell Meeks received the Homer L. Ferguson Award for earning the highest grade point average in combined required academics and crafts.

The new edition of Focus NNS features the island landing ceremony of the newest aircraft carrier Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78). Plus, take a tour of the new Consolidated Trades Building (CTB) and see highlights from The Apprentice School Builders’ winning tournament weekend.

Registration for Spring 2013 Night School session is underway! The session is scheduled to begin April 1 through June 8. The application deadline is March 8. Contact the Night School Office at 688-8608 or visit the Night School Yardnet website.

Submit an OFI for a Chance to Win $500

Submit an Opportunity for Improvement (OFI) March 1 through March 31 for a chance to win $500 cash. Four names will be randomly selected from the pool of employees who submitted valid OFIs during the promotional period.

For additional information, view the full-size poster, visit the OFI Program Yardnet website or contact the OFI Program Office at 380-2428.
**Give Blood. Save a Life.**
Visit the Red Cross Bloodmobile at 8 a.m. on March 5 at Bldg. 902 or at 8 a.m. on March 6 at Bldg. 600. Call 380-4029 (Bldg. 902) or 380-2803 (Bldg. 600) for an appointment.

**SEEKING LEADERS:** employment opportunities with Newport News Shipbuilding

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**DATEBOOK**

**FEB 28**
The “Spear and Gear” Toastmasters’ Club will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 903 (Room 214B). Guests are invited. Contact **Eldena Speller** (K05) at 380-3764 or **Rose Brodie** (K75) at 534-3382 for more information.

**MAR 09**
The final Newport News Shipbuilding Night with the Norfolk Admirals will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Scope. Discounted tickets can be purchased at www.norfolkadmirals.com/groups from a home computer (promotion code: NNS2013). **Tickets must be purchased online by 11:59 p.m. on March 6.** Online orders can be picked up the night of the game at will call, which is located underneath the Scope at the Box Office. Contact **Jeremy Bustin** (O29) at 380-4384.

**MAR 08**
The Society of Manufacturing Engineers will host a dinner meeting from 5:30-8 p.m. at 100 Columbus Way in Newport News. The topic will be “Trimech Solutions - Case Studies in 3D Printing.” Dinner is $15 per guest and members and $10 for students and seniors. Reservations are required by March 22 by contacting **John Edwards** (E84) at 876-8386 or via email murmur291@gmail.com.

**MAR 29**
The Progressive Club will hold the 2013 “Cabin Fever” Golf Classic at Sleepy Hole Golf Course in Suffolk. The cost is $300 per team. The registration deadline is March 15. Contact **Kenny McBurney** (X88) at 380-3659 to register or for more info.

**Apprentice School Student Association**
Apprentices are invited to attend the following upcoming Apprentice School Student Association events in March.

**Apprentice “Meet and Greet”**
- March 1 from 4-8 p.m.
- Kelli’s Tavern in Hampton
- Sign-up at The Apprentice School

**Apprentice Takeover**
- March 2 from 12-4 p.m.
- Jillian’s in Chesapeake
- $20 per person; sign-up at The Apprentice School

**Spring Fling**
- March 23 from 1-4 p.m.
- Mariners Museum
- Catered by Smoke. Easter Egg Hunt and the Easter Bunny will be in attendance
- Tickets $1 for head count available at The Apprentice School

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To submit a story, visit nns.huntingtoningalls.com/currents. The deadline for submissions is COB Wednesday for publication the following week.
Graduates of The Apprentice School’s Class of 2012 leave the auditorium at Liberty Baptist Church following the graduation ceremony on Feb. 23. Photo by Chris Oxley.
**Audio & Video**

NFL BLITZARCADE - Great condition Full nft blitz arcade machine. Perfect picture and sound. Coin or free play. $400 OBO Text Pics (703) 586-2562

HAMPTONROADS DJ - DJ, Uplighting and Photo booths! Testimonials online, Web or Call (757) 621-0464


SONY HOME THEATER SYSTEM - Model HT-DDW839, 5.1 Channel (no speakers). $175 (757) 488-6938

SONY XPLOD AMP - Sony automotive 1000 watt XPLOD amplifier (XM3001SXD) & 2X12 speakers; (757) 488-6938

EXPERIENCED DJ - customized playlist suited for any event! (757) 869-1876

SILVER STAR DJS - Fun Weddings and Parties with Silver Star DJs. Book now for a great time - guaranteed! Web or phone (757) 356-1166

XBOX HEADPHONES - Turtle Beach X31 wireless xbox360 headphones. Used, good condition, separate game/chat volume. $40 obo (757) 802-1510

**Auto**

70 OLDS 442 - 455ci, auto, body EC (red), int GC, Approx 600hp, runs/drives very good. Very quick (see pic on craigslist) $13,000. Call (757) 870-2897

HONDA PARTS - Both Headlights. Excellent condition. Both back 1/4 glasses excellent condition...trim in tack! Need to sell (757) 879-1732

02 RANGER EDGE - 2002 Ford ranger edge, 4dr, auto, ext. cab, 128k miles, VG, new BFG tires, alignment, brakes, & more. $6,000 obo (757) 771-8381

CAR SALE - 1984 380SL Mercedes light blue, runs good, needs some work. State inspection already done (757) 727-0599

BED COVER - FiberGlass bed cover for GMC. 6FT bed, Dark Blue. 2000 GMC. EC. $700 (804) 725-9680

MGB - 1979 MGB roadster 80K orig. mi. Great shape, runs great, fun to drive, too busy lately needs a good home. $3,200 (757) 771-3441

2005 FORD FOCUS - ZX4 - 4dr, auto, blue, -88K miles, leather, new tires. Great commuter, just won’t hold three baby seats. $6,500. (757) 310-2408

26' CAMPER - 1999 Sunline Solaris. Great starter camper. Heat/A/C Stove/Oven. Ready to go! $5,300 OBO. Call or text. (757) 788-9631


1998 CIVIC AUTO - Automatic, 4D, Power windows, AC, 204k miles, new trans put in 3-ys ago, $3k (757) 268-5310

HARLEY DAVIDSON - Heritage Softail Classic- Excellent condition- lots of extra’s. Metallic blue- 25k miles. $8,500 (757) 224-5513

2003 LINCOLN TOWN CAR SIGNATURE SERIES - good condition, white w/tan leather, 110,000 miles, just performed major tune-up, $5,500 (757) 216-7691

2006 ACURA TSX - Black, 6-spd MT, 105k on car, only 33k on engine, brand new clutch! Must drive to appreciate! $12,000 (757) 869-4842

2003 HARLEY - 2003 Harley FXDL. 88C.I. 5 speed trans, fwd controls, lots of chrome/extra’s, $8,500 call 5-9pm, (757) 488-9195

1996 TOYOTA - Avalon, 208k miles, runs good, very good condition, needs struts. $2,000 firm (757) 871-6675

93 CIVIC DX - 4dr, 5-spd. 172k miles, excellent paint, 2nd owner, no problems. (757) 898-7714

1984 380SL MERCEDES - 2013 state inspection, light blue, hard & soft top. Needs some work. $3,500 obo (757) 727-0599

FORD F350 - 2006 diesel, 4X4, 4DR, 120 mi, built in Navg. system, 8-ft bd, heated leather seats & sunroof, DVD player. $23,000 obo (757) 846-4728

06 MUSTANG GT - LT Blue, 59,000 miles, 18 inch Wheels, New Tires, All Original, $11,000 (757) 869-1569

03 SUZUKI GSXR - custom 03 750 Suzuki GSXR. lowered, extended, led lights, custom paint & more $4,300 (757) 332-1160

2002 MUSTANG GT - GT Convertible, 4.6 V-8 lots of extras, 28,660 miles A/T Exc. shape. Smooth ride, new tires $10,500 obo (757) 880-3987


**Boats & Marine Supplies**

JET SKI TRAILER - Large Jet Ski Trailer, New Lights & Bearings. EC $400 (804) 725-9680

2008 SEADOO RXT - RXT 215 Model Supercharged Jet Ski! Seats 3. Speeds up to 70MPH! $7,100 OBO. Call or Text. (757) 788-9631

2007 SEADOO RXT - Ex.condition yellow/black RXT Seadoo garage kept, only 40hrs, Trailer, 2 life jackets (L & XL) asking $4,800 (757) 876-9325

2001 GLASTRON - Hunter Green GLASTRON GS-229 22’6 GREAT CONDITION! Cuddy Cabin inboard/outboard 5.0 Volvo Penta with bi (757) 348-4557

1976 DASAILER - AMF 17’ Daysailer, been sitting, project boat, $1.00 (757) 871-6675

1986 SEARAY 24’ - Cuddy Cabin 350-V8 I/O Needs Work, 190 hours on engine #3500 or obo/trade (757) 880-3987

**Furnishings & Appliances**

GE DRYER - GE Dryer w/ 3 prong power cable included. 3 heat settings, 3 cycles. Good condition, 100 obo (301) 257-9628

CHERRY TV STAND - 6’-6 tall 5’-0 wide must see! Real cherry wood TV stand made by Hooker Furniture. Will text photos, $200 OBO; (757) 846-8357

BABY CRIB - Storkcraft Chelsea Stages 4-in-1 crib in Oak. In good condition, just needs a few bolts. $75 Pics available (727) 403-7138

QUEEN BEDROOM - Oak frame, chest & dresser w/ mirror. Like New condition. Must see to appreciate. Originally paid $4,500 (757) 594-9371

BRONZE METAL TABLE - w/glass top & 4 chairs bakers bearings. T-shaped frame. Originally paid $4,500 (757) 594-9371

**Computers**

COMPUTER REPAIR - PC/Laptop repair, Virus removal, Program re installs, etc... $85.00+ parts (757) 329-6761
Real Estate cont.

3 MINS FROM NNS - Remodel- 1530sf 4BRs plus spa room, large living & dining room, exlarge Kitchen, 2609 Wickham ave, $95,000 neg (757) 870-2897

HOME FOR SALE - Like new 2K SF 3br/2ba/FROG, 2 car garage w/workshop, 3 acres, must see near Franklin (757) 376-7878

HOUSE FOR RENT - NN Denbigh- 3bd/2ba, 1,800 sqft, walkin closet, hdwd flrs, big yard, garage w/auto open, Home war on appl. $1,350/mnth (757) 784-6666

ROOM FOR RENT - in york co. fully furnished, 15 minutes from NNS. $650/month incl util, internet, TV, washer/dryer. Call/text (757) 810-6721

MOBILE HOME - 1992 Fleetwood, 3 br/2 bath, deck, all appliances, Wburg area in m/h park, good cond, $14,000. (757) 870-9573

FOR SALE - IOW, Carrsville Area, 4bd, 3ba, Grt Rm, Mstr Ste, EIK, 2,300 sf on 18.3ac, wooded, Clos/Cost Assist, (757) 569-0495

REDHEART DR.HPT - Brick Ranch, 3BM, 1Ba, Detached Garage, Quiet Neighborhood, All appliances, Fenced in yard $1,200 (757) 532-9641

RENT (DENBIGH) - PRIVACY! 3BR/2BA house on private rd; Sunroom/Bsmnt, 1947 SF; 5 acres; $1,600/mth, ranch/brick; avail 4/1 (757) 532-8831


FOR SALE - IOW, Carrsville Area, 10.3 ac, all woods, Clos/Cost Assist, (757) 569-0495

TOWNHOUSE FOR RENT - partially furnished, 2-story, 2BD/2.5BA in NN (near PH Mall). Swimming pool, attached garage, appl incl. $1,250/mo. (757) 897-9999

RENT (DENBIGH) - PRIVACY! 3BR/2BA Townhome avail for rent 6/1/13. $1,200/mo. Patio/Loft incl. Text (757) 705-6803

APARTMENT LEASE - 775 monthly. 2BDRM 1 Bath 900 sqft. Looking for someone to take over lease. Forest Lake Apts Newport News (757) 812-5574

AFT FOR RENT - 1BR/1BA, first floor, Ghent Norfolk, large private porch attached, off-street parking, ~$750/ mo. (757) 262-6987

HOUSE FOR SALE - 2BR, 2BA, LR, DR, KL, Den, detached garage, upgraded appl. Near Buckroe Beach - Own it! $145K (757) 329-6761

HOUSE FOR RENT - 3rdrm, 1bth, hdwd flrs, new ceramic tile kitch/bth, whs, dry, stve, fridge, micro wave, $1,050, Portsmouth (757) 450-6740

HOUSE FOR SALE - 3BR, 2BA, LR, DR, KL, garage, upgraded appl. Fox Hill $199K (757) 329-6761

Miscellaneous Items

SLATE SHINGLES - Various size, shape and types of old slate roof shingles. Great for hobbyist (signs, bird houses, etc). $3 ea. (757) 595-2244

TILES INSTALLED - Save Money on tile repaired & Installation on floors, back splashes & counter tops. Save today 12 yrs. exp. (757) 752-7536

BIKE CHILD SEAT - New Bell Classic Child carrier for bicycle. Box unopened didn’t fit bike. avoiding return ship. Pics available (727) 403-7138

SINKS - White ceramic bathroom sink w/faucet & soap dish $20. Stainless steel double basin w/faucet $30 Pics available (727) 403-7138

DRIVING LESSONS - Want to learn how to drive stick shift? Need to use your car, willing to pay $30/hr for lessons; text (610) 955-5655

FUNDRAISING OPP - FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES - for any occasion (Church, School, etc.) Make 35-300% profits. Great items! (757) 660-5901

WOOD FLOORING - Laminate wood flooring Oak 90+ pieces full size 4’x4’ & almost as many cut pieces. $50 Photos available (727) 403-7138

WEDDING DRESS - Wedding gown for sale (strapless with beaded accents). Size 16. $100. (757) 206-3386

WEDDING DECOR - I have the answer for your silk wedding flower needs. Free consultation. (757) 206-3386

DIAMOND RING - 1/2 carat pear shaped engagement ring with certified appraisal of $2,000. Make offer (757) 812-2719

HELPING HANDS - General home cleaning, errand running, etc... licensed & insured, one time cleaning welcomed, free estimates. (757) 371-3904

DIAMOND RING - 1/2 carat Princess cut engagement ring appraised at $250. Will e-mail app & pic from home. Make offer. (757) 812-2719

PECANS - pecans in the shell for $3.00 per lb. (757) 642-0510

PEST CONTROL - If you want your home to be free of all unwanted pest and bugs, give us a call today. Budget Friendly! (757) 380-3953

A/C SERVICE - Schedule your A/C service and tune ups before the summer rush. (757) 276-1525

POOL PUMP - 3/4 hp above grnd pool pumps, $75 (757) 769-1540
**Pets**

PUPPIES - Olde English Bulldogges for Sale. 7M and 2F. $1,000; $500 Deposit and $500 at time of pickup. Call for info (757) 719-0047

CUTE PUPPY - Cute white, female Maltese puppy for sale. Puppy is 4 months old asking $300; (252) 395-1957

RESCUED GIRL - Rescued, beautiful brindle pit bull female. Is in foster care and is loving and non-aggressive. Pics available (757) 419-0322

ALL SIZES! - Animal Aid Society 80 Butler Farm Rd Hpt. All breed dog rescue, happy healthy dogs, open daily from 9-noon

55G FISH TANK - 55 gallon fish tank, black. Includes stand, hood and many many extras. Was used as salt water tank. $100 obo (301) 257-9628

**Wanted**

ROOMMATE - Room for rent 3 BR 1 BTH home in Hampton/ Fox Hill. $500/mo. (incl utilities). Call/text (757) 344-7392

RIDE-SHARE - Riders wanted for minivan ride from VA. Beach to 46th street area of yard. 1st. shift. (757) 689-4533

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**Lost & Found**

LOST PHONE - Lost: Samsung flip phone 2/20/13 between B77 & main credit union parking (757) 688-2305

REDHEAD GLOVE - Lost one glove on the morning of 2/20/13 near the 46th St. gate. (757) 268-1776

LOST TOGGLE - toggle switch on/off switch lost at the 50th street gate bike rack (804) 832-1857

**In Appreciation**

MANY THANKS. - I want to thank the Locksmiths of the shipyard who go above and beyond the call of duty. God Bless you!

B600 TAXI - Ronnie, you are always kind and courteous, even when we “make” you wait. Thanks for putting up with us! - E86

Students who attended the NNS/NASA/PEC Engineering Career Day on Feb. 21-22 participate in the duct tape boat challenge. The boat that could hold the most weight was declared the contest winner. Photo by Ricky Thompson