Shipbuilders Help Museum Survey Naval Artifacts

When The Mariners’ Museum needed to X-ray two historic cannons – one brass and one iron – and a whale harpoon, Jeanne Willoz-Egnor, the museum’s director of Collections Management, contacted Newport News Shipbuilding for help.

The brass cannon – which can be traced to a 19th-century member of the French royal family – had an item stuck in its breach, or the thickest rear section of its barrel. Willoz-Egnor wanted to identify the item to see if it could be removed without causing damage. The iron cannon was inspected for defects because museum personnel wanted to ensure it could be safely fired. The whale harpoon was inspected to see if it contained any internal objects of interest.

Shipbuilders from NNS’ Nondestructive Test Engineering and Inspection departments were eager to perform computed radiography on the cannons and harpoon using the shipyard’s Linitron, a linear accelerator and high-energy X-ray machine. The device is capable of penetrating steel up to 20 inches thick and is typically used to inspect heavy metallic castings poured in the Foundry.

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CVN 79 Program Safety Improvement Leaders Recognized

The John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) Program recently recognized three individuals for demonstrating leadership with the 2017 Safety Improvement Program.

CVN 79 Production Director Joe Dvorak and Top Side Construction Director Geoff Hummel presented X11 Fitter Bill Scillath, X91 Construction Supervisor Jackie King-Gross and X31 Foreman Michael Brasseaux with certificates of appreciation and thanked each shipbuilder for stepping up as leaders of safety improvement.

“What I love most about the Safety Improvement Program is the employee involvement in identifying and implementing improvements to their work environment,” said Dru Branche, Environmental Health and Safety director. “The ideas are creative and employees are always justifiably proud of what they have accomplished and this Program is foundational to achieving great results across the company.”

With a new year and a new safety improvement goal, the CVN 79 Program plans to continue to identify employees that are stepping up and making a difference in their work areas to keep shipbuilders safe.

NNS Gives $1.5 Million to United Way

“I continue to be amazed by the giving spirit of our shipbuilders. They work long, hard hours – giving the shipyard 100 percent – and they still find the time in their days and their hearts to give 100 percent to the community,” said NNS President Jennifer Boykin. “When our community succeeds, we all succeed, and I could not be more proud of the powerful partnership we share with the United Way.”

Shipbuilders’ collective contributions play a significant role in providing support for local citizens and benefit more than 190 United Way partner organizations dedicated to helping people.

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“Our team had fun doing this work, and we take pride in supporting preservation of items considered important to naval history,” said John Bosco (O37), who led the NNS team. Other shipbuilders who took part include Dean Lavinder (O37), Randall Hall (O37), Mike Bryant (O38), Kevin Walker (O38) and Donna Blankenship (O38).

The team was able to provide crisp, detailed images, allowing museum staff to devise a plan to remove the item stuck in the brass cannon’s breach without damage. Results showed the iron cannon contained defects, so museum staff will have to weigh the risks of firing it. The whale harpoon images show that it contains three separate threaded pieces consisting of two cylinders with a threaded-on sharp tip for penetrating a whale. The cylinders were designed to be packed with gun powder.

“The images you guys provided were really great,” Willoz-Egnor told the shipbuilders who worked on the project. This isn’t the first time NNS has pitched in to help the museum. For the past two decades, the shipyard has periodically used its Linitron to X-ray objects recovered from USS Monitor, a Civil War-era ironclad warship.

Earn $500 by Referring Experienced Welders

Newport News Shipbuilding is hiring experienced welders. To meet this need, the company is offering a $1,500 sign-on bonus to new hires and $500 to current employees who refer a candidate who is hired.

To qualify, candidates must:

• Have one year of experience or completed training at an American Welding Society accredited school
• Be able to pass a physical agility test
• Be able to wear a respirator
• Be able to work any shift

Visit huntingtoningalls.com/careers/refer-a-friend to refer a candidate. Use Job #20716BR on the online form.
Employee Development Dale Carnegie Courses Offered

Newport News Shipbuilding has added two Dale Carnegie courses to its employee development curriculum to help employees take their performance to the next level. Classes will be taught by Dale Carnegie professionals at Hampton, Newport News and Virginia Beach locations. The courses are eligible for college credit and reimbursable through the NNS Education Assistance Program.

The two-day “High Impact Presentations” class will be useful to any employee who speaks in front of groups. Class participants will learn how to develop a central theme, structure the presentations, persuade the audience with supporting facts and examples and lead effective question and answer sessions.

The “Effective Communications and Human Relations” course teaches students how to strengthen interpersonal relations, manage stress and handle fast-changing workplace conditions. The class will meet one evening per week for eight consecutive weeks.

For class schedules and other details, visit the O44 Career & Professional Development intranet site on MyNNS or contact Wade Powell at (757) 536-8003.

One City Marathon Registration and Volunteer Opportunities

The fourth annual One City Marathon is March 4. Newport News Shipbuilding is a proud sponsor, partnering with the city of Newport News.

The marathon, which is a Boston Marathon qualifier, starts at Newport News Park on Constitution Way, and ends at the Newport News Victory Arch near West Avenue. Following the marathon, the One City, One Celebration will take place at Victory Landing Park.

In addition to the marathon, runners can race in the Maritime 8K and Nautical Mile Fun Run. There is also the Marathon Relay, which allows teams of two to four runners to split the distance.

Available volunteer opportunities include working at water stations, helping with packet pick up and cheering along the course. To volunteer, visit onecitymarathon.com/volunteer.

Before the races, there will be a Health and Wellness Expo presented by Riverside at Denbigh Community Center. It runs from noon until 7 p.m. March 2 and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. March 3.

Race charities include THRIVE Peninsula and VersAbility Resources. THRIVE Peninsula is a non-profit organization that helps prevent hunger, homelessness and heat/utility cut-off in Newport News, Hampton and Yorktown neighborhoods in need. VersAbility Resources is a charity that supports people with disabilities.

Watch a video about the One City Marathon on MyNNS. To sign up to race, contact Bryan Moore (O29) at 688-4607 or via email.
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Dear Shipbuilders:

Congratulations! I could not be more proud to announce that in 2017, Newport News Shipbuilding achieved its safest year in recorded history. This safety milestone is thanks to the hard work and perseverance of ALL shipbuilders.

This accomplishment underscores your strong commitment to your co-workers and to our health and safety programs. A good example of this is our Safety Improvements Program. We had a goal to make 750 improvements last year, and we not only met this challenge, we surpassed it and implemented 1,178 improvements—all of which were employees’ ideas to improve the worksite experience.

Your engagement and continued focus on safety has helped us create a culture that is paramount to our success, and I applaud your hard work.

As we kick off 2018, I encourage you to help us find new ways to continue this positive trend. Speak up if something isn’t working, and look for innovative, safer solutions in your areas. Let’s continue to work together to ensure the safety of all shipbuilders.

All the best,

Jennifer Boykin
President
Newport News Shipbuilding
JBL Sub and JL Amp - 12" JBL sub w/ box and 250W JL amp. Loud for size. $200 OBO. (518) 416-5358

Hubcaps - 2012 Toyota Corolla (4) 16" OEM hubcaps. $25. (757) 650-4974

1996 Honda Accord - 4-cyl, manual tranny, 245k miles with new inspection. Tires in good condition. Mech. maintained and runs great. $1,500 OBO. (757) 672-8256

2007 VW GTI - Red. 98K miles. Well maintained. Daily driver. New timing belt and WP. Good condition. $7,000 OBO. (757) 737-7926

2007 328I BMW - Sport coupe, heated leather seats, sun roof. 100K+ miles. Great condition. $1,500 OBO. (757) 718-1130

1986 GMC K10 4X4 - Long bed, 6 cylinder engine, 245k miles with new inspection. Tires in good condition. $2,500. (757) 613-2519

1996 Classic Pontiac Firebird V6 - T-Tops, 5 speed. 100K+ miles. Pics available. $3,000. (757) 329-6761

2005 V6 Red Mustang Convertible - Great condition. 100K+ miles. Pics available. $6,000. (757) 329-6761

2009 328I BMW - Sport coupe, heated leather seats, sun roof. 100K+ miles. $10K. (757) 329-6761

2007 VW GTI - Red. 99K miles. Well maintained. Daily driver. New timing belt and WP. Good condition. $7,000 OBO. (757) 737-7926

2015 Chevy Cruze - Loaded, 7" tch screen w/back up cam, sunroof, al wheels, turbo eng, Bluetooth and XM Radio. (804) 684-9018


2008 328I BMW - Convertible hardtop, heated leather seats, navigation and sport package. 73,700 miles. Garage kept. $12,800. (757) 353-9825

2007 Altima Sedan - Stick shift, V6 6MT. 165K miles. Silver. Runs great, 12/18 insp. $4,500 OBO. Text (757) 869-4842

2005 V6 Red Mustang Convertible - Great condition. 100K+ miles. Pics available. $3,000. (757) 329-6761

2010 V78000 - Loaded, 7" tch screen w/back up cam, sunroof, al wheels, turbo eng, Bluetooth and XM Radio. (804) 684-9018

1995 Queen Anne style. 73x20. $700 OBO. (757) 848-6230

Solid Cherry Hutch - Henkel Harris Quality Furniture. $400. (757) 329-6761

Office Desk with Chair - L-shape. Can separate. Powdered glass surface. Flat gray base. Black cloth rolling chair. $150 OBO. (757) 848-6230

Queen Size Bedroom Set - Wood bedframe with headboard, footboard, dresser, nightstand and armoire. Good condition. $500 OBO. (757) 848-6230

Carpet Installation and Repair - Call for an appointment and quote. (757) 329-6761

1:1 Guitar Classes - Midtown NN. Flexible scheduling. Read/play std notation, chords/theory. Call/txt rates, 3 years old. Excellent condition. $25. (757) 681-7532

Beach House - 3 bdrms, 2 baths between highways. Walk to OBX Rental - Mile Post 11. 3 bdrms, 2 baths. Great for family vacation. $250. (757) 771-3441

Spice Rack - 16-jar wooden revolving rack. Text for pic. $12. (757) 288-9821

New CASIO Watch Band - For PRG-240, PRG-40. $20. (757) 254-8272


**EMPLOYEE CLASSIFIEDS**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Spode Christmas Tree Pattern - Whistling tea kettle, 2.2 qt. Original box, never used. Text for pic. $18. (757) 288-9821


Spode Christmas Tree Pattern - 9” glass salad bowl. Perfect condition, original box. Text for pics. $25. (757) 288-9821

Roofing - Repairs and replacement services. Free estimates available. (757) 240-8846

Spin Bikes - 2 Star Tracker spin bikes, one is $349 other $599. Also have a schwinn spin bike for $135. Pics available. (757) 218-2946

Items - Microwaves, $35 and up. Carpet cleaners, $55 and up. Wheel walkers, $35 and $45. Space heaters, $25 and $30. (757) 218-2946


Pest Terminator - Free inspections. Expert pest, termite, moisture control, under house repairs and poly installation. (757) 873-4999

Tooling - Set of 6, 6K collets. Fit Hardinge or South Bend lathe. (757) 876-7466

Folding Webbed Beach Chairs - Two low-profile aluminum beach chairs with cross-woven webbing, arm rests. Sturdy. $10. Text (757) 288-9821

**Miscellaneous cont.**


Adult Snorkel Set Body Glove - Surge Fin model. Size 5-6 fins, snorkel and mask. Optic green. Used once, orig. pkg. $20. Text (757) 288-9821

China Service for 12 - Parkleigh Sonata. 90 pieces. White, silver edge, blue/pink flowers. $500 OBO. Text (757) 288-9821

Satin Wedding Dress, Size PS - Champagne, tucked bodice, lace neck, long sl. Tiny flowers on long veil. Sealed. $150. Text (757) 288-9821

50s Vintage Wool Blanket - Fine St. Mary’s 100% wool blanket in rose. 70x82. Twin/Full. Excellent condition. $50. Text (757) 288-9821


Virginia Rose China - 20 misc. pieces. Five have mild flaws. $100 OBO. Pics. Text (757) 288-9821

Crystal Brandy Snifters - 8 boxed, 8 oz. Bohemian crystal, Czech Republic. Text for pics. $40. (757) 288-9821

Child’s Invacare Wheelchair - Foam padded seat 14”x16”. Removable leg/foot rests. Like new. Request pics. $50. Text (757) 288-9821

Bios/Auto-bios Collection - JFK, Iacoca, B.T. Washington, Truman, Lincoln, Tubman, Schwartzkopf, Douglas. Text for list, pics. All $50 OBO. (757) 288-9821


Framed Art Beach Scene - Lighthouse, sand, fence, boat. 31”x25” Text for pic. $25. (757) 288-9821

**Miscellaneous cont.**

Crystal Champagne Flutes - 12 Bohemian flutes, Claudia, Czech Republic. Text for pics. $60. (757) 288-9821

30s-50s Ornaments - Collection of 38 vintage glass Xmas ornaments. Variety of designs. Text for pics. $190 for all or $6 each. (757) 288-9821


Cowgirl Boots - Size 6 women’s approx. Pink with silver stars, tassels. Excellent condition. Text for pics. $45. (757) 288-9821


Spode Christmas Tree Pattern - Frosted goblets 12 oz. Like new. In original boxes, 4 loose. Text for pics. $100. (757) 288-9821


Honda Push Mower - Excellent condition. About a year old. $300. (757) 593-0508

Home Cleaning - General home cleaning. Free estimates. Special occasion cleaning welcomed. Licensed and insured. (757) 334-5384

Concrete Patio Set - You remove. Heavy. Please call after 4:30 and before 8. (757) 583-9869

Christmas Tree - 9-foot Christmas tree. Text (757) 817-6292

**WANTED**

Commuter Van - From Va. Beach to NNS daily first shift. Leaves Diamond Springs Road. Text ‘ride’ to Mac. (757) 450-6740

Washer and Dryer - Broken washers and dryers that are in your way. Will pick up for free. (757) 617-0100

**PETS**

American Bully Pups - UKC reg. bully pups. Will be very short and girly. UTD on shots and deworming. Ready now. 2 females, 1 male left. (757) 602-8657

Chocolate Lab Puppies - 4 males ready 2/14. AKC, First shots and wormed. $800. Text (757) 206-7003

**FREE ITEMS**