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**Message from the National President**

Happy holidays to all. Hoping everyone is looking forward to an exciting year in 2010. We have all been busy with focus on back-to-basic initiatives with heavy NAS support to projects across all shipyards. The National E-board would like to welcome all newly elected NAS board members from their local chapters.

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Chapter,  
President – John Sampson  
Vice President – D. K. Horne  
Secretary – Trevor Thayer  
Treasurer – Randy Nadeau  
Master at Arms – Mark Call

Puget Sound Activities Chapter,  
President – Fred Buxton  
Vice President – Dwight Otis  
Secretary – Jerry Piotrowski  
Treasurer – Dennis Rickabaugh  
Master at Arms – Mark Winkler

We also would like to thank those who have moved on for your contributions and sincere commitment to the NAS, especially Ted Wheeler and Paul Green, who were instrumental with national NAS initiatives.

Our national convention has been set for the week of June 15 and 16. Please continue to support your local NAS chapter efforts and the focus on project execution. Long term goals with specific actions are still under development with focus on infrastructure enhancements, personnel development, and alignment with government agencies/congressional goals. Input can be provided to any National E-board member at anytime.

Aloha and thank you,  
Kaipo Crowell  
NASNSE National President



*HAPPY NEW YEAR IN 2010!*



**National Association of Superintendents  
Naval Shore Establishments  
Norfolk Naval Shipyard Chapter  
Portsmouth, Virginia**

Structural Group Superintendent Brian Morris has been named Norfolk Naval Shipyard's (NNSY) 2009 Superintendent of the Year. NNSY Superintendents Association President, Glenn Edwards, surprised Morris with the award on December 18 during our annual Christmas dinner. Brian has contributed greatly to our association over the years during his membership. Brian began his career in the apprentice program, starting as a welder. During his apprenticeship he spent two years in the Army, and then came back to the shipyard. He became a Supervisor in 1978 for Shop 26, later promoted to General Foreman, then to Nuclear Director for the Structural Group. He was promoted to his current position in 2000. Reflecting on his award, Brian said, "It was a complete surprise. To be recognized by the group of professionals that are represented in the Superintendent Association is one of the most rewarding moments in my 40 years of service."



Glenn Edwards (left) and Brian Morris (right)

Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Ray Mabus, visited Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY)

September 28 to learn about NNSY's Lean improvements and the "Vision 2035" plan for the future. Attending with the Secretary of the Navy during his visit was, Rear Admiral J. Clarke Orzalli, Director, Fleet Maintenance Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command. SECNAV Mabus toured the waterfront, including the "sub hub" trailer complex at Dry Dock 4 where the USS TENNESSEE project team is co-located. Reflecting on his visit, SECNAV Mabus said, "I wanted to see what the shipyard did, and how they did it. There's a big economic operation here at a highly historic place dating back over two hundred years. There's a very important plan for the shipyard's future, and it was also good to see some of the current work happening here such as with the recent USS KEARSARGE (LHD 3) undocking." During his visit he presented awards to some of our superintendents. Buddy Bennett and Billy Cox were presented with Meritorious Civilian Service Awards and Jim Strickland and Nancy Maturo were presented with Superior Civilian Service Awards, the second highest award a civilian can receive.

We held our annual Christmas dinner at the Dry Dock Club on December 18. A great time was had by all. Our retirees are always invited to attend and we had a very good turnout this year. It's always great to see our old friends again. The Shipyard Commander, Operations Officer, and Resource Officer were our special guests for the evening. We were entertained by Elvis and a local choral club. We supported the Toys for Tots toy drive this year by asking our members to bring an unwrapped toy to the dinner. All of our member's spouses received a very nice gift from the association. The food and the fellowship were outstanding.



Local group providing Christmas cheer



A few of our retirees enjoying the party. (Jim Walker second from right and Barbara Hodges far right)



Everyone gets a gift



Presenting Willie Connor some retirement gifts (left to right, Larry Blevins, Willie Connor, Jack Harris, Glenn Edwards)



Elvis mingling with the ladies.

Norfolk Naval Shipyard returned USS KEARSARGE to the Fleet a day early, after completing its 10-month Docking Phased Maintenance Availability (DPMA) on November 18.

We had 136 apprentice graduates officially join the ranks of NNSY journeymen on November 5 in a graduation ceremony at Portsmouth's Willett Hall. The ceremony marked the successful completion of four years of academic studies at Tidewater Community College, and on-the-job training in their trades. The 2009 graduating class is comprised of 136 graduates representing 21 different waterfront trades. Twenty-four honor graduates boasted a grade-point-average of over 3.5, and four graduates finished with a 4.0 GPA. The ceremony's keynote speaker was Congressman J. Randy Forbes, who represents Virginia's Fourth Congressional District. Congressman Forbes praised the "extraordinary apprentice program" that has the unique distinction of winning, The Virginia Department of Labor and Industry's Outstanding Apprentice Award for three out of the last four years. "I want to thank you for your hard work and effort and commitment," Congressman Forbes told the graduates. "NNSY's drive to excellence is embodied by delivering ships and making a continued difference in our nation's efforts overseas. You are the best in the world at what you do". On behalf of the National Association of Superintendents, NNSY Chapter President (and former NNSY apprentice), Glenn Edwards presented the Outstanding Apprentice Awards.

Lastly we would like to bid farewell to Jim Strickland and Willie Connor who retired on January 2 this year after long and distinguished careers at the shipyard. Congratulations and best wishes to both of you!

Glenn Edwards  
Chapter President



**National Association of Superintendents  
Naval Shore Establishments  
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Chapter  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire**

Holiday Greetings from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Chapter. This past year has been challenging yet rewarding. We have completed three major CNO availabilities USS LOUISVILLE EOH, USS GREENVILLE DMP and USS HAMPTON DSRA which was delivered two weeks early. We have also completed the transition in Point Loma completing over 50 I-level repair availabilities. We are busy at work on the Back to Basics initiative while continuing with the revitalization of the workforce. The greening of our workforce presents many new challenges for the superintendents as we mentor new folks on a wider scale.

Our membership is growing with the addition of two new superintendents with Ms. Maura Annis, Production Engineering Division and Mr. Herbert Ueda OSH Director whose induction ceremony is shown below. Captain Fuller performed the induction oath.



Our superintendents recently lead the Holiday Caravan of Toys, delivering over \$16,000 worth of toys to needy area families. We also sponsored the effort to lead the Combined Federal Campaign for the shipyard. We look forward to a challenging new year full of opportunities as we look back and are thankful for a year full of blessings and accomplishments.

We completed election of officers for the 2010 year and elected the following members to lead us:

President	John Sampson
VP	D. K. Horne
Secretary	Trevor Thayer
Treasurer	Randy Nadeau
Master at Arms	Mark Call

We wish all of our fellow superintendents a safe and prosperous new year.

Paul Green  
Chapter President



**National Association of Superintendents  
Naval Shore Establishments  
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and IMF Chapter  
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii**

Our workload for the fourth quarter of 2009 and the first quarter of 2010 continues to be busy. The USS LAJOLLA (PIRA) has just completed her PORSE and crew certification and will be in Fast Cruise and Sea Trials at the end of January. The USS CHICAGO (EOH) has completed her rip-out and inspections. Work is continuing both in the shop and on-board the ship, with a major hydraulic flush in parallel. USS BREMERTON (SRA) has undocked and is headed for Start Steaming at the end of January, on track for an early completion. Our greatest challenge is accomplishing and maintaining the 10% overtime budget placed on all availabilities including submarine maintenance at our FMR and NRMD projects.

We have just brought on our new apprentices for the 2010 class. A total of 120 were hired and are in the orientation and first days of classroom training.

Our softball challenge with the apprentices was held at Ward Field on October 14. It was a close game but naturally, youth did prevail. The final score was Apprentice 12, NAS 11. We did have the lead for the majority of the game, but either the pain killers wore off or the beer kicked in. Whatever the reason, the end result had the apprentices ahead by one. USS KEY WEST Project Superintendent, Nathan Lorenzo, was not happy, especially after hitting a home run, a triple, a double and a single. As our pitcher, all he could say was, "WHERE'S THE SUPPORT?" Our next challenge with the apprentices is bowling in the first quarter of 2010. We need to even the score before we head into more Apprentice versus NAS challenge events.

Our cabin continually shrinks and grows just as our waist lines do around the holidays. We will be losing two of our members in the first quarter of 2010. Our past NAS Chapter President, Mr. Ron Obrey, who presided for 12 years, will be leaving at the end of January. Our current Chapter President, Mr. Eddie Han, will be leaving us in March. The retirement of both individuals is a significant loss to our shipyard and NAS Chapter. Their dedication to service, knowledge and experience in both naval ship repair and NAS politics will surely be missed. We recently had a get together for Ron Obrey at "IGE's" restaurant in Pearl City. Many superintendents and retirees from the Chapter came to show their respect and to roast Ron. Jan Singletary, Stan Jensen, Dwight Pang and Greg Ng honored us with their presence and updates of their retirement. All were nice and trim while the active members need some work on the waist lines.



In December, Mr. Wayne Hirota was unanimously voted into the cabin. His current position in PHNSY & IMF is the pre-planning "SPPG" manager for all CNO avails. His previous positions were a Shop 31 General Foremen, Project Engineering and Planning Manager (PEPM),

Assistant Project Superintendent (APS), Deputy Project Superintendent, and Project Superintendent provide him with the necessary knowledge and experience needed for this position. Wayne and his beautiful wife, Barbara, were present at our last function of 2009.

Edward Han  
Chapter President



**National Association of Superintendents  
Naval Shore Establishments  
Puget Sounds Naval Activities Chapter  
Bremerton, Washington**

Happy New Year fellow Superintendents. We recently elected and installed our Chapter Officers for 2010.

President	Fred Buxton
VP	Dwight Otis
Secretary	Jerry Piotrowski
Treasurer	Dennis Rickabaugh
Master at Arms	Mark Winkler

We are thankful for the leadership and contributions of our outgoing Officers; past President Ted Wheeler and past Treasurer Kelsey Barrington.



Please join me in welcoming our newest NAS member, Shop 38 Superintendent, Brian Fazio. He was inducted into the Puget Chapter in November. 2010 is going to be a busy year for all of the Shipyards and we are stepping up to the challenge.

Just before Christmas we docked both the USS PENNSYLVANIA (ERO) and the USS MICHIGAN (MMP) and will be docking the USS JIMMY CARTER (DSRA) by the time you read this. At the same time we are driving to completion on the USS LINCOLN (PIA) followed by completion of the USS NEVADA (ERO) this spring. Superintendent Chris Hughes will be taking a large contingent of our workforce to Japan for our second SRA on the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Our Detachment at North Island in San Diego will be growing to 141 people and Superintendent Tim Ferguson will be moving down there as the new Detachment Director. As part of the increase in capability at North Island, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & IMF (PSNS&IMF) and NAVSEA are developing a Trades Apprentice Program in the greater San Diego region. Establishment of this program is gaining momentum as funds are approved for modification of existing facilities to house the classrooms, and negotiations with local educational institutions approach closure. PSNS & IMF has teamed up with several other commands in the area to take full advantage of the benefits this program presents. Discussions and plans are in the works with PNS Pt. Loma, SWRMC, NAVFAC SW, and NAVDEP to determine other trade training possibilities. The timeline is aggressive but achievable, with the first class of apprentices anticipated to start their first year in September of this year.

On December 3rd, the President of the Assistant Production Superintendents Association presented the Superintendents Association with the NAS/APS Golf Challenge traveling trophy for 2009. This is the second year in a row the Superintendents have won this event. The event was started in 2008 between the two associations to team build and foster better relations between its members. It is very well attended and has been a huge success. Even Captain Whitney has participated in the fun, alternating between teams each year. Even though the Superintendents won, everyone had a great time.



Ted Wheeler  
Chapter President

