Lifting and Handling Shipbuilders Recognized for Excellence

On April 12, shipbuilders responsible for Lifting and Handling at Newport News Shipbuilding were recognized by Operations leadership for their outstanding accomplishments last year in reducing crane accidents. The celebration included an award presentation and reception that followed. One of the key accomplishments recognized was the team’s personal safety performance. There was a minor injury in July 2011, which was a pinched finger. Prior to that, the team had made more than two million injury-free lifts. Since the injury in 2011, the team has made more than 633,000 injury-free lifts. At the end of the presentation, the Foundry Lifting and Handling team (A572) was presented with the “Top Gun Crane Award” for the best crane performance in 2011.

“You all have taken on the challenge, committed to it and have made it work,” said Trades Director Robert Chappell Sr. “Accidents came down as lifts went up. You are the real stars. It is your work that has made this program successful.”

NNS Hosts Technology Day

More than 300 shipbuilders attended 2012 Technology Day on April 4 at VASCIC. The event, sponsored by Newport News Shipbuilding’s (NNS) Contracted Research and Development (CRAD) Program Office was held to display past and current technology efforts focused on reducing the cost of building ships. Fourteen exhibits were on display from ManTech Center of Excellence, National Shipbuilding Research Program, Small Business Innovation Research, and NNS Independent Research and Development.

“Technology Day provided a great opportunity for our shipbuilders, and others involved in shipbuilding, to see new technologies meant to help them do their jobs faster and better, while meeting our customers’ expectations,” said David Rice, CRAD manager.
Leadership Development Recognizes New EPL Graduates

Newly promoted supervisors and managers are required to attend an Enhancing Personal Leadership (EPL) five-day course once in their new position. Congratulations to the April 2012 EPL class of new supervisors and managers for completing their training. For more info, visit the Yardnet EPL website.

Navy League Hosts Sea-Air-Space Exposition

The 2012 Sea-Air-Space Exposition hosted by the Navy League was held April 16-18 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Md. This year’s Huntington Ingalls Industries’ (HII) exhibit was themed, “We are shipbuilders-committed to building the finest military ships in the world.” The exhibit consisted of ship models, multimedia presentations and subject matter experts who were onsite to answer questions about HII programs.

More than 2,500 guests visited HII’s booth including Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert, chief of Naval Operations; Gen. James F. Amos, commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps; and Adm. Robert J. Papp Jr., commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. During a Tuesday night reception, former Senator John Warner visited HII’s booth to meet the shipbuilders who are building the Virginia-class submarine named in his honor. The John Warner (SSN 785) is the only boat of the class named for a person.

Security Officers to the Rescue

On April 11, shipbuilder Mary Urrutia (O31) tripped and fell in a pot hole on her way into work. Newport News Shipbuilding Security Officers Brewington Reid (O15) and William Jennings (O15) saw Urrutia fall and immediately came to her assistance.

“I have always been proud of our guard force, but they sure showed their stuff this time,” said Urrutia. “They were extremely professional and showed compassion and concern for my well being and safety. I cannot thank them enough for their help. We are indeed in good hands.”

Security T.I.P.S.
Protect the Company Work Badge

Security badges are meant to provide identity and display access privileges at work. They should never be worn outside of the office in a public place when going to lunch, taking a break or even walking outside. Exposing the company badge in public permits identity thieves to see names, office info and possibly level of security clearance. Always remove and put away badges when leaving work.

(Source: SANS).
2012 Annual Enrollment Period to Begin April 30
The annual enrollment period for Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII) benefits plan will run April 30 through May 11. Info about HII’s 2012-2013 health plan options was mailed to all eligible employees’ homes on April 13. The mailing explains what is new in this year’s plan and how employees can make changes to their current benefit elections. Like last year, employees will not receive an enrollment worksheet to review benefit options, costs and dependent information. To review this info, employees should visit HII Benefits Connect and log on to “Your Benefit Resources” or call the Huntington Ingalls Benefits Center at 1-877-216-3222. Benefits service representatives are available to provide assistance Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Additional info can be found on HII Benefits Connect 2012 Annual Enrollment website.

Note for employees with FSAs: The contribution limit for health care flexible spending accounts (FSA) has changed due to Health Care Reform. The maximum allowable contribution for the 2012-2013 plan year will be $2,500. Current health care FSA elections will not automatically roll over; employees must re-enroll to continue participation.

NNS Shipbuilders Encouraged to Attend “College Day”
The Educational Assistance Office will host College Day on May 2 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. in Bldg. 520-6. More than 25 educational partners plan to attend the event. College and university counselors will also be on hand to discuss undergraduate admissions, transfer credits, graduate programs, and information regarding programs of study. Applications, catalogs, and summer/fall schedules and information on in-house certification programs (i.e. systems engineering, program management and project management) will also be available. For more info, contact Linda Graves (O35) at 688-8236.

Progressive Club is Looking for New Members
Shipbuilders interested in sharing time with great people and giving back to the community should consider joining the Progressive Club. Membership is open to all salaried shipbuilders. For more info, contact Buddy Eagle III (X70) at 688-3850 or Kenny McBurney (X88) at 380-3659.

Dale Carnegie Course Starting May 10
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 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays starting May 10 at the Sentara Complex in Hampton. To enroll, contact Wade or Linda Powell at 490-1611. For more info and a course description, contact Marilyn Jones (O44) at 688-6528.

Earn a Master of Science in Systems Engineering
Join George Washington University’s Engineering Management and Systems Engineering Off-Campus Programs Office and Huntington Ingalls Industries as they team up to offer the fourth graduate education program on-site at Newport News Shipbuilding. Shipbuilders interested in the program are encouraged to attend a luncheon on May 15 from 12-12:45 p.m. at VASCIC (2 West). RSVP is required by May 11 to cohort@gwu.edu.

Win a Kindle Fire!
Submit an Opportunity for Improvement (OFI) April 1-30 for a chance to win a Kindle Fire. Ten winners are guaranteed. Only valid OFI’s submitted during promotional period will qualify. For info, contact the OFI Program Office at 380-2428.
**Give Blood. Save a Life.**
Visit the Red Cross Bloodmobile at 8 a.m. on April 24 at Bldg. 802 (NetCenter) or on April 26 at Bldg. 520. Call 8-7196 (Bldg. 802) or 8-9191 (Bldg. 520) for an appointment.

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

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**DATEBOOK**

- **APR 26** The “Spear and Gear” Toastmasters Club will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 903-7 (Room 725C). For more info, contact **Eldeania Speller** (K05) at 380-3764 or **Rose M. Brodie** (K75) at 380-3382.
- **APR 26** Newport News Shipbuilding is a sponsor of the 2012 “Tastefully Yours” food and wine tasting event. All proceeds benefit the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank. For more info, contact Abra McCollum (O79) at 380-2935 or visit www.hrfoodbank.org from a home computer.
- **APR 27** Foreign Visitor/Foreign Person Request (FVR) general user training will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Bldg. 802 (NetCenter) training lab (room 116). Register via Learning Exchange (LX). Contact **Tamara Wine** (O19) at 380-3599.
- **APR 28** The Apprentice School Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME) will host the 2012 Boat Design Competition from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Mariners’ Museum (Lake Maury). All shipbuilders are invited. For more info, visit www.sname.org/designcompetition/home from a home computer.

- **MAY 04** SHIPs Science Fiction Fantasy Book Club will discuss “The Blue Sword” by Robin McKinley at 4:30 p.m. at Pizza Hut on Mercury Blvd. SHIPs Network is open to all shipbuilders. Contact **Tia Benson-Bond** (K75) at 688-0430 for more info.
- **MAY 19** The Progressive Club will host an outing at the Knights of Columbus in Newport News starting at 4 p.m. There will be prizes, dancing and all the food you can eat. Don’t miss out on a wonderful time. Contact **Buddy Eagle III** (X70) at 688-3850.
- **MAY 20** Run for the Dream half marathon will be held at 7 a.m. in Williamsburg, VA. Race proceeds will benefit Wounded Warriors and An Achievable Dream. From a home computer visit www.RunForAchievableDream.com/Achievable-dream.

**Employee Discounts & Classifieds**
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