

THE PERISCOPE

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From the Commander



Team Portsmouth, we've heard your feedback loud and clear regarding the requirement to wear hard hats within the Controlled Industrial Area (CIA). As a direct result of your input, shipyard leadership will be piloting a safe walkways initiative in areas where no overhead hazards occur. To ensure this transition maintains our rigorous safety standards, we will designate safe walkways in a few selected areas first. We will thoroughly evaluate workforce compliance and safety of these initial walkways before expanding the policy across the shipyard. While safety remains our absolute top priority, we are committed to applying practical, common-sense solutions that improve your daily work environment. Thank you for speaking up and helping us improve our processes.



Last month, you achieved a monumental milestone by successfully delivering USS North Dakota (SSN 784) back to the fleet, completing its docking selected restricted availability. As the historic first-ever Virginia-class Block III availability, this complex evolution demanded unprecedented teamwork and technical innovation. The North Dakota project team and the ship's crew met this challenge head-on, pioneering first-of-their-kind technical alterations and executing critical testing at an unprecedented rapid pace.

This success belongs to our entire shipyard and is a testament to the exceptional expertise, teaming, and innovative thinking you displayed over the past 36 months. You blazed the trail for all future Block III availabilities, and I have every confidence that we will carry this powerful momentum forward as we continue to deliver world-class service to our fleet. Thank you for your outstanding dedication.

To North Dakota, we wish you fair winds and following seas.



September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month — a critical time to break the stigma surrounding mental health and remind everyone in our shipyard family that you are never alone. True shipyard resilience lies not just in physical safety, but support of each other and in the courage to speak up when we are struggling. Silence is our greatest roadblock; a single, honest conversation can be the turning point that saves a colleague's life. I challenge each of you to actively look out for one another, normalize discussions on emotional wellness, and remember that seeking help is a profound sign of strength.

PNSY has dedicated resources available to help, including the Command Counseling Program, the Department of the Navy Civilian Employee Assistance Program, Magellan online wellness tools, and our crisis support network safeTalk. Together, let us make mental wellness an everyday priority, stand watch for our teammates, and foster a truly supportive shipyard environment.

Capt. Jesse Nice,
88th Shipyard Commander



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A graphic depicting shipyarders at work.

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U.S. Navy Sailors prepare to raise morning colors.
Photo by Branden Bourque



P02 Connor Falkosky participates in a fire drill aboard USS Hampton (SSN 767).
Photo by Neil Boorjian



P03 Orlando Alvarado presents colors to another sailor during a retirement ceremony.
Photo by Branden Bourque



Lt. j.g. Jeff Huhn presents family members with flowers during a change of command.
Photo by Branden Bourque





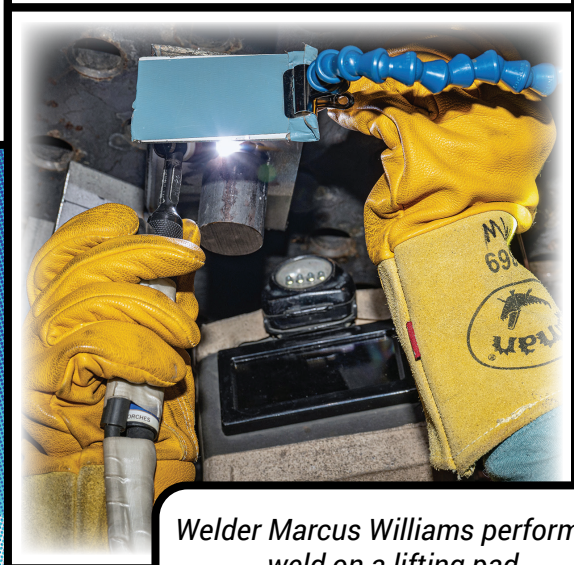
*A U.S. Navy Diver fastens bolts on a submarine prior to its departure.
Photo by Branden Bourque*



*Sheet Metal Mechanic Zachary Kofman cleans an air vent.
Photo by Branden Bourque*



*Sheet Metal Mechanic Ryan Pennell prepares a chair's steel frame for powder coating.
Photo by Branden Bourque*



*Welder Marcus Williams performs a weld on a lifting pad.
Photo by Branden Bourque*





*Welder Cameron Mick performs tacking on a track.
Photo by Branden Bourque*



*Electronic Industrial controls Mechanic Aden Wideberg inspects a heavy lift transporter prior to being utilized.
Photo by Branden Bourque*



*Welder Brian Warren operates a plasma cutter to make a cut on a piece of steel.
Photo by Neil Boorjian*



*Cold Spray Engineer Technician Alex Chouinard calibrates the operating arm in the cold spray booth.
Photo by Neil Boorjian*



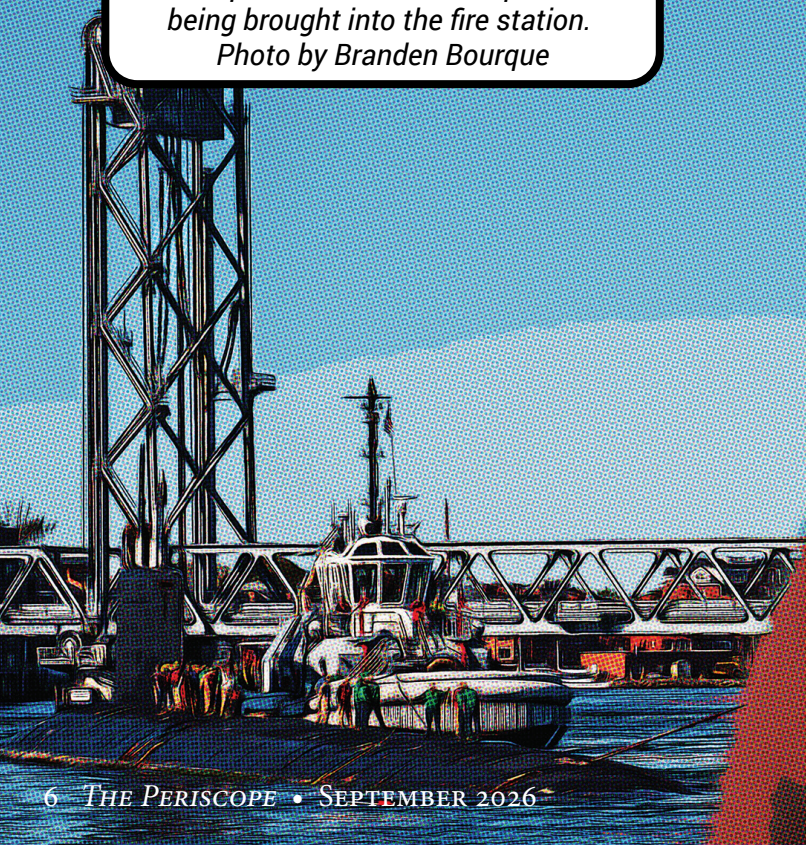
Rigger Jon Goyarola signals
a crane as it lifts the brow
off a submarine.
Photo by Branden Bourque



Electrician Seamus Glidden checks the
connection of shore power cables in the shop.
Photo by Neil Boorjian



Battalion Fire Chief Jeremy Huston cleans
and inspects a new fire truck prior to it
being brought into the fire station.
Photo by Branden Bourque



*Fabric Worker Amber Vigue utilizes a sewing machine to build an enclosure to support ongoing work.
Photo by Alana Demo*



*Transportation Specialist William Hussey clears snow after a winter storm.
Photo by Neil Boorjian*



*Finish Carpenter Dana Gaudet attaches an LED light strip to a bookshelf.
Photo by Neil Boorjian*



*Sheet Metal Mechanic Ben Bragdon operates a high precision laser cutting system.
Photo by Neil Boorjian*



Welder Nick Love performs a weld to a pipe
aboard a submarine.
Photo by Neil Boorjian



Rigger Michael Lemelin assists in lowering
steel plates with a crane.
Photo by Neil Boorjian



Cold Spray Machinist Ben Weiss preps a
part for cold spraying.
Photo by Neil Boorjian





*Painter Kearsten Dupuis applies a second coat of paint to a wall at the shipyard.
Photo by Neil Boorjian*



*Shipfitter Tristen Thacker utilizes a bandsaw to cut a piece of steel for use on a submarine.
Photo by Neil Boorjian*



*Machinist William Nicolakakis utilizes a lathe to fabricate a part that will be used shipboard.
Photo by Neil Boorjian*



*Shipwright Eric Gilbert operates a forklift to move wooden blocks prior to cutting.
Photo by Neil Boorjian*





*Inspector Work Leader Eric Atkins performs an inspection on a pipe after it has been welded.
Photo by Branden Bourque*



*Inspector Gordon McAlister performs an inspection on a valve before it is utilized on a submarine.
Photo by Branden Bourque*



*Shipwright Colby April sets up scaffolding around a submarine for other shipyard workers to perform safe work.
Photo by Neil Boorjian*



*Inside Machine Shop Superintendent Justin Orr interacts with Morale Welfare & Recreation personnel at a pop-up event.
Photo by Branden Bourque*





*Shipfitter Peter Morris uses an angle grinder to touch up a steel grate.
Photo by Neil Boorjian*



*Portsmouth Naval Shipyard workers prepare for the undocking of USS Albany (SSN 753) in Groton, Connecticut.
Photo by Neil Boorjian*



*A Portsmouth Naval Shipyard worker observes colors.
Photo by Neil Boorjian*



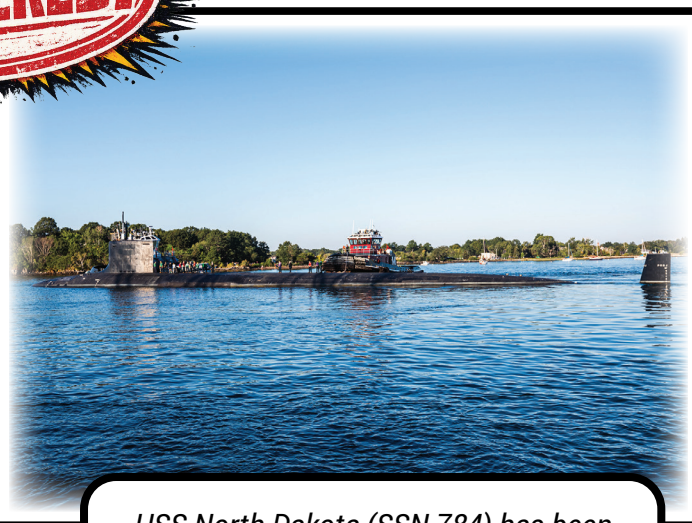


*Electronic Industrial Controls mechanic work leader Alex Caron, controls a heavy lift transporter.
Photo by Branden Bourque*



*Pipefitter Derrick Easter practices repairing valve in a Learning Center prior to performing the work shipboard.
Photo by Branden Bourque*





USS North Dakota (SSN 784) has been delivered back to the fleet battle ready, completing a historic first-ever Virginia-class Block III availability. Photos by Branden Bourque & Neil Boorjian



VANPOOL LISTINGS

Alfred/Lyman/Kennebunk/Sanford/Wells - CUNNINGHAM VAN, 10-hour van, 0600-1630, 5 days a week, 10 riders in a 15-passenger van. Contact Ken Cunningham: Call or text (207) 608-9402 or CunninghamVan@gmail.com.

Lebanon/Berwick/S. Berwick - AT BUS 1: Lebanon, ME (Upper Cross Road), Berwick (via Long Swamp Rd), Berwick, Berwick Park & Ride, South Berwick (via Rte. 236) 0600-1430, M-F (8 hour day shift). AT BUS 2: Lebanon, ME (Town Hall Park & Ride), Berwick via Long Swap Rd & Berwick (Park & Ride), South Berwick (Rte. 236) 0600-1530 5/4/9 shift. Call Lee for details: ext. 4531, daytime cell (207) 703-3769, evening cell (603) 312-7956

Biddeford - O'BRIENS VANPOOL: 0700-1530, Two vans, 1st picks up at Biddeford Park & Ride; 2nd picks up at Five Points Shopping Center in Biddeford. Pickups also available at homes on Village Lane, Westmore Ave. or near this area. Registered with TIP. Contact Mike: ext. 3737 or (207) 590-0546.

Biddeford/Saco - ACIN VANPOOL: 1st shift. Picks up at Biddeford Park & Ride, 10 passenger limit. Arrives on-yard by 0615. Contact Phil: ext. 1682 or (207) 423-6142.

Biddeford/Saco area - PERHAM VANPOOL: 1st shift, (2) vanpools. Meet at Biddeford Park & Ride. Second vanpool meets at Saco Park & Ride. Space available. Contact Chris: ext. 1821 or (207) 590-2378.

Portland/Saco - Hutchins Transit LLC 1st shift 0600-1500. Space available. Contact Gavin Hutchins (207) 232-7306.

Dayton/Lyman/Kennebunk - DANLEY VAN POOL: (4) 15-Passenger vans with seats available. Can accommodate first shift 0600-1430 or 0630-1500. No out-of-pocket expense when enrolled in TIP. Contact Tyler: (207) 590-3279.

Biddeford - SWANK VANPOOL LLC: Two 15-passenger vans from Biddeford (1) 0600-1500 leaves Biddeford Park & Ride at 0500, (2) 0600-1530 5/4/9 Friday SDO leaves Biddeford Park & Ride at 0500. Please contact Kevin Swank 207-205-1311

Brunswick/Topsham/Yarmouth/Portland/South Portland - CRONIN VANPOOL: 1st shift 0600-1430. Reliable drivers, newer 12-passenger Chevrolet van. With Transportation Incentive Program, \$0 out-of-pocket cost. Space Available. For more info, call Kevin ext. 2531 or (207) 837-3561.

Hollis/Waterboro/Alfred/Sanford/Wells - MADORE VANPOOL: 1st shift, via Rt. 117/202/4/109/1-95. Non-smoking. Riders wanted. Contact Cory: (207) 752-6019 or (207) 423-3774.

W. Newfield - NEWFIELD EXPRESS: 1st shift (0630-1530). 15-passenger. Multiple pickup spots include W. Newfield, Shapleigh, Springvale, Sanford, N.Berwick, Berwick, Contact Ben x5873 or sign up on TIPS directly. newfieldexpress@gmail.com, (207) 806-7043

Lebanon/Berwick/South Berwick - POPLAR HILL TRANSPORTATION LLC: 1st shift. Picks up at Lebanon Park & Ride, Berwick Park & Ride, and South Berwick Park & Ride. Contact Jake: (207) 608-3879 or email at poplarhillllc@yahoo.com.

Lebanon-North Berwick/Berwick/South Berwick/Eliot/Kittery - FARREN TRANSPORTATION: 1st Shift; On schedule means on yard by 5:40. 15-passenger van. Berwick, South Berwick Park & Rides. Will pick up along Little River Rd., or Rt. 236. Contact Dan: (207) 451-7092, (207) 475-6325, email RidewithFT@gmail.com.

Springvale/Sanford/Berwick - MATHIEU VANPOOL: 1st shift. No overcrowding, 10 riders in a 15-passenger van. Dependable drivers, no out-of-pocket expense with TIP. 2 openings available, call Shawn: (207) 651-4975.

Gray - BENNER'S VANPOOL: 1st shift, (no stops). Accommodates 0600-1500 shift. Registered with TIP, no out of pocket expense. Contact Jason (207) 590-1955. Call or text.

Lebanon/Berwick/South Berwick - DEVOLLE'S VAN POOLS: 1st shift, non-smoking, 15 passenger van that only takes 12 passengers, TIP participant, Lebanon Park & Ride, Little River Road, Lebanon Road, Beach Ridge Road, Rt 9 to Berwick, Rt 236 to shipyard. Contact Kip (H) 457-1241, (C) 451-3257.

Dayton/Lyman/Kennebunk - DANLEY VANPOOL: 15-passenger OVERTIME van with seats available. Accommodates 0530-1530 shift. No out-of-pocket expense when enrolled in the TIP program. Contact Tyler: (207) 590-3279.

Lebanon/Berwick/South Berwick - DK TRANSPORTATION: 15 passenger van. Plenty of seats available! 10-hour shifts. 0600-1630. TIP participant. 1st pick up at Lebanon Park & Ride, into Berwick via Long Swamp Rd., stop at Berwick Park & Ride, into South Berwick via 236. Multiple stops along the way. Call or text Drew: (978) 305-0537

Wells area - PERHAM VANPOOL: 1st shift. Meet at Wells Park & Ride. Space available. Contact Chris: ext. 1821 or (207) 590-2378.

Farmington, NH - GRANITE STATE TRANSIT 25- Passenger, leaves daily from old Fire Station downtown 0515, leaves from Shipyard Mall 1500. Contact Lee: (603) 781-3402.

Lebanon, ME - GRANITE STATE TRANSIT 32-Passenger, 3 pickup locations: Lebanon corner of Depot Rd. and Rt. 202, Berwick Park & Ride - corner of Sullivan St. and Wilson St., bus stop - corner of Norton St. and Main St., (across from B&T Bank) South Berwick. Leaves from Shipyard parking garage 1500. Contact Lee: Personal (603) 781-3402, Work (207) 451-7497. Contact Lee: (603) 781-3402.

Rochester/Milton/Farmington/Barrington - SEACOAST EXPRESS: 3 buses running daily covering 0500-1530, 0600-1430, 0600-1530, 0700-1530 and "5/4/9" shifts. Seacoast Express users can switch buses at any time throughout the month if they would like to work overtime, switch shifts or leave early. All buses leave from Rochester Home Depot parking lot. Vehicle available at shipyard if passengers have an emergency situation and need to leave early. For more information, contact Aaron: (603) 337-5137.

Sanford/N.Berwick/S.Berwick - CCR EXPRESS: 1st shift (0600-1500) pickup at Hannaford-Sanford (0445), Bowling Alley-Sanford (0450), Hannaford- N. Berwick (0500). Aroma Joes-S. Berwick (0508). Either snooze or play on your phone on the way to and from work. Come give it a try. 100% Free ride to work with TIPS. Contact Milton: (207) 604-4936

Sanford/Springvale/North Berwick - Uncle Rico's Shipyard Express, LLC: 1st Shift 0630-1500. We arrive on yard 0600 and depart 1500; stops along Rt 4 and 236 are negotiable. Call or text Rick Molina 207-752-2348 free with TIPS Card. Smoke free 2015 Ford Transit.

Sanford/Springvale/points south - TURNER VAN POOL: Arrives 0545 am, departs 1500, 8-hr shift. Contact Herv: cell (207) 432-3779, email herveyturner@gmail.com

Waterboro/Alfred/Sanford/Wells - AB VANPOOL: 1st shift. Clean, comfortable, and reliable. Arrives on yard around 0615. No out-of-pocket expenses for TIP participants once enrolled. For more information, contact Cory: ext. 1442 or (207) 651-1526.

Dover - J.R.'s VANPOOL: 1st shift. Departs from Exit 9 Park & Ride at 0540. Large comfortable van, space available. Contact J.R.: ext. 1123 or (603) 749-1409.

Manchester/Epping - QUEEN CITY AND EPPING VAN POOL: Commute for free, picks up in Manchester and the Epping Park & Ride (Exit 7, Rt-101) First shift (0630-1530). 15-passenger van. No smoking or out-of-pocket costs, fees covered by TIP program. Call or text Pete, cell (603) 505-5508, home (732) 397-0429.

Rochester/Somersworth/Dover - PLATT VANPOOL: 1st shift 4/10s, 0600-1630. Main pickups are Rochester Park & Ride and Tuckers off Exit 9 in Dover/ Somersworth. Route starts from Parsonsfield, ME; Newfield, ME; and Wakefield, NH; so if you are in the north country, call for details. Contact John Platt ext. 2912; text or call (603) 923-3979; email jpe.john@gmail.com.

Rochester/ East Rochester - COPPS TRANSPORTATION 1st Shift 0630-1500. Leaving out of Rochester, stops in East Rochester and Lowes. Arrive on yard 0550, home by 1545. No out-of-pocket cost. Call Jesse: 207-451-0973.

Saco/Biddeford/Wells - WISE MAN TRANSPORTATION: 10-hour days, 0600-1630, 5 days a week, non-smoking, 25-passenger limo bus from the Park & Rides with no out-of-pocket fee after TIP reimbursement. Pick up **Saco-0450**,

Biddeford-0457, Kennebunk-0505, Wells-0515 arrive at shipyard-0545. 2nd

bus running 8-hour shift, 0630-1500, in a non-smoking 32-passenger bus with no out-of-pocket fee if signed up on TIP. Pick up at Park & Rides **Saco-0520** and **Biddeford-0530**. Contact Brad: ext. 1228, (207) 219-2474 or nascardriver_39@hotmail.com

Shapleigh/Sanford/Wells - TRIPLE C&K TRANSPORT: 1st shift. No out-of-pocket expense for riders once enrolled in TIP. For more information contact Darrell: (207) 752-7886.

Hooksett/Candia/Epping/Exeter - CAPITAL CITY TRANSPORTATION: Commute for FREE with TIP debit card, servicing I-93, exit 11 and Rt. 101, exits 7 & 11, 1st shift (0600-1500) no overcrowding, 15-passenger van with bench seats, non-smoking. For more information call, text or on Facebook - Jeff (603) 682-6124.

Springvale/Sanford/Wells - FROMMIES FREIGHT LLC: 15-passenger van, 8-hour work days 0600 to 1430. Clean, comfortable and reliable. No out-of-pocket expenses once enrolled in TIPS program. Contact Mike: 207-608-9964 and/or frommiesfreightllc@gmail.com.

Shapleigh/Springvale/Sanford/South Berwick - S.S. TRANSPORTATION: 1st Shift. 15-passenger van. 1st pickup at Pine Springs, Shapleigh 0445; Boonies 0500; foot of Mousam 0506; stops

at Springvale Courthouse, Sanford Hannaford, Mardens, North Berwick Hannaford, South Berwick Town Hall. Contact Shawn (207) 459-9536.

Southern NH/Berwick/Kittery - COAST Bus- Public Transit Bus System - First arrival Gate 1 is at 0600, then 45 minutes past the hour every hour from 0745-2045. TIP-registered. Contact: COASTBUS.ORG, or call/text (603) 743-5777.

Springvale/Sanford/Wells - YCCAC Shipyard Sprinter Serving 2 shifts (0600-1430 and 0630-1500) For questions or driver qualifications, contact Kim at 207-459-2928 or email kim.engel@yccac.org

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AWARDS

During the month of July, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard issued 1222 awards:

970

On The Spot Awards

200

Time Off Awards

8

Special Act Awards

40

Special Act Awards for Qualifications

4

Safety Awards

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

During the month of July Portsmouth Naval Shipyard issued 39 disciplinary actions including:

Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (Supervisors)

1

Suspensions (14 days or less)

Bargaining Unit Employees (Non-Supervisors)

14

Letters of Reprimand

14

Suspensions (14 Days or less)

1

Suspensions (15 Days and over)

9

Terminations/ Removals

