At 9:15 a.m. on Friday, April 10, Newport News Shipbuilding will sound its whistle to observe a moment of silence in memory of the tragic sinking of USS Thresher and the lives that were lost during the ship’s post-overhaul trials. In addition, NNS and HII flags will be flown at half mast.

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More than 200 shipbuilders laced up their shoes and joined HealthWaves for National Walking Day on April 1. Participants congregated in front of The Apprentice School during their lunch break and took a 20-minute group walk along the Dorothy Walking Trail, one of the six walking paths at Newport News Shipbuilding.

Prior to the walk, Bill Bell, vice president of Human Resources and Administration, gave remarks. “Thank you for coming out today and showing your personal commitment to your own health,” he said.

All walking participants were provided water and a granola bar.

“Walking is one of the simplest and most convenient exercises anyone can do and the water and snacks provided illustrated how simple nutrition helps fuel exercise,” said Gabrielle Willis, HealthWaves registered dietitian. “National Walking Day was great because it got people outside of their offices and moving in a fun, relaxed, and friendly atmosphere. Events like this show that exercise can be fun, enjoyable, and effective without being too difficult or costing too much time or money.”

Becky Johnson, HealthWaves director, left, and Bill Bell, vice president of Human Resources and Administration, thank walkers for coming out for a 20-minute walk in honor of National Walking Day, April 1. A walk was also held for shipbuilders inside the yard. Photo by Chris Oxley

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NNS and HII will host information sessions to discuss the services the new Family Health Center will offer, the patient experience and provide an opportunity for questions. When the center opens in the fourth quarter of 2015, it will offer primary care, radiology, non-occupational physical therapy, pharmacy and lab services as well as health and wellness counseling to non-represented NNS employees and dependents who are covered by Anthem’s PPO or CDHP plan for $15 per patient, per visit. The Union has indicated they want to be included in having access to the healthcare facility and we have started the necessary discussions.
Meet Ford’s Value Stream Delivery Team

Gerald R. Ford’s (CVN 78) Value Stream Delivery Team (VSDT) was implemented in February 2015 with the goal of decreasing the number of unworkable work packages and to resolve issues that are preventing shipboard work from being completed in accordance with construction schedules and compartment turnover schedules.

“Team members are subject matter experts selected from the different value stream organizations in order to provide the highest level of support to the trades,” said X89 Production, Planning and Scheduling Manager Tee Lockett. “Areas represented by the VSDT point-of-contacts include Engineering, Planning, Production Control, Material and Shops. All team members have been relocated to Pier 2 for easy access to the trades.”

Since implementation, the team has improved the Drawing Cancellation Notice hand-off process between Engineering and Planning, which reduces the amount of time work packages remain in unworkable status. The team is also working on a training for Engineering that will aid in optimizing material sources and alternatives prior to inspection report (eIR) issuance.

“This training will reduce the number of work packages that are unworkable due to unavailable material, which is the root cause for the majority of unworkable packages,” said Adrienne Soulé, X89 production planning and scheduler. “CVN 78 general foremen and production foremen are encouraged to contact VSDT Lead Tom Doberneck at 688-1878 when assistance is needed to resolve unworkable package issues.”

Register by April 8 to Be Guaranteed a T-Shirt

This year’s NNS 5K fun walk/run is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, May 2. The last day to register and to be guaranteed a T-shirt is this Wednesday, April 8. Visit www.huntingtoningalls.com/5k for additional information about the race or to register. Contact Brady Goggin (O28) at 380-7646 for questions.

Perkinson Recognized as STEP Ahead Award Honoree

Mary Perkinson, Engineering supervisor, was one of the 130 women honored at the 2015 STEP Ahead Awards on March 26. The STEP Ahead Award is presented annually by The Manufacturing Institute to women who have accomplished success within their company and have proven to be leaders in the industry.

At Newport News Shipbuilding, Perkinson oversees new crane installations and overhaul projects for the 600 plus cranes that dot the Newport News skyline.

In the shipyard and in the classroom, Perkinson encourages women and girls to find role models in engineering and manufacturing—and she does this through her efforts with the Society of Women Engineers (SWE). With SWE’s new initiative that helps teenage girls get into engineering, Perkinson is sharing her experience with the next generation of female leaders in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

This year, Perkinson was one of the three awardees selected to be featured in the 2015 STEP Ahead Award video on Yardnet.

Remembering USS Thresher

When the shipyard whistle is sounded, employees are asked to observe a moment of silence and to remember the 129 officers, crew and civilians who were aboard, and died that day in service to the United States.

An investigation concluded the loss of Thresher was in all probability due to a casting, piping or welding failure that flooded the engine room with water, causing electrical and power failures and the eventual loss of the boat.

Although Thresher was not an NNS-built ship, it is an opportunity to think about the consequences of a mistake and discuss the importance of first-time quality of all NNS products and processes.
WiSE Hosts Women’s History Month Event

More than 100 shipbuilders attended the Women’s History Month event, hosted by Women in Shipbuilding Enterprise (WiSE) March 26.

During the event, 24 female Master Shipbuilders were recognized along with eight WiSE Woman award recipients.

Mike Petters, Huntington Ingalls Industries’ president and CEO, was the guest speaker and discussed the influence of women in his life and encouraged today’s “trailblazers” to continue leading the way.

To thank Petters for his support, WiSE members will be volunteering at The Achievable Dream Tennis Ball on Nov. 16, 2015. Petters thanked members for volunteering their time.

Amy Prillaman, a WiSE Woman recipient, said, “I am impressed by the number of women Master Shipbuilders in the company. These women without doubt were ‘trailblazers’ for us all. I have seen monumental changes during my 17.5 years here, and I have been afforded several opportunities as a result.”

Following the event, WiSE facilitated mentoring sessions with 24 HII vice presidents.
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APRIL 9
Hispanic Outreach and Leadership Alliance (HOLA) will sponsor an after work engagement event themed, “More Than Just Gallup” from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Bldg. 520-6 (Forrestal Room) on April 9. Bill McHenry, Organizational Development manager, will be the guest speaker and will speak about what he has learned about engagement and its impact on business.

APRIL 9
Apprentice Alumni Association will host a baseball social at War Memorial Stadium at 4:30 p.m. The event is free and open to all active alumni and their families. Come out and show your support for the Builders. RSVP to Ryan Scott 688-3769 or via email.

APRIL 9
The “Spear and Gear” Toastmasters Club will meet from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 812 (The Apprentice School) classroom 245. Guests are always welcome. Contact Rose Brodie (K75) at 534-3382 or Donna Graves (E08) at 688-6204 for more information.

APRIL 14
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.

APRIL 21
The “Spear and Gear” Toastmasters Club will meet from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. 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.

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APRIL 22
This year, Newport News Shipbuilding will celebrate Earth Day by volunteering to cleanup and spread mulch around the trees and shrubs of Christopher Newport Park in downtown Newport News (across from VASCIC). Volunteers will meet at the park, next to the cul-de-sac on 26th Street (off West Avenue) at 3:30 p.m. April 22. Visit the Earth Day website on Yardnet to complete a volunteer form.

APRIL 24
Apprentice Alumni Association will host the annual Apprentice Alumni Spring Golf Tournament at Williamsburg National Golf Club. The cost is $75 per golfer and the price includes: green fee, 18-hole cart fee, tournament prizes, food (Chicken, BBQ, etc.) and unlimited range balls (1 hour prior to start). Contact Fred Peedle (E51) at 688-6682 or visit www.nnapprentice.com/alumni/news.htm for more information.

MAY 2
Sign up for the 8th Annual NNS 5K Fun Walk/Run. Newport News Shipbuilding employees and its subsidiaries can participate in the family-friendly event, which will be held on Saturday, May 2 at 9 a.m. at Victory Landing Park (next to VASCIC). Visit www.huntingtoningalls.com/5k to register or for additional event information

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

MAY 13
Information Session for George Washington University Master of Science in Systems Engineering or Engineering Management will be held from 12 to 1 p.m. at The Apprentice School (Bldg. 812) in the Apprentice Alumni room (room 180). To RSVP, email cohort@gwu.edu by May 11. If you have questions, contact Rex Parker (O35) at 688-7224 or Jennifer McClain (O35) 688-8439.

Employee Development Opportunities

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.

Check Out Food Service Options for April
Visit the O23 Food Services website on Yardnet for information on lunch venues, catering options, office beverage delivery services NNS canteen menu and the mobile food vendor service. For questions, contact Food Services at 688-4752.

NNS Employees to Receive Virginia Arts Festival Discount
Newport News Shipbuilding Talent Acquisition is a Gold Sponsor for the Virginia Arts Festival (VAF) this year. NNS Employees can use the code “CORP” to receive a 15 percent discount on any of the VAF performances that allow for a discount. Visit www.vafest.org from a home computer or visit www.vafest.org from a mobile device for more information.

Currents is published every Monday for employees of Newport News Shipbuilding. Visit the archives.

To submit a story, visit nns.huntingtoningalls.com/currents. The deadline for submissions is COB Wednesday for publication the following week.
Check Out “Hot Shots”

“Hot Shots” is a collection of photos taken each month at NNS by staff photographers. Visit nns.huntingtoningalls.com/photos to view the April edition.

Pictured: Eighteen feet and rising, piles of snow from around the shipyard are dumped into Dry Dock 1. Photo by Chris Oxley
FREE ITEMS

PING PONG TABLE PADDLE AND BALL. Donation are accepted. (336) 324-0645

55” TV - 55” Projection TV, works but needs internal speaker repair. Leave message. (248) 252-9066

HORSE MANURE - Free horse manure and free loading. Call for info. (757) 592-1100

MISCELLANEOUS

KIDS MOTOHELMET - Childs motorcycle helmet made by Skid Row. DOT approved, LIKE NEW, worn only a handful of times. $75 obo. (757) 812-1233

TODDLER CLOTHES - Toddler Boy’s clothes. size 18-24 months 2 outfits, $1 shirts/pants, $10 Toddler Jordans sneakers size 6 & 7 (757) 218-7063

SNOWBOARD - Burton Jussi Oksanen & Burton P1 bindings, $300 obo (757) 291-6209

INFANT CLOTHES - Box of 3 mth infant girl clothes, mostly summer, over 35 pieces for $30 (757) 817-7141

WHEELCHAIR/LIFT - Adult wheelchair joystick operated & Hoyer patient lift, both need battery $300 (757) 850-0550

BOW FLEX - Bow Flex Extreme-2 with leg extension and extra 200LB. rods Barely used $300 firm. (757) 812-8714

DETAILING $MORE - Full Exter & Inter auto packages Full detailing auto packages Free estimate for pressure washing homes & etc (757) 933-1464

MENS WATCH - Fossil CH 2601 chronograph, Black, White dial markers. Metal bracelet. $50 (757) 618-6420

GIRLS SCOOTER - Brand New! Hello Kitty Scooter. Rev grip, hand brake and kick stand. 12”tires,15 MPH,8 miles on single charge (757) 572-5918

CLEANING - Spring is here, go outside and enjoy it! Let me do your cleaning! Prices start as low as $75 (757) 880-8519

HARLEY HELMET - Large Official Harley Davidson Helmet FOR SALE. Looks brand new & very gently used, no odor or stains $75 obo (757) 812-1233

LAUNDRY SOAP - High Capacity Laundry Soap 5 gallons now for $40 Bucks. Last at least 3-6 month. (757) 202-5244

RETRO JORDAN 10 - Size 11 w/ orig receipt & box $265 (804) 519-0056

20 FT PALM - Fully mature Windmill Palm Tree. Make an offer. You must extract and free loading. Call for info. (757) 812-2719

TURTLE - Brand new & very gently used, no odor or stains $75 obo (757) 812-1233

LEATHER JACkETS - Patriots XL, Broncos XXL & 49’ERS all $150 OBO. Pix can be provided. (757) 592-1100

HARLEY HELMET - Large Official Harley Davidson Helmet FOR SALE. Looks brand new & very gently used, no odor or stains $75 obo (757) 812-1233

RECEIVE - Collection of working HP-41CV calculator (757) 771-3441

DISHWASHER - Check out for sale (757) 232-9532

BOW FLEX - Bow Flex Extreme-2 with leg extension and extra 200LB. rods Barely used $300 firm. (757) 812-8714

CARPENTER - Call for a free estimate on your project. (757) 947-4408

PETS

TORTOISE - 2 yr old Russian Tortoise needs a caring home. Comes complete w/ 2 tanks, covers & heating pad. $200. (757) 403-4209

LARGE KENNEL - Large Kennel for $30. Still in very good condition. (757) 753-7026

RENTAL 4 BY 4 - Two 10’ x 8’ Utility Trailers. $100 each or $150 for both. (757) 771-3441

WANTED

RIDERS - HRT van leaving VB to NNS. Leaving Diamond Springs Rd Sat return 3:30pm. $30/wk (757) 450-6740

PENISULA BAPTIST - Want to invite everyone to Church. (804) 684-2552

CALCULATOR - Looking for working HP-41CV calculator (757) 572-5918

ROOMMATE - Share 3bd/2ba house in Menchville area. $400+1/2 utilities/mo (757) 508-5965

HS FOOTBALL REFS - Peninsula. Training Sat 4-11-15, 8 to 2. (757) 232-9532

KNIFE - Excellent condition. $10. (757) 371-3904

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Newport News Shipbuilding is continuing the HRT Go Pass 365 program. Show your interest now for a FREE one-year Go Pass.

**Program Details:**

HRT Go Passes are for employee use ONLY and are nontransferable. Proof of identification may be asked upon use of the Go Pass.

High use passes from 2014/2015 will be automatically renewed for 2015/016.

The NNS-provided Go Pass program will begin on July 1, 2015, selected employees will receive a free pass for one year.

New Go Pass recipients will be selected by a lottery in early July.

Utilization will be monitored and underutilized passes are subject to being revoked. Employees are expected to use the passes at least 10 times per month.

**Benefits of Commuting with HRT:**

- Save over $2,000 per year in travel expenses
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*To see if you qualify for the Guaranteed Ride Program, go to the HRT website at www.gohrt.com

**COMPLETE IF YOU’RE INTERESTED:**

Name: ___________________________   PERN#:___________   Dept:_________

Location: _____________   Immediate Supervisor:_________________

Employee/Supervisor Telephone:____________

Please mail this form to Ann Willis (757) 688-3094, Dept. 067 B78-1, in a NNS-internal mail envelope. Foremen are requested to assist waterfront employees in submitting this information. If you have access to a computer, your information can be emailed directly to Ann Willis at Ann.Willis@hii-nns.com.

Please ensure this information is submitted to Ann Willis by June 26, 2015