

BRYAN MOORE, MANAGER, COMMUNICATIONS: BUILDING OUR FUTURE. I'M BRYAN MOORE, AND THIS IS FOCUS NNS. WE'RE HERE AT ONE OF THE MANY TOWN HALL MEETINGS HELD THROUGHOUT THE YARD AND OFFICES DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE BY OUTGOING PRESIDENT MATT MULHERIN AND INCOMING PRESIDENT JENNIFER BOYKIN. WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT PLANS AHEAD AS NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING LOOKS TO THE FUTURE. PLUS, THREE SHIPS DELIVERED IN ONE MONTH. WE'LL LOOK AT THIS AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENT. AND MODEL SHIPBUILDERS MAKING THEIR MARK ACROSS HAMPTON ROADS.

THOSE STORIES AND MORE ARE COMING UP BUT FIRST ON DECK NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING MADE HISTORY IN MAY WHEN JENNIFER BOYKIN WAS ANNOUNCED AS THE COMPANY'S 20TH PRESIDENT AND FIRST WOMAN EVER TO HOLD THE POSITION. IN JUNE, SHE AND OUTGOING PRESIDENT MATT MULHERIN TOOK TO THE YARD TO TALK ABOUT THE TRANSITION AND THE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

MATT MULHERIN, PRESIDENT, NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING: IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE IN THIS ROLE AS PRESIDENT, LARGELY BECAUSE I'M REPRESENTING THE IFNEST SHIPBUILDERS IN THE WORLD, BAR NONE. SO NOW MY JOB IS TO GET OFF THIS STAGE AND IT IS MY DISTINCT PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING, JENNIFER BOYKIN.

JENNIFER BOYKIN, INCOMING PRESIDENT, NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING: I AM EXTREMELY HONORED AND HUMBLLED TO SERVE AS THE 20TH PRESIDENT OF NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING AND AS THE FIRST WOMAN TO HOLD THIS POSITION.

IRIN HALL, SUPERINTENDENT: HER BEING THE FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT, EVERYBODY IS LOOKING, KIND OF WAITING TO SEE WHAT DIRECTION IS SHE GOING TO TAKE THE COMPANY?

JENNIFER BOYKIN: MY VISION IS TO CONTINUE BUILDING GREAT SHIPS BY LEVERAGING YOUR IDEAS AND YOUR EXPERIENCE AND BY LEVERAGING DIGITAL AND OTHER TECHNOLOGIES, TO FIND NEW AND EXCITING WAYS TO DO OUR WORK.

LL JONES, INSTRUCTOR: WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE A WONDERFUL TEAM. AND BY WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A WONDERFUL TEAM, THAT WILL MAKE OUR SHIPYARD GREAT.

JENNIFER BOYKIN: SIMPLY SAID, MY TOP PRIORITIES ARE PEOPLE AND TECHNOLOGY. I'M COMMITTED TO RUNNING THE BUSINESS IN A WAY THAT HELPS YOU FEEL PART OF IT. TO MEET WITH YOU REGULARLY IN PERSON AND/OR VIRTUALLY. AND TO ENGAGE WITH YOU, TO LISTEN TO YOUR IDEAS.

SHAMEKA WARREN, PRODUCT TRAINER: I'M EXCITED AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEE WHAT SHE HAS IN STORE. SHE LAID OUT HER VISION AND I THINK I HEARD SOME GOOD THINGS.

JENNIFER BOYKIN: IT'S OUR CRAFTSMEN AND WOMEN, IT'S OUR DESIGNERS, OUR PLANNERS, OUR ENGINEERS, OUR PRODUCTION LEADERS, WHO ARE BRINGING DIGITAL SHIPBUILDING TO LIFE. BECAUSE IT'S UP TO ALL OF US TO CONTINUOUSLY INNOVATE, TO LEVERAGE OUR BEST IDEAS AND TO DECIDE HOW WE ARE GOING TO LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGY.

LIAM KONOUCK, ENGINEER, MODELING AND SIMULATION: WELL, I WAS REALLY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND TODAY BECAUSE IN THIS TRANSITION GETTING TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM JENNIFER HER INTENTIONS FOR HOW THE SHIPYARD IS GOING TO MOVE FORWARD THROUGH THE TRANSITION AND BEYOND IS IMPORTANT.

JENNIFER BOYKIN: I THINK WE ALL NEED TO REMEMBER WE ARE THE ONLY SHIPYARD THAT CAN BUILD BOTH NUCLEAR-POWERED AIRCRAFT CARRIERS AND NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINES. AND WE ARE THE ONLY SHIPYARD THAT CAN REFUEL NUCLEAR-POWERED AIRCRAFT CARRIERS. I MEAN, THAT'S REMARKABLE. DON'T FORGET THAT. LIVE THAT. BE PROUD OF THAT. EVERY DAY. SO THAT THE NEXT GENERATION OF SHIPBUILDERS WILL BOLDLY SAY, "MADE IN AMERICA. ONLY IN NEWPORT NEWS. ALWAYS IN NEWPORT NEWS."

RENEE JONES, TOOL CLERK: I THINK SHE'S LOOKING OUT FOR OUR BEST INTERESTS. I THINK SHE'S GOING TO DO WELL. SHE JUST ENCOURAGES US, YOU KNOW? BECAUSE SHE HAS COME SO FAR AND SHE HAS ACCOMPLISHED A LOT.

JENNIFER BOYKIN: TOGETHER, WE ARE GOING TO DEFINE THE NEW ERA OF SHIPBUILDING AND CREATE OUR OWN LEGACY. SO, SHIPBUILDERS, LET'S GET STARTED BUILDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER.

DANYEL MITCHELL, DECK ELECTRICIAN: I'M EXCITED TO SEE. I THINK TODAY WAS GREAT. JUST TO SEE HER GET UP THERE AND SPEAK AND SAY HER EXPECTATIONS AND WHAT SHE IS GOING TO DO.

BRYAN MOORE: EXPECT MORE DIALOGUE AND FACE-TO-FACE TALK FROM JENNIFER BOYKIN AND WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED ON ALL OF THE DETAILS. NOW, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE YARD.

WITH A SWING OF A BOTTLE, AND VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE AT HER SIDE, SHIP'S SPONSOR DIANE DONALD CHRISTENS VIRGINIA-CLASS SUBMARINE *INDIANA* (SSN 789). THE EVENT WAS HELD ON APRIL 29 WITH NEARLY 4,000 SHIPBUILDERS LOOKING ON.

BRANDI BROOKS, MARINE PAINTER: IT'S A LOT OF HARD WORK, A LOT OF SWEAT, BUT THEN WHEN YOU SEE THE FINISHED PROJECT YOU SEE WHAT YOU'RE WORKING SO HARD FOR. AND IT FEELS GREAT THAT THE NAVY COUNTS ON US AND THEY TRUST US TO PUT THEM IN A GOOD PRODUCT.

BRYAN MOORE: VICE PRESIDENT PENCE, FORMER GOVERNOR OF INDIANA, SERVED AS THE CEREMONY'S KEYNOTE SPEAKER. THE 7,800-TON SHIP WAS ROLLED OUT AND IN TO FLOATING DRY DOCK IN JUNE. CONSTRUCTION BEGAN IN SEPTEMBER, 2012 AND IS ABOUT 90% COMPLETE.

946 SHIPBUILDERS ARE RECOGNIZED AS MASTER SHIPBUILDERS AT THE 28TH ANNUAL MASTER SHIPBUILDERS CEREMONY. THE EVENT WAS HELD IN MAY AT THE HAMPTON ROADS CONVENTION CENTER. THIS YEAR'S HONOREES STARTED WORK AT THE SHIPYARD IN 1976.

ANITA SMALLWOOD, MASTER SHIPBUILDER: I FEEL HONORED AND I'M JUST GRATEFUL. THE SHIPYARD HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO MY FAMILY AND, YOU KNOW, I'M JUST HONORED TO BE HERE.

FREDDIE CYPRESS, MASTER SHIPBUILDER: WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THE SHIPYARD IT WAS JUST A TEMPORARY THING AND THEN I HAD A FAMILY AND WENT FROM THERE. AND ONE DAY AFTER ANOTHER AND BEFORE YOU KNOW, FORTY YEARS WENT BY.

MATT MULHERIN: CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL ON YOUR GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.

BRYAN MOORE: MATT MULHERIN GAVE OPENING REMARKS AND ALSO TALKED ABOUT HIS UPCOMING RETIREMENT BEFORE INTRODUCING JENNIFER BOYKIN AS THE NEXT PRESIDENT AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER.

JENNIFER BOYKIN: YOUR KNOWLEDGE, YOUR WISDOM AND YOUR EXPERIENCE IS SOMETHING THAT EVERY SHIPBUILDER RELIES ON. IT'S SOMETHING THAT I WILL RELY ON AS WELL, EVERY DAY. YOU'RE THE FOUNDATION THAT INSPIRES US, GUIDES US AND MAKES US PROUD TO CONTINUE YOUR LEGACY.

BRYAN MOORE: SHIPBUILDERS ARE THE STARS OF THE SHOW AT SOME MUSEUMS AROUND HAMPTON ROADS THIS SUMMER. THE CHRYSLER MUSEUM IN NORFOLK WAS THE FIRST TO OPEN THE PHOTO EXHIBITION, "GLEN MCCLURE: SHIPYARD WORKERS OF HAMPTON ROADS" MCCLURE IS A NORFOLK PHOTOGRAPHER WHO SPENT A NUMBER OF YEARS DOCUMENTING SHIPBUILDERS THROUGHOUT THE AREA. NUMEROUS NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDERS WORKERS ARE FEATURED AND THERE'S EVEN A BOOK AVAILABLE SHOWCASING ALL THE SHIPBUILDERS.

RANGER CREWS, NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING: IT'S SOMETHING I'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED BEFORE, OR EVEN THOUGHT OF, UNTIL THIS HAPPENED TODAY.

BRYAN MOORE: YOU CAN STILL CATCH THE EXHIBIT AT THE PORTSMOUTH ART AND CULTURAL CENTER THROUGH AUGUST 6TH AND THE CHARLES H. TAYLOR ART CENTER IN HAMPTON THROUGH AUGUST 13.

FIFTEEN HOUSES. THAT'S THE NUMBER OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOMES BUILT BY NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING AND THE UNITED STEELWORKERS. THE FIFTEENTH HOUSE WAS DEDICATED ON JUNE 29TH AND OUR COMMUNICATION'S DIVISION SUMMER INTERN LIZZIE HOWELL WAS THERE.

LIZZIE HOWELL, SUMMER INTERN, COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION: NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDERS ARE KNOWN FOR BUILDING THE FINEST AIRCRAFT CARRIERS AND SUBMARINES IN THE WORLD. BUT WE'RE ALSO GETTING QUITE GOOD AT BUILDING SOMETHING ELSE: HOUSES.

TANYA JOHNSON, HOMEOWNER: THIS FINALIZES AN ABSOLUTE JOURNEY FOR ME AND MY FAMILY. I'VE ALWAYS TOLD THEM WHEN WE HAD RENTAL PROPERTIES, "THIS IS NOT OUR HOME. THIS IS NOT OUR HOME. THIS IS NOT OUR HOME." I SAID, "WE'RE GOING TO HAVE OUR HOME, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE OUR HOME."

WHEN I FIRST SAW THE LOT, IT DIDN'T LOOK BIG ENOUGH TO HAVE A HOUSE. BUT, A COUPLE OF WEEKS LATER, WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT HIS PARTICULAR AREA WAS GOING TO BE MY AREA. THERE WAS FRAMEWORK. AND THERE WAS BONES OF A HOUSE. AND I KNEW RIGHT THEN AND THERE IT WAS MINE. IT WAS MINE. AND TO BE OUT HERE EVERY SATURDAY WITH THE SHIPYARD AND THE HABITAT CONSTRUCTION WORKERS. WE WERE MORE THAN JUST WORKING ON A HOUSE. THEY WERE BUILDING MY DREAM.

BRIAN FIELDS, VICE PRESIDENT OF INTEGRATED PLANNING AND PRODUCTION CONTROL: AT NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING, WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON THE QUALITY OF OUR SHIPS. AND, WALKING THROUGH YOUR HOUSE YOU CAN TELL THERE IS A LOT OF QUALITY PUT INTO THAT. SO, THOSE SHIPBUILDERS ARE ALSO QUALITY HOME BUILDERS.

DEDICATED TO THE JOHNSON FAMILY ON JUNE 29TH, 2017. THIS HOUSE IS NOW A HOME. IT'S OUR PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS KEY. MAY IT STAND FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY IN YOUR HOME. CONGRATULATIONS.

JESSICA ROSPENDOWSKI, VOLUNTEER, NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING: I MEAN, TO BE ABLE TO GIVE SOMETHING TO SOMEBODY THAT I CAN SAY, AND ALL OF MY FELLOW SHIPBUILDERS CAN SAY, "HEY. WE HELPED BUILD THAT." AND LATER ON, DRIVING THROUGH THE AREA, WE CAN SAY, "HEY. WE HELPED THEM BUILD THAT."

LIZZIE HOWELL: BRICK BY BRICK, NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING EMPLOYEES ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY ONE HOUSE AT A TIME. FOR FOCUS NNS, I'M LIZZIE HOWELL. BACK TO YOU, BRYAN.

BRYAN MOORE: THANK YOU, LIZZIE, GREAT JOB AND WE'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEXT HABITAT HOUSE GETS UNDERWAY. WELL, GOOD THINGS COME IN PAIRS BUT SOMETIMES IT'S EVEN BETTER IN THREES. DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING DELIVERED THREE SHIPS. AARON PRITCHETT WITH OUR COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION SHOWS US THE MAY TRIPLE PLAY.

AARON PRITCHETT, COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION: THERE'S A THREE-POINTER IN BASKETBALL, A THREE POINT FIELD GOAL IN FOOTBALL, A TRIPLE BOGEY IN GOLF, A HAT TRICK IN HOCKEY AND A TRIPLE PLAY IN BASEBALL. WELL, YOU CAN ADD ONE MORE TO THAT LIST BECAUSE NOW THERE'S A TRIPLE PLAY IN THE WORLD OF SHIPBUILDING. BECAUSE THE MONTH OF MAY SAW THE DELIVERY OF THREE SHIPS TO THE US NAVY. THE FIRST-IN-CLASS *GERALD R. FORD* (CVN 78), THE RECENTLY REFUELED AND OVERHAULED *ABRAHAM LINCOLN* (CVN 72) AND THE NEWEST VIRGINIA-CLASS ATTACK SUBMARINE THE *WASHINGTON* (SSN 787). THREE SHIPS FROM THREE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS. DEFINITELY NOT AN EASY FEAT. BUT ONE THAT WAS ALL MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF THE SHIPBUILDERS OF NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING.

RACHEL JOHNSON, SUPERVISOR: WHEN YOU SEE A SHIP GO OUT ON THE JAMES RIVER AND WHEN IT COMES BACK IN AND YOU KNOW THAT YOU BUILT THAT AND YOU HAD A TAKE IN THAT IT'S AN EXTREMELY PRIDEFUL MOMENT. AND IT'S OVERWHELMING SOMETIMES BECAUSE YOU THINK ABOUT THE LITTLE FINITE DETAILS THAT YOU PUT INTO IT AND WE HAVE AN EXTREMELY UNIQUE JOB. NO ONE CAN SAY THAT THEY HAVE WORKED ON A NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINE OR A CARRIER OR REFUELED IT. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT OUR TRADE AND OUR BUSINESS IS VERY UNIQUE.

REGGIE BELL, SHEETMETAL WORKER: I'M REAL PROUD, MAN. IT'S LIKE I OWN THAT SHIP. I'VE BEEN ON IT SO LONG, IT'S LIKE A PART OF ME. SOMETHING IN MY MIND, MY HEART, THAT I'VE LET OUT, EXPERIENCED AND ABLE TO HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO DO IT.

JOSEPH TABB, TEST ELECTRICIAN: IT'S AMAZING TO JUST SEE WHAT I'VE DONE ACTUALLY COME TO LIFE AND SEE THE NAVY GO OFF AND DO STUFF AND PROTECT OUR COUNTRY.

CHRIS MINER, VICE PRESIDENT, IN-SERVICE AIRCRAFT CARRIER PROGRAMS: WE ACCOMPLISH A LOT OF GREAT THINGS EVERY DAY AT THE SHIPYARD. AND WE FINISH SOMETHING AND DO GREAT WORK AND MOVE ON TO THE NEXT THING BECAUSE WE'RE VERY BUSY. SO, HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US, AND IT'S SOMETHING WE DON'T SEE VERY OFTEN THAT WE, I THINK, NEED TO STEP BACK AND RECOGNIZE.

SO I'VE BEEN HERE THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AND I CAN'T RECALL WHEN WE'VE HAD THREE MAJOR PROGRAMS DELIVER LITERALLY WEEKS WITHIN EACH OTHER, ALL WITHIN THE SAME MONTH, IN THIS CASE IN MAY OF 2017. SO, I'M KIND OF CALLING IT THE "TRIPLE PLAY OF HARD STUFF DONE RIGHT." I MEAN, IT'S PRETTY AMAZING WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT.

SO, A NEW CONSTRUCTION CARRIER, NOT JUST ANY NEW CONSTRUCTION CARRIER, THE FIRST IN THE CLASS. WHICH COMES WITH ITS OWN CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLES TO OVERCOME AND THE TEAM DID A TREMENDOUS JOB BRINGING THAT SHIP TO DELIVERY. AND RCOH IS ALWAYS ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT IS CHALLENGING, A LOT OF EMERGENT WORK, A LOT OF THINGS WE DIDN'T PLAN ON BECAUSE IT'S AN OLD SHIP AND WE HAD A LOT OF DISCOVERY. SO, TO COME THROUGH THAT AND DELIVER THAT SHIP. AND, OF COURSE, A VCS, THE PACE ON VCS IS TREMENDOUS, WE'RE DELIVERING TWO SHIPS A YEAR, AND THAT PUTS A LOT ON THE SHIPBUILDERS THAT DO THE SUBMARINES AS WELL. AND TO BRING ALL OF THOSE TOGETHER LITERALLY WITHIN ONE MONTH AND DELIVER THREE TREMENDOUS PROGRAMS AND PRODUCTS THAT'S GOING TO SUPPORT THE NAVY. SO, YOU KNOW, DECADES OF SUPPORT FOR OUR NATION AND OUR WORLD ALL DELIVERED IN LESS THAN A MONTH THAT'S JUST ABSOLUTELY AMAZING.

LOUIS RAJNYS, PRODUCTION MANAGER: IT'S A SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT AND I THINK IT SHOWS THE COUNTRY AND IT SHOWS THE GOVERNMENT, OUR CUSTOMER, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE ARE ACTUALLY CAPABLE OF, THAT WE CAN DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT. AND WHEN NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING STEPS UP TO THE PLATE, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A TRIPLE PLAY, ITS GOING TO BE A HOME RUN.

FAMATTA COLE, TEST ELECTRICIAN SPECIALIST: THE FACT THAT WE EVEN HAVE THE CAPABILITIES TO EVEN WORK ON THREE SHIPS OF THIS SIZE AT THE SAME TIME, IS AMAZING.

RACHEL JOHNSON: YOU DO HAVE A LITTLE PIECE OF YOU THAT GOES OUT ON THE SHIPS BECAUSE OF THE JOBS THAT YOU DO AND THE TALENT AND THE TIME AND THE QUALITY AND THE PATIENCE THAT ACTUALLY GO INTO THE JOB. YOU TAKE THAT WITH YOU.

AARON PRITCHETT: AS NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING CONTINUES TO CELEBRATE THIS RARE TRIPLE PLAY, IT HAS HELPED TO INSPIRE AND INVIGORATE OUR SHIPBUILDERS EVEN MORE AS WE GEAR UP FOR MORE FUTURE WORK AND CONTINUE ON THE LEGACY OF "ALWAYS GOOD SHIPS" FOR THE U.S. NAVY. FOR FOCUS NNS, I'M AARON PRITCHETT. BACK TO YOU BRYAN.

BRYAN MOORE: ALRIGHT, AARON, THANKS SO MUCH FOR THAT GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT. WELL THAT'S GOING TO DO IT FOR THIS EDITION OF FOCUS NNS. FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS, CHECK OUR WEEKLY PUBLICATION *CURRENTS*. AND DOWNLOAD THE *NNS TO GO* APP, AVAILABLE ON THE APPLE STORE AND ON GOOGLE PLAY. PLUS CHECK OUT ALL THE LATEST

NEWS ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES AND ON COX CABLE CHANNEL 1886. THANKS SO MUCH FOR WATCHING, I'M BRYAN MOORE.