

## **BRYAN MOORE, MANAGER, COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

WORKING TOGETHER. ONE TEAM GETTING IT DONE. I'M BRYAN MOORE AND THIS IS FOCUS NNS.

WE'RE HERE AT NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD IN PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA WHERE NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING'S MOBILE EXPERIENCE TRAILER IS ON DISPLAY. WE'LL HAVE MORE ON THAT COMING UP A LITTLE LATER.

ALSO ON THE WAY: NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING IS BUSIER THAN EVER AND IT TAKES TEAMWORK TO GET THE JOB DONE. WE'LL TELL YOU WHAT THAT'S ALL ABOUT. AND SHE'S BEGINNING A BRAND-NEW CAREER WORKING IN THE FOUNDRY. WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW THIS SHIPBUILDER IS BREAKING THE MOLD WHILE CONTINUING A FAMILY LEGACY.

THOSE STORIES AND MORE ARE COMING UP BUT FIRST ON DECK: FROM NEW CONSTRUCTION TO OVERHAULS TO MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITIES THE DRY DOCKS AT NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING ARE FULL UP. AARON PRITCHETT WITH OUR COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION TELLS US HOW IT TAKES MANY PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER AS ONE TEAM TO GET THE JOB DONE.

## **AARON PRITCHETT, COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

WE'RE HERE TWO HUNDRED FEET HIGH ABOVE THE SHIPYARD ON THE 1,050-METRIC TON BLUE GOLIATH GANTRY CRANE, ALSO KNOWN AS, "BIG BLUE." AND BEHIND ME, IT MAY LOOK LIKE JUST ANOTHER ORDINARY DAY HERE AT NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING. BUT IF YOU TAKE A CLOSER LOOK, WE'RE BUSIER THAN EVER. SHIPBUILDERS ARE HARD AT WORK AS OUR DRY DOCKS ARE FULL FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME IN OVER A DECADE.

## **CHRIS MINER, VICE PRESIDENT, IN-SERVICE AIRCRAFT CARRIER PROGRAMS**

YOU KNOW, I FEEL WE'RE RIGHT BACK INTO THAT EXCITING TIME OF JUST THE VOLUME OF WORK IN EVERY ASPECT OF SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS. AND IT TIES RIGHT IN TO WHERE WE ARE WITH TRANSFORMING THE BUSINESS BECAUSE WITH THIS KIND OF VOLUME OF WORK AND ALL OF THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THAT WORK, IT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

## **AARON PRITCHETT**

FROM THE ONGOING CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND FORD-CLASS AIRCRAFT CARRIER JOHN F. KENNEDY (CVN 79) IN DRY DOCK 12, TO THE IMPRESSIVE VIRGINIA-CLASS SUBMARINE PROGRAM CHURNING OUT TWO BOATS PER YEAR, TO THE REFUELING AND COMPLEX OVERHAUL OF USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) IN DRY DOCK 11, BEING BUSY IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT. THERE'S ALSO THE CONTINUED INACTIVATION OF THE ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) AND THAT'S STILL NOT THE HALF OF IT. NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING IS FILLING UP EVEN MORE OF OUR DRY DOCKS BY TAKING THE CARRIER AND SUBMARINE FLEET SUPPORT PROGRAM TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL.

**JEUL WOODARD, FOREMAN**

I THINK A LOT OF TIMES WE LOSE SIGHT OF THE LEARNING PROCESS THAT COMES WITH FLEET SUPPORT. BECAUSE, LIKE I SAID, A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THAT WE SEND PEOPLE OFF-SITE AND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE FLEET SUPPORT HERE IN THE YARD. I THINK IT'S A GREAT LEARNING PROCESS AND JUST ROOM FOR GROWTH AS FAR AS THE SHIPYARD.

**BILL SMITH, VICE PRESIDENT, FLEET SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

THE NAVY TALKS ABOUT A 355-SHIP NAVY. IN ORDER TO GET THERE, YOU REALLY GOT TO MAINTAIN WHAT'S OUT THERE TODAY. AND AS WE RUN THESE SHIPS HARDER AND HARDER, THE OPPORTUNITY IS THERE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THEM THAT MUST BE DONE. AND IF YOU GO AND LOOK AT IT, RIGHT? THE FORD JUST CAME BACK IN FOR A 12-MONTH PSA, YOU GO LOOK AT DRY DOCKS 1 AND 4, WE'VE GOT BOTH COLUMBUS AND HELENA IN THERE, AND THEN DOWN AT THE PIER WE JUST BROUGHT IN THE BOISE. SO, IT'S GETTING BACK, RECONSTITUTING THAT WORK FOR US, RECONSTITUTING THAT BUSINESS, THE SUB OVERHAUL SIDE, ALONG WITH BRINGING THE FORD BACK THAT WE JUST DELIVERED. SO IT'S GOOD TIMES.

**LEIGH ANN HANSON, SHIPBOARD TEMPORARY SERVICES**

IT'S A PRETTY BIG RESPONSIBILITY CONSIDERING WHAT WE'RE DOING BECAUSE I CAME FROM CARRIER OVERHAUL. SO, WORKING ON THE SUBS, I'M LEARNING DIFFERENT THINGS AND HOW THEY DO THINGS FLEET SUPPORT-WISE, IT'S A GOOD LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR SURE.

**ERVIN MANSFIELD JR, SHEET METAL MECHANIC**

IT'S VERY FULFILLING. YOU KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE THAT YOU WORK WITH AND YOURSELF ARE ALL TRYING TO STRIVE FOR A COMMON GOAL. THAT'S WHY WE STRIVE TO GO OUT EVERY DAY AND GIVE IT 100%. AND THAT'S WHAT ME AND A LOT OF GUYS THAT I WORK WITH TAKE THE MOST PRIDE IN IS: BEING ABLE TO GET IT DONE, GET IT DONE RIGHT FIRST TIME, AND IT ACTUALLY GOING OUT AND PERFORMING.

**BILL SMITH**

FLEET SUPPORT IS ALL ABOUT DOING THOSE AND SUPPORTING THOSE SMALL AVAILABILITIES WHICH ARE KEY, OBVIOUSLY, TO GET A SHIP TO 50 YEARS, IN THE CASE OF A CARRIER, OR 30 YEARS, IN THE CASE OF A SUBMARINE. SO THEY COME IN, THEY'VE GOT TO BE MAINTAINED, OR WE JUST WOULDN'T GET THERE.

**CHRIS MINER**

WE ARE SLAMMED FULL. BUT THAT'S AN EXCITING TIME, IT'S A GOOD THING. AND IT'S BECAUSE OF THE GOOD WORK WE'VE BEEN DOING, EVERY SHIPBUILDER HAS REALLY MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO CONVINCING OUR CUSTOMER THAT THIS IS WHERE YOU WANT TO BRING YOUR SHIPS, THIS IS WHERE YOU WANT TO BUILD THEM, THIS IS WHERE YOU WANT TO OVERHAUL THEM. NEWPORT NEWS IS WHERE YOU GET THE BEST VALUE.

**AARON PRITCHETT**

NO MATTER WHERE YOU WORK OR WHAT JOB YOU HAVE, EVERYONE PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN THE SUCCESS OF NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING.

**CHRIS MINER**

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT AND TO THINK BACK ABOUT WHERE WE WERE IN THE PAST AND WHERE WE ARE NOW AND HOW EXCITING THAT IS. OR TO BE A BRAND-NEW SHIPBUILDER WHO HAS JUST COME IN, THERE'S A LOT OF NEW SHIPBUILDERS IN THE YARD NOW, TO THINK ABOUT THEIR FUTURE AND WHAT THEY HAVE IN FRONT OF US. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY BE EXCITED AND PROUD TO BE A PART OF NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING RIGHT NOW. DEFINITELY EXCITING TIMES HERE AT NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING.

**AARON PRITCHETT**

AND NO MATTER WHAT ROLE YOU PLAY HERE IN OUR COMPANY, WE ARE ONE TEAM MOVING FORWARD AND HELPING TO PROVIDE THE GREATEST SHIPS IN THE WORLD FOR THE U.S. NAVY. FOR FOCUS NNS, I'M AARON PRICHETT. BACK TO YOU, BRYAN.

**BRYAN MOORE**

ALRIGHT, THANKS SO MUCH AARON. NOW, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE YARD.

NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING SPONSORS PRIDEFEST IN NORFOLK. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE ON HAND AS SHIPBUILDERS VOLUNTEERED AT THE NNS BOOTH, GIVING AWAY T-SHIRTS AND OTHER PROMOTIONAL ITEMS AS PART OF THE DAY-LONG FESTIVAL. SHIPBUILDERS ALSO TALKED WITH PEOPLE ABOUT CAREERS IN SHIPBUILDING AND THE SHIPYARD'S FOCUS ON INCLUSION & DIVERSITY.

**JENNIFER CHERRY, ADMINISTRATION GENERALIST**

THIS IS FOR EVERYONE. IT'S BEING AN ADVOCATE FOR EVERYONE IN THEIR UNIQUENESS.

**DAVE WHITE, DIRECTOR, OUTFITTING TRADES**

IT'S AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE HERE TODAY REPRESENTING NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR COMMUNITY AND WE WANT TO BE HERE TO SUPPORT.

**BRYAN MOORE**

AND NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING WAS ALSO A SPONSOR OF THE LATINO MUSIC FESTIVAL IN NORFOLK. THAT EVENT WAS HELD JULY 28 AND INCLUDED GREAT MUSIC, FOOD, AND SHIPBUILDERS WORKING TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES AT NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING.

IT'S A GREAT NEW PLACE TO GET NEW COMPANY-LOGOED CLOTHES AND MERCHANDISE. THE NEW SPEAR & GEAR STORE IS NOW OPEN ONLINE. THE STORE WILL ALSO FEATURE POP-UP LOCATIONS LIKE THIS FIRST ONE HELD IN JULY AT THE ROCK. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE NEXT POP-UPS. AND THE ONLINE STORE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND CAN BE FOUND AT [NNSPEARANDGEAR.COM](http://NNSPEARANDGEAR.COM).

WELL AS WE MENTIONED A LITTLE EARLIER, WE'RE AT NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD IN PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, WHERE NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING IS SHOWING OFF THE MX TRAILER. MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE TOOK A TOUR ON JULY 31. THE EVENT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TWO SHIPYARDS TO WORK TOGETHER. THE COLLABORATION IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE CHANGES IN TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL SHIPBUILDING TOOLS ARE PART OF THE DIALOGUE AS BOTH SHIPYARDS WORK TO GET SHIPS TO THE NAVY TO DEFEND THE COUNTRY.

**KENNY WEEKS, ONSITE REACTOR PLANT PLANNING YARD REPRESENTATIVE, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)**

SO I'M REALLY EXCITED TO BE A PART OF THIS DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION. I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS STUFF FOR A WHILE. I'VE WORKED OVER AT OUR SHIPYARD FROM THE DECKPLATE TO DESIGN AND ENGINEERING, AND THEN ALSO AS A FOREMAN. AND, YOU KNOW, HAVING THAT KIND OF PERSPECTIVE, TO BE ABLE TO SEE THINGS THAT COULD REALLY BE USEFUL DOWN ON THE DECKPLATE AND THINGS THAT REALLY COULD BE USEFUL IN THE OFFICE, AND KIND OF MERGING THOSE TWO TOGETHER. I MEAN THAT'S WHAT REALLY ENERGIZES ME AND KEEPS ME INTERESTED IN THE JOB THAT I DO EVERY DAY.

**RYAN MCMULLIN, ELECTRICIAN, NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD**

YOU DON'T WANT TO REINVENT THE WHEEL. YOU KNOW, IF YOU HAVE OTHER ENTITIES THAT ARE WORKING ON SIMILAR STUFF TO YOU THAT HAVE ALREADY DEVELOPED THESE TECHNOLOGIES, FEATURES, AND ABILITIES, WHY NOT TRY AND LEVERAGE THAT? INSTEAD OF, YOU KNOW, DOING IT AGAIN.

**BRYAN MOORE**

AND THE MX TRAILER WILL CONTINUE TO TOUR WITH A NUMBER OF STOPS AT COLLEGE CAMPUSES THIS FALL.

WELL, IF YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED THE SKYLINE HAS CHANGED SOMEWHAT AT NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING. THE NEW 315-TON GOLIATH GANTRY CRANE IS NOW FULLY ASSEMBLED. MEGAN SAETRE, OUR SUMMER INTERN, TAKES A LOOK AT THIS GIANT.

**MEGAN SAETRE, VIRGINIA TECH, COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION INTERN**

HIGH ABOVE THE YARD, THE NEW 315-METRIC-TON GOLIATH GANTRY CRANE IS NOW NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING'S TALLEST STRUCTURE. THE CRANE LEFT POLAND EARLIER THIS YEAR. IT TOOK TWO WEEKS AND TWO DIFFERENT SHIPMENTS TO ARRIVE HERE IN NEWPORT NEWS. ASSEMBLY STARTED IN APRIL AND SHIPBUILDERS PAINTED ON THE FINAL LETTERS LAST MONTH. THE NEW CRANE WILL REPLACE THE 49-YEAR-OLD GREEN GOLIATH GANTRY CRANE. BUT THAT CRANE ISN'T COMING DOWN JUST YET. IT WILL REMAIN IN USE FOR THE OVERHAUL OF USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73).

**BRIAN JONES, PROJECT MANAGER**

THE GREEN CRANE WAS BASICALLY A CONSTRUCTION CRANE. I THINK WHEN THEY BUILT THAT IN '69 THAT THEY NEVER ENVISIONED THAT IT WOULD BE A REFUELING CRANE LIKE THIS CRANE IS. THIS NEW CRANE HAS BEEN, FROM DAY ONE, A REFUELING CRANE AND THE DESIGN ATTRIBUTES FOR IT ARE A WHOLE LOT DIFFERENT THAN IT WAS FOR THAT CRANE THAT WE BUILT IN 1969. IT HAS TO MEET A LOT HIGHER HURRICANE STANDARDS, A LOT OF THE DESIGN STANDARDS THAT THE NAVY REQUIRES FOR REFUELING IS IN THIS CRANE, THAT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN THE GREEN CRANE BACK IN THAT DAY. BUT IT'S BEEN REWARDING TO SEE THE GIRDERS UP. I THINK IT'S WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE AND WE'LL GO ON TO THE NEXT STEP OF TURNING THIS THING ON IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS.

**MEGAN SAETRE**

THE NEW CRANE IS NOW THE TALLEST CRANE HERE AT THE SHIPYARD, STANDING 241-FEET TALL.

**BRIAN JONES**

IT'S BEEN A REAL HONOR AND PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO WORK ON IT. I WORK WITH A GREAT BUNCH OF PEOPLE. GREAT COMPANIES HAVE HELPED US WITH THIS. YOU DO NOTHING BY YOURSELF, BUT YOU GOT TO HAVE A GREAT TEAM OF FOLKS TO HELP YOU.

**MEGAN SAETRE**

MORE WORK AND TESTING WILL CONTINUE. THE CRANE IS EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL LATE NEXT YEAR. THIS NEW CRANE WILL HELP SHIPBUILDERS FULFILL THE MOTTO OF, "ALWAYS GOOD SHIPS." FOR FOCUS NNS, I'M MEGAN SAETRE. BACK TO YOU, BRYAN.

**BRYAN MOORE**

ALRIGHT, MEGAN. THANKS SO MUCH AND GOOD JOB THIS SUMMER.

WELL, AGE IS JUST A NUMBER. THAT ATTITUDE IS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR SHIPBUILDER NORMA FENTON. SHE OVERCAME A NUMBER OF OBSTACLES TO CONTINUE A FAMILY LEGACY. LENA WALLACE WITH OUR COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION HAS MORE ON THIS FIFTH-GENERATION SHIPBUILDER.

**LENA WALLACE, COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

WHEN PEOPLE REACH A CERTAIN AGE, MANY ARE THINKING ABOUT RETIREMENT. BUT NOT EVERYONE. HERE AT THE FOUNDRY THERE'S A RELATIVELY NEW SHIPBUILDER WHO DECIDED IT'S TIME TO CONTINUE HER FAMILY LEGACY. HER NAME IS NORMA FENTON AND HER MOTIVATION STEMS FROM HER FAMILY'S HARD WORK AND DEDICATION. A FAMILY OF SHIPBUILDERS.

**NORMA FENTON, FOUNDRY PLANNER AND SCHEDULER**

MY FAMILY HAS ALWAYS EITHER BEEN IN THE MILITARY OR PARTICIPATED BY WORKING IN A SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY, TO PROVIDE THE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO DEFEND OUR COUNTRY. I'M VERY PROUD TO BE CONTINUING THAT LEGACY. I HAD WANTED TO COME TO THE SHIPYARD. BUT I NEEDED A DEGREE TO DO WHAT I DID. SO I WENT BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER I GOT LAID OFF. AND IT TURNED OUT TO BE A GREAT CAREER DECISION.

I DIDN'T COME IN UNTIL I WAS 55. DON'T THINK THAT AGE IS HELD AGAINST YOU. THIS IS A VERY DIVERSE PLACE WITH MANY DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS. SO YOU CAN BE A TEENAGER ALL THE WAY UP TO IN YOUR 70'S I'VE MET PEOPLE.

**FELICIA FARMER, FOUNDRY PLANNER AND SCHEDULER**

NORMA IS MY MENTOR. I LOOK AT HER AS A WEALTH OF INFORMATION. I SEE THE DIVERSITY HERE: BLACK, WHITE, PURPLE. 18-YEAR-OLD, 25-YEAR-OLD, 50-YEAR-OLD.

**KENTON MELAND, FOUNDRY MANAGER**

WE'VE HAD FOLKS THAT CAME IN IN THEIR 60'S AND CONTRIBUTED IMMEDIATELY. SO, IT'S A GREAT PLACE WHERE YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT RIGHT AWAY.

**NORMA FENTON**

I FIND THAT IN THE YARD I HEAR A LOT OF, "THAT'S THE WAY WE'VE ALWAYS DONE IT." AND YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO EMBRACE NEW IDEAS AND NEW FEELINGS ABOUT HOW TO GET THINGS DONE THAT MAY BE DIFFERENT THAN WHAT YOU'RE USED TO PRACTICING.

**KENTON MELAND**

MY SENSE OF IT IS THAT THE DIVERSITY IS WE HAVE FOLKS WITH LOTS OF DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS. THE INCLUSION PART OF IT IS THAT WE PROVIDE A METHOD FOR THOSE FOLKS WITH DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS TO HAVE A VOICE AT THE TABLE SO WE CAN TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THEIR TALENTS.

**NORMA FENTON**

THERE ARE LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE FIRST THING YOU LAND IN, THERE'S SO MANY DIFFERENT AVENUES THAT YOU CAN PURSUE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET STUCK IN TO ONE PATH. YOU CAN MOVE AROUND IT AND DO DIFFERENT THINGS HERE AT THE YARD.

IT MAKES ME VERY PROUD TO BE A FIFTH-GENERATION SHIPBUILDER. IT STARTED OUT WITH MY GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER, MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER, MY GRANDFATHER, MY FATHER AND NOW ME.

**LENA WALLACE**

FENTON ENCOURAGES OTHERS, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR AGE, TO FOLLOW THEIR PASSION AND HOPEFULLY FIND IT HERE AT NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING. FOR FOCUS NNS, I'M LENA WALLACE. BACK TO YOU, BRYAN.

**BRYAN MOORE**

ALRIGHT, VERY INSPIRING. THANKS SO MUCH, LENA.

WELL THAT'S GOING TO DO IT FOR THIS EDITION OF FOCUS NNS. REMEMBER: DON'T MISS OUT ON VERY IMPORTANT AND TIMELY INFORMATION. DOWNLOAD OUR FREE APP NNS TO GO. IT'S AVAILABLE IN THE GOOGLE AND APPLE STORES ON YOUR SMARTPHONES AND TABLETS. AND DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE LATEST NEWS IN OUR WEEKLY PUBLICATION CURRENTS. AND REMEMBER: FOCUS NNS IS AVAILABLE ON NUMEROUS CITY STATIONS AND CHANNELS ACROSS VIRGINIA.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR WATCHING. I'M BRYAN MOORE.