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David J. Carver President
General Dynamics NASSCO

PRESIDENT'S

The first half of 2024 has been an eventful year to say the least. In San Diego, the shipyard was tested right out of the gate in January with record flooding that ended up consuming much of the yard and our surroundings. While the damage was significant, the way in which all of you reacted in the moment and after, was nothing short of remarkable!

The effects of the flooding may still be visible; however, great progress has been made to get us back to normal. Our Facilities Team has done a wonderful job with various repairs and renovations, and I'm happy to say that all the office and building repairs are nearing an end.

Despite these ongoing challenges, it was important that we come together and celebrate who we are and the work that we do for our customers. For the first time in nine years, we hosted Family Day for more than 6,000 NASS-CO employees, friends and family in San Diego and it was a great success. I want to thank everyone involved for making it such a memorable day. An event like this requires extraordinary effort in planning and executing across all our teams, and this event was a shining moment for the shipyard.

In Virginia, eight ship availabilities were recently completed and the team is working tirelessly on seven more, including three aircraft carriers - the centerpiece of America's naval forces: the Nimitz-class aircraft carriers USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) and USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77), and the first ship in the Ford-class, aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78). Additionally, NASSCO-Norfolk won a potential \$343.7 million contract from the U.S. Navy to provide modernization, repair and maintenance support services for the USS Bataan (LHD 5) Wasp-class amphibious assault ship. Work is expected to last through May 2026.

Repair work in our Bremerton and Mayport locations continues to exceed expectations. Bremerton is currently working hard on the Planned Incremental Availability (PIA) of the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier of the Navy: the USS Nimitz (CVN 68). Our Mayport crew is tackling the planned maintenance availability (PMAV) periods on both the USS St. Louis (LCS 19) and the USS Minneapolis St. Paul (LCS 21) while planning for five availabilities outside the continental United States (OCONUS).

In San Diego, our Repair organization recently completed the super continuous maintenance availability (SCMAV) for the Independence-variant littoral combat ship USS Kansas City (LCS 22). The Team is currently working on two large projects on Naval Base San Diego, as well as a depot modernization period (DMP) on the Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chung Hoon (DDG 93) in the dry dock.

Also, in San Diego earlier in the year, was the christening ceremony of the USS Robert E. Simanek (ESB 7). It was an honor to have Ann Simanek Clark, the daughter of the ship's namesake and ship sponsor, with us as we celebrated her father's legacy. The USS Hector A. Cafferata Jr. (ESB 8), the sixth and final ship in the ESB program, is 28% complete and scheduled to be christened in 2025.

In New Construction, the Team is also working hard on the U.S. Navy's John Lewis-class oilers. The Earl Warren (T-AO 207) successfully completed her sea trials earlier this year and we delivered her to the Navy in May. The Robert F. Kennedy (T-AO 208) has her sea trials this summer and we are excited to christen Lucy Stone (T-AO 209) later this year. Not far behind, the USNS Sojourner Truth (T-AO 210) is 79% complete and the USNS Thurgood Marshall (T-AO 211) is 45% complete, as of the writing of this letter. We expect to begin construction of the USNS Ruth Bader Ginsburg (T-AO 212) later this year, followed by the USNS Harriet Tubman (T-AO 213).

I ask all of you to please continue to work safely and productively. Thank you for making all of our NASSCO shipyards some of the most elite and respected in the country.

David J. Carver

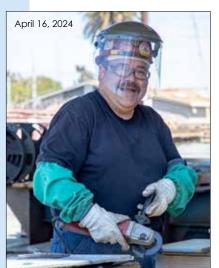
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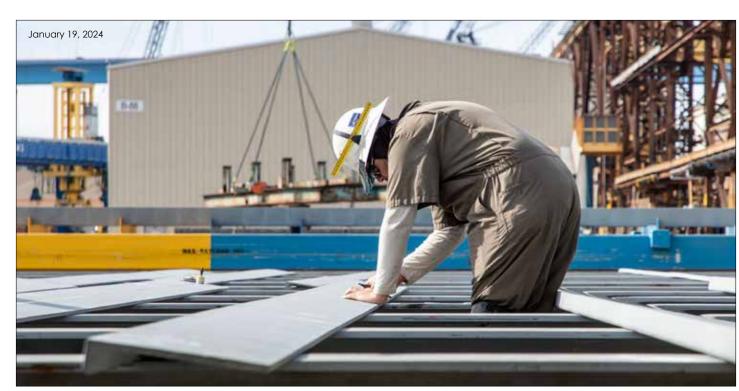




















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# NASSCO-San Diego's

# **NEW CONSTRUCTION**

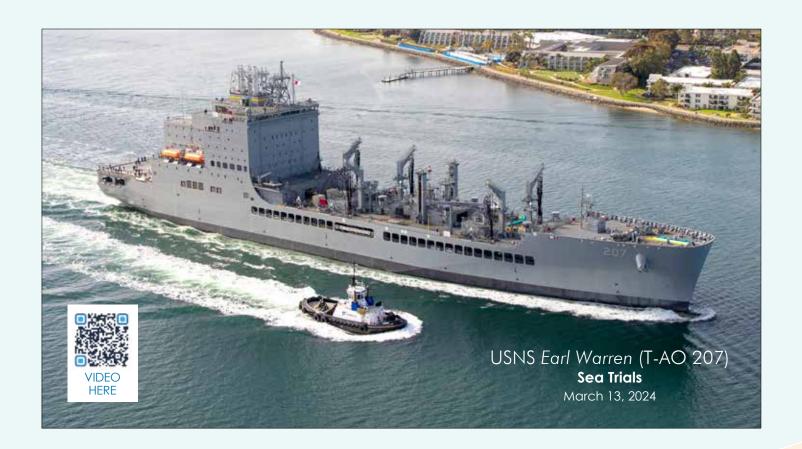
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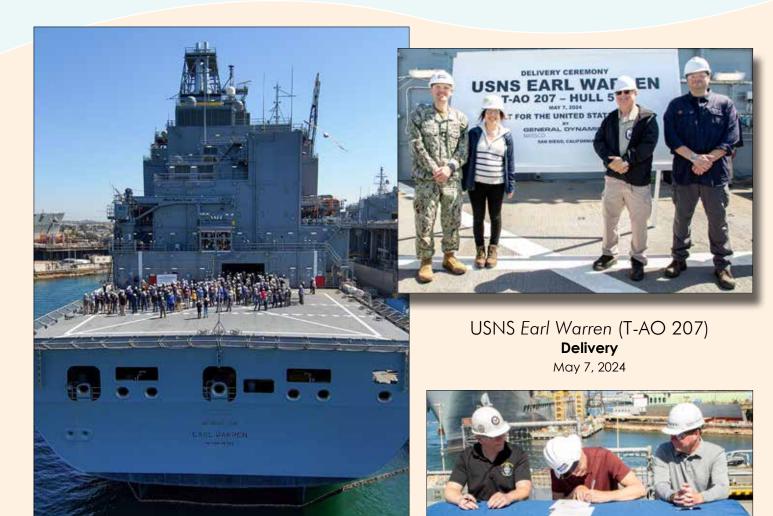
USNS Robert E. Simanek (ESB 7) Float Out January 12, 2024













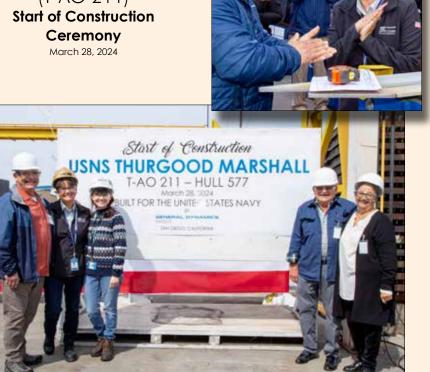


USNS Sojourner Truth (T-AO 210) Grand Block 178 June 21, 2024





USNS Thurgood Marshall (T-AO 211) Start of Construction Ceremony March 28, 2024



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# WHEREare they NOW?

# USS LEWIS B. PULLER (ESB 3) Conducts Nighttime Seizure of Illegal Sailing Vessel



Earlier this year, U.S. Navy SEALs operating from NASSCO-built USS Lewis B. Puller (ESB 3) conducted a nighttime seizure of a dhow sailing vessel. According to Military Sealift Command, it was conducting illegal transport of advanced lethal aid from Iran to resupply Houthi forces in Yemen as part of the Houthis' ongoing campaign of attacks against international merchant shipping.

Seized items include propulsion, guidance, and warheads for Houthi medium-range ballistic missiles (MRBMs) and anti-ship cruise missiles (ASCMs), as well as air defense-associated components. Initial analysis indicates these same weapons have been employed by the Houthis to threaten and attack innocent mariners on international merchant ships transiting in the Red Sea.

The Lewis B. Puller is the first U.S. ship to be commissioned outside of the U.S., and is currently forward-deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations to extend U.S. Naval Forces Central Command's maritime reach by supporting a wide variety of missions including counter-piracy operations, maritime security operations, humanitarian aid, disaster relief and crisis response operations.





# USNS JOHN LEWIS (T-AO 205)

# Recognized For Life-Saving Efforts At-Sea

The crew of the NASSCO-built fleet oiler USNS John Lewis (T-AO 205) were recognized in December 2023 for their United Seaman Service's Admiral of the Ocean Sea (AO-TOS) Award at a ceremony in New York City.

In December 2022, while conducting operations roughly 210 miles off Southern California, the John Lewis crew received an emergency transmission for a vessel in distress and rescued a mariner from a sinking sailboat off the coast of San Diego. Once safely aboard, the rescued mariner received a medical examination, a shower, a hot meal and clothes before being transported to the city of San Diego.

"Once we got this poor guy onboard, we found out that he had been stranded for five days!" said Capt. Dan Glazier, Ship's Master. "I'm glad we were in the area and were able to help. Everything has a purpose, and now this guy can make it home for the holidays rather than the alternative, stuck on the ocean."

For more than half a century, the United Seamen's Service has annually presented the AOTOS Award, widely regarded as the most prestigious accolade in the maritime sector. This award acknowledges exceptional contributions made by individuals and organizations toward the advancement of American seafarers and the U.S. maritime industry.

# USS JOHN L. CANLEY (ESB 6)

# Commissioned By U.S. Navy

NASSCO-built USS John L. Canley (ESB 6) was commissioned in February by the U.S. Navy at Naval Air Station North Island. The 784-foot ship honors Sgt. Maj. John L. Canley, a U.S. Marine who distinguished himself in battle during the Vietnam War.

According to the Navy, more than 1,200 people attended the ceremony including members of the Canley family, Marines who served with John Canley, family friends, shipyard and Navy employees, and ship crew members. The ceremony was filled with traditions including a 19gun salute, setting the ship's pennant, manning the first watch, and bringing the ship to life.

Canley was originally awarded the Navy Cross, but this was upgraded to the Medal of Honor 50 years after the battle, making him the first living Black Marine to receive the nation's highest military decoration for valor. Previous Black recipients in the Marine Corps received their med-

# Little Artists Celebrate EL DÍA DEL NIÑO

with Drawings Inspired by Their Parents' Jobs

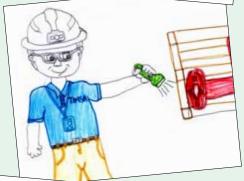
TIMSA Communications, Mexicali

In celebration of El Día Del Niño, Children's Day in Mexico, TIMSA organized a special activity for employees' children to show admiration for their parent's work through art. Children were asked to submit a drawing of their parents at work. This activity not only displayed the artistic abilities of our young TIMSA members, but also the special connection between parents and children.

From engineers to customer service representatives, to welders and warehouse workers - everyone got involved. Parents first shared their daily work activities with their children and explained their jobs, then the kids got coloring. The submissions reflected a wide variety of roles and tasks, each inspired by each child's admiration for their parents' work.

This touching activity was a tribute to their parents and a successful effort by the entire TIMSA team hoping to enrich the connection between employees and their families.









Thanks to a grant awarded by the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (APCD), NASSCO-San Diego is now able to transport equipment to and from other facilities around the county with the benefit of zero tailpipe emissions.

This is just one step of many, as NASSCO is awaiting the delivery of three electric buses that will also operate with zero tailpipe exhaust emissions within our portside community.



Arrives at NASSCO-San Diego





# NASSCO FAMILY DAY 2024

NASSCO-san Diego kicked off summer with Family Day, where they opened their gates to more than 6,000 employees and family members and gave them a behind-the-scenes look at the only full-service shipyard on the West Coast.









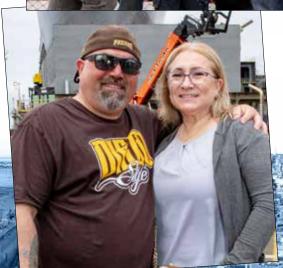


































# **NEW MONTHLY** SAFETY STAR INITIATIVE NASSCO-San Diego

NASSCO-San Diego started a new safety initiative this year in order to increase employee involvement, raise morale, reduce potential shipyard hazards and minimize employee injuries.

In just five months, the rate of injuries throughout the shipyard has decreased by 67% and there has been a 56% decrease in eye injuries!

Dozens of employees are nominated each month by their fellow shipbuilders to compete for the honor of being the Safety Star of the Month. After careful review, one winner gets their own parking space in the coveted I.R. lot for the entirety of the month. Other winners are chosen for a variety of prizes such as shirts, hats, coins, etc.

Gold:

Parking Spot for Month



Safety Star Shirt (choose one)

To nominate one of your fellow employees, reach out to your Area Site Implementation Group (ASIG), Trade Site Implementation Group (TSIG) or submit the nomination to safety@nassco.com to obtain a Safety Star nomination form.

Green:









Safety Star Hat





Blue:















January



**Artis Armstead** Rigging Working Foreman

**February** 



**Kelvin Ascencio** Spray Painter

March



**Ronaldo Aleman** Maintenance Machinist Working Foreman



Shayla Baker Pipe Welder



Ray Gamboa Rigging Repair Loft Rigger

# **NASSCO-San Diego** EMPLOYEES RECEIVE **BLACK ENGINEER OF** THE YEAR AWARD



In February, NASSCO-San Diego engineers Theresa White, Logistics Engineer, and Derrick Hilliard, Senior Engineer, were honored at the Black Engineer of the Year Awards (BEYA) conference. Theresa received a Science Spectrum Trailblazer award and Derrick received the Modern Day Technology Leader award.

The BEYA science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) conference is held annually to recognize the contributions of individuals who are innovators in their professional careers related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics.



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# SAFETY CULTURE MODEL: **KEEPING US ALL SAFE**

### **AUTHOR:**

TIMSA Communications, Mexicali

Creating a safety culture goes beyond simply establishing rules to follow, it is a mix of values, behaviors and attitudes manifested through daily actions that reflect the organization's commitment to the safety of its people.

TIMSA seeks to involve our employees in fostering a safety culture, creating an environment where safety is everyone's responsibility. Their participation brings new perspectives and solutions, making the workplace safer for everyone.

Through our safety culture model, we seek to cover six essential basic aspects of the daily task of taking care of each other. By practicing these behaviors, we are guaranteeing a healthy and safe return home.







"Safety First, Safety Always"







# NASSCO-San Diego's Fire Department Collects Donations for Annual "FILL THE BOOT" DRIVE

Each year, dozens of fire agencies throughout Northern and Central California help make a positive difference in the lives of burn survivors by hosting a Boot Drive in their community. Hundreds of firefighters volunteer every year to collect money in their boots during the annual Firefighters "Fill the Boot for Burns" Boot Drive fundraisers for the Firefighters Burn Institute.

This year, NASSCO firefighters raised \$3,537.50 from employees and drivers passing the shipyard on March 7. Donations are used to improve burn treatment and to fund life-altering burn recovery programs, including Firefighters Kids Camp for young burn survivors and the Little Heroes Family Burn Camp.



This is the 14th year NASSCO's Fire Department has participated in the countywide event. The Burn Institute is a nonprofit health agency dedicated to reducing the number of burn injuries and deaths and to supporting children and adults coping with the devastating psychological and physical effects of their injuries.

Thank you to all who donated!

To learn more about how you can help, please visit **ffburn.org**.



# OUT WITH THE OLD IN WITH THE NEW

AUTHOR: Anissa Stansfield, Director, Strategic Projects, San Diego

As NASSCO-San Diego rolls out new software for their Earned Value Management System—affectionately known as EVMS— we sit down with the Director of Strategic Projects, Anissa Stansfield, to answer a few questions about the transition.

### Interviewee:

Hello Anissa, thanks for being with us. They say there's no such thing as a stupid question, so let me do my best to not dispel that rumor... but what exactly is an Earned Value Management System?

# Anissa:

That's not a stupid question. I get that a lot, actually! The Earned Value Management System (EVMS) is how NASSCO measures current project performance and predicts future performance. It works by integrating information about the schedule and costs associated with our work. The EVMS defines what work each employee is assigned to do by breaking down the total effort of designing and building a ship into small enough tasks that we can each do our part.

### Interviewee:

Thank you! I thought I was in trouble there for a moment. That being said, why change the EVMS software now?

# Anissa:

As a company, we need to remain competitive and ensure that our employees are equipped with the best tools for success. It's been over 30 years since we've upgraded our EVMS software. Put simply, we've outgrown the old system and need a modern tool that better meets the needs of NASSCO and our customers.

# Interviewee:

And how will this new tool benefit NASSCO and our employees?

# Anissa:

Modern EVMS tools will help many NASSCO employees automate administrative tasks and reduce redundant efforts. In time, our jobs will feel a lot easier and more efficient. The new tools will also provide better insight into our performance, helping us deliver ships faster with less cost to our customers. Ultimately, it will help us win more work – which benefits us all.

# Interviewee:

So when is this implementation of the new tool?

Well, the new software itself is called "Deltek," and by the time this interview is published in the Shipbuilder it will have already rolled out. Later in the year we will invite the Government to review the system and demonstrate our improvements.

### Interviewee:

That's very exciting! But, with change tcan come hiccups. Are you anticipating any growing pains?

The software conversions and integrations for this change are complex so we expect some bumps in the road as we transition. There will likely be some early issues with data processing and reporting that we will figure out as a team and work to correct as quickly as possible.

# Interviewee:

How can our employees help make this a success?

Great question. Employee support will be the biggest contributor to our success. Committing to the new system by participating in training, providing feedback to the project team, and supporting your coworkers will be a great help.

# Interviewee:

Well thank you very much for your time, Anissa. Any parting words as we conclude the interview?

First, let me say thank you for highlighting this important transition – the next few months are going to be a learning process, but I promise, it's for the better. Should anyone reading this have any questions or feedback, please feel free to reach out to me directly at AStansfi@nassco.com.

# NASSCO-Norfolk TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

Donna J. Watkins, Environmental Engineering Manager, Norfolk



Treatment Plant Upgrade Team. L-R: Tho Huang, Maintenance Mechanic 4; Stephen Davenport, Senior Environmental Engineer; Josue Fernandez-Lopez, Maintenance Mechanic 4; Joe Eckel, Facilities Manager; Morgan Mildrum, Maintenance Mechanic 4

NASSCO-Norfolk updated their Oily Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS). The original OWTS was constructed and installed in 1992 and was designed to only treat up to 100 gallons per minute.

NASSCO Facilities purchased new automated chemical tanks and pumps and even took on the task of installing the equipment, saving an estimated \$40,000 in labor costs. The equipment included five small new chemical tanks: sodium hydroxide (caustic), metal remover, coaquiant, polymer and acid. These tanks automatically feed the treatment system to provide the right blend to treat the water (remove oil, metals and other particulates).

This new state-of-the-art system reduces waste, saves labor and even allows the plant operator to override the system in the case of a malfunction.

Since November of 2023, the addition of the new chemical tanks has steadily decreased the Cu and In closer to the

A huge thank you to the NASSCO-Norfolk's Facilities and Environmental Teams who partnered together with ChemTreat to systematically get our Cu and In effluent



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# NASSCO-Norfolk Celebrates

# **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

### AUTHOR:

Julie Sudlow Proposal Manager, Norfolk

During the month of March, NASSCO-Norfolk celebrated Women's History Month by recognizing the women who diligently support our mission to provide the Navy with dependable, well-repaired vessels.

Many of these women have personal connections to those who serve in our nation's military or are Veterans

themselves. Many of us would not be where we are today within the NASSCO family if it weren't for the support and mentorship of the women in our Norfolk, Bremerton and Mayport locations.

These women exemplify one Team, one NASSCO, better every day!



**Back Row:** Donna Watkins, EHS; Julie Sudlow, Business Development; Sherry Huntley, Programs; Barbara Dickerson, Finance; Patricia Collins, Facilities; Rebecca Vermillion, Inventory; Chiquita Taylor, Rigging; Sara Reagan, Contracts; Valerie Reagan, Supply Chain Management; Tiffany Evans, Programs.

Middle Row: Alyssa Lozaw, Programs; Tammy Holston, IT; Kandace Klepal, Pipe Shop; Angela "Sue" Washington, Inventory; Deborah Penney, Contracts; Barbara Gillus, Inventory; Valerie Smith, Contracts; Amber Franklin, Finance.

Front Row: Allinda Parkman, IT; Natalie Charon, Finance; Brenda Heidelberg, Purchasing; Sharita Williams, EHS; Placida Michel, EHS; Tricia Arnold, Scheduling; Inza Speights, Planning

# NASSCO-San Diego's 2024 DEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

# Congratulations to this year's Dependent Scholarship recipients, Daniela Alvarez and Gizelle Flores!

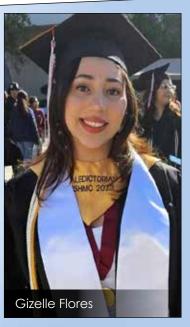


Each year, General Dynamics NASSCO-San Diego awards two scholarships to the dependent children of active Hourly and Salaried employees. Recipients are eligible to receive \$2,000 per school year. Each scholarship is renewable for three consecutive years and capped at \$8,000 per recipient.

Daniela plans on attending law school and advocating for equal educational resources for immigrant communities by pursuing a major in Political Science from Columbia University. Daniela's father, Jose Alvarez, is a Senior Estimator in Repair Estimating.

Gizelle asserts the significance of her involvement in the STEM field and is committed to UC Berkeley and majoring in Physics. Her father, Jesus Flores, is a Senior Estimator in Cost Engineering.

For any questions regarding applications, please contact TalentDevelopment@nassco.com.





# **NASSCO-San Diego Joins**

# JUNKYARD WARS COMPETITION

In celebration of Engineers Week, NASSCO-San Diego participated for the first time in "Junkyard Wars." Engineers formed 12 teams and were tasked with building racecars powered by nothing except a mousetrap. Each team was given a bag of "junk" and a week to build their vehicle.

After racing head-to-head, Team Viper eventually took home the NASSCO championship. Congratulations to Team Viper: Jeff Pollack, Kieran King, Sam Grotewohl and lead Dallas Hansen.

Junkyard Wars was first created by Electric Boat and NASSCO is the fourth General Dynamics business unit to adopt the event, following Mission Systems and Land Systems. Some business units host their Junkyard Wars competition during Engineer's Week in February, while others wait to host it during Technical Excellence Week in July.











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HOSTS NASSCO





NASSCO employees joined thousands of cyclists throughout San Diego County for Bike Anywhere Day on May 16. To show support for people who chose the environmentally-friendly commute option, NASSCO volunteers

More than 100 employees and community members stopped at NASSCO's Pit Stop, where volunteers supplied snacks, water, giveaways, assistance and encouragement to participants biking along Harbor Drive. Thank you to Café Moto for sponsoring coffee for the cyclists!







NASSCO provides a badge-protected bike cage for NASSCO employees, U.S. Navy and subcontractors. Workers can go to the Security Administration Office to register their bicycles.





# NASSCO'S TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

The Tuition Reimbursement program is available to all NASSCO employees at all NASSCO locations who wish to pursue an associate, bachelor's or master's degree to further their career. Additionally, NASSCO continues to partner with National University to bring affordable degree programs to all our employees!

"The tuition reimbursement process was easy to navigate," said Antonio Estrada, Leadership and Organizational Development Specialist II. "All the information needed was provided upfront and the turnaround time for reimbursement was quick." Tony earned his Change Management Practitioner certification earlier this year.

"My experience with the Tuition Reimbursement program has been painless and the HR Team has been nothing but supportive." said Jonas Petelo, Mechanical Engineer II. Jonas completed his Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

To learn more about tuition reimbursement, visit the Employee Benefits & Discounts section on the NASSCO website. If you have questions or would like more information about the NASSCO Tuition Reimbursement program, please email <u>tuition.reimbursement@nassco.com</u>.

NASSCO-Norfolk, Mayport and Bremerton employees may contact Tammy Hansen at (757) 966-3506 or email Tammy Hansen at thansen@nassconorfolk.com.

### **Recent Tuition Reimbursement Program Graduates:**

Magy Sanz, Engineer I Hull Engineering, Masters in Mechanical Engineering Jonas Petelo, Mechanical Engineer II, Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering Chloe Schwarz, Change Manager, Masters in Business Administration.

**Not pictured:** Antonio Estrada, Leadership & Organizational Development Specialist II, Change Management Practitioner Certification



# **RESPECT WORKS:**

# Preventing Harassment in the Workplace

The morale, well-being, and productivity of our employees are the cornerstones of OneNASSCO, and we are committed to providing a harassment-free environment. This commitment extends to employees, subcontractors, vendors, visitors, and anyone who does business with NASSCO.

NASSCO is devoted to being a welcoming environment for everyone and encompassing a harassment-free workplace. NASSCO's policy prohibits harassment based upon race, color, religion or religious creed, citizenship, marital status, age, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability status, medical condition, sexual orientation, military and veteran status, sex (which includes pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions), gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, or any other basis protected by federal, state or local law, ordinance or regulation. All such harassment is unlawful, violates company policy, and will not be tolerated.

Actions can be considered harassment even if claimed to be "just a joke" or if the behavior was not intended to be offensive. Thus, we must all be aware of the impact our actions have on others.

Examples of prohibited harassment include, but are not limited to: physical or verbal abuse, including jokes, slurs or other derogatory comments or actions that demean an individual or group of individuals; unwelcome touching, as well as any lewd, vulgar, or sexually suggestive gestures, comments or propositions whether verbal or in writing; and visual conduct, such as leering, making sexual gestures and displaying or posting sexually suggestive objects or pictures, cartoons or posters.

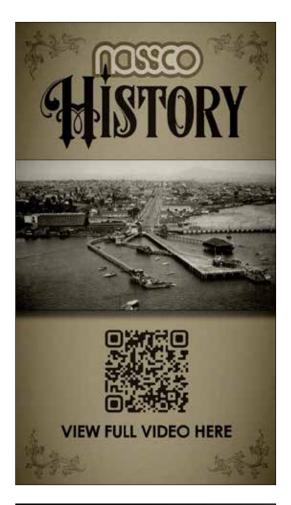
NASSCO also prohibits any unwelcome verbal, physical, and/or visual conduct that creates an intimidating, offensive, or hostile working environment or interferes with work performance.

We understand that this topic may be a difficult subject for people to discuss. However, Human Resources is here to help, and NASSCO encourages reporting any incidents of harassment immediately. Employees who believe they have been harassed or have witnessed harassment should reach out for assistance. You can contact your immediate supervisor/manager, NASSCO's Employee Relations Office at EmployeeRelations@nassco.com or (619) 544-8506 or call the General Dynamics Ethics Hotline at (800) 433-8422.

Please do not keep this to yourself.

When in doubt, please reach out!







# NASSCO-Norfolk

# PDP CORNER:

# A Balancing Act: Navy Reserve PDP Graduates

### **AUTHOR:**

Leighan Worden, Technical Proposal Writer, Norfolk

NASSCO-Norfolk is proud to have Professional Development Program (PDP) graduates who also serve as Navy Reserve Sailors. When speaking to Brooks Cannell and Ryan Chrisom, one thing is clear: teamwork and fostering relationships have been at the forefront of their PDP and Navy Reserve experiences.



**Brooks Cannell** 2020 PDP Graduate



Ryan Chrisom 2021 PDP Graduate

"If you are looking for a challenge, something that will push you to learn, the Professional Development Program is the perfect path for you," said Ryan. "It provides growth in your professional role but personally as well."

Both Brooks and Ryan are uniquely positioned to experience NASSCO both as employees and as Navy customers. Brooks believed the dual role allowed him the opportunity to fuel his passion for impacting the world on a larger scale, while still contributing to NASSCO-Norfolk from the customer point of view. The ample support from the NASSCO Team, along with timely communication, resulted in the seamless ability for Brooks and Ryan to deploy if needed for the Navy while maintaining their milestones at NASSCO.

Excited to help pioneer the program, both Brooks and Ryan believe the people they met and learned from during their time as PDPs were their favorite part. No matter what the rotation had in store, they would always be met with good, passionate people to teach them.

"Stay humble, build relationships with respect and be a blank canvasthe rest will come," Brooks advised.

For more information about the program, please call Tammy Hansen at (757) 966-3506 or email thansen@nassconorfolk.com.



# **NASSCO-San Diego** PDP CORNER

The Professional Development Program (PDP) is designed to Recruitment for external PDP candidates occurs during give candidates an in-depth look at all facets of NASSCO shipbuilding and repair via departmental rotations while establishing strong relations throughout the company and preparing participants for their future career path.

the fall while internal PDP candidate recruitment happens in the spring.



# 2024 PDP Cohort:

Alexander Brown, Amaranta Rivera, Jose Carreon, Suzanne Wooldridge, Tajeem Johnson, Daryel Fagala, Eliuh Rojas

# Recruitment Questions:

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# EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS



NASSCO ForWARD Women's Network Holds First Events

The newly launched NASSCO ForWARD Women's Network (For Women's Advancement, Recognition & Development) held its first event in March, featuring a dynamic panel with senior leaders Steph Bryson, Zoe Cawlfield, and Veronique Simon. Attendees engaged with the panelists as they tackled moderated questions and had the chance to ask their own questions. Following the panel, networking opportunities allowed attendees to delve deeper into discussions with the panelists.

Following the success of their first event, NASSCO ForWARD hosted a keynote speaker on May 15. Award-winning communicator, strategist, and en-



trepreneur Margie Newman Tsay discussed professional development and building self-confidence.

Debora Burke and Veronique Simon are serving as executive co-sponsors for this exciting new employee resource group. Membership is open to anyone interested. More opportunities for involvement and events are being planned for the future. For more information, or if you have any questions, please reach out to Maggie Hyde at (619) 787-9697 or Sujin Kim at (619) 405-2751.



Join HERE!





# Disabled Veterans of America Keynote Speaker

This spring, NASSCO-San Diego hosted a representative from the Disabled American Veterans in the shipyard. Dozens of Veterans came to learn more about their available benefits, network, and connect with other NASSCO Veterans.

### For more information:

- Email Veterans@nassco.com
- Scan the QR code





# SIGNs is Back!

Sports and interest groups at NASSCO (SIGNs) are gatherings where colleagues come together to participate in activities related to their mutual interests. These groups offer a platform for individuals to connect, collaborate and pursue shared interests outside of work.

# To sign up or register for an event:

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# **Current Leagues:**

- Disc Golf
- Soccer
- Hockey



President's Cup Tournament 2024 **Softball** 

Winners

(January)





President's Cup Tournament 2024 **Kickball** 

Kickball Winners

CABLE CREW

(May)



# NASSCO-Norfolk 2024 **EARTH DAY**CELEBRATION

### **AUTHOR:**

Donna J. Watkins, Environmental Engineering Manager, Norfolk

NASSCO-Norfolk held its 13th Annual Earth Day Cleanup and Celebration on April 24. Fifty-four employees representing 19 different shops volunteered their time to pick up trash. The volunteers went to various locations in and around the shipyard, including laydown areas, four parking lots, a walking path leading to offsite parking lots, and "Trailer City," a fenced-in graveled lot with subcontractor and Ship's Force office and material storage trailers. Facilities and Environmental and Health and Safety (EHS) personnel estimated the amount of waste and debris totaled 30 large trash bags (approximately 0.5 tons) of waste. We appreciate the teamwork and tenacity of our amazing volunteers!

As part of their Earth Day tradition, volunteers came together after the cleanup to eat a Chick-fil-A sandwich and receive giveaways. Anthem Health Coach Jordan Smith provided Earth Day stickers to each participant, along with water infused with strawberries and limes. After a few group photos, volunteers left leaving the shipyard and surrounding area more beautiful.

Earth Day has been celebrated since 1970 to proclaim and protect our earth's land, water and air. It is also a day to recommit to our responsibility to be good stewards of these priceless resources. Each year, the Earth Day Committee selects a theme to unify the one billion people from over 190 countries to stand in solidarity to improve our earth's health.

Here lies the beauty of Earth Day - every person can participate in practical ways and contribute to the cause. By picking up trash and making lifestyle choices to reduce, reuse and recycle items that would otherwise be considered waste.

The 2024 global theme is "Planet vs. Plastics." One goal is to reduce plastic production by 60% by 2040 and eliminate the production of single-use plastics by 2030. We can each support this goal by using reusable shopping bags and water bottles, and purchasing items that have minimal plastic packaging. Thanks to all who made this year's cleanup and celebration a huge success!



# JOURNEYMAN PROMOTIONS

# January – May

### **AUTHOR:**

Michael Jury, Assistant Manager, Operations Training, San Diego

We would like to congratulate the following employees who recently graduated to the Journeyman Position in their respective trades. This position is achieved in approximately two years, through trade experience and continuous technical training and development. These employees now join the ranks of NASSCO's world-class shipbuilders.

# **Electrician 4**

Christian Juarez Cendejas Glen Villa David Novak Daniela Giselle Gutierrez Alan Casillas Chavoyo

# Fitter/Ship 4

Fernando Sanchez Catalina Garcia Casey Kline Rafael Ismael Romero

# **Outside Machinist 4**

Oscar Machado

# Pipe Welder 4

Juan Saucedo Rivera Adiel Gutierrez Gonzalez

# **Pipefitter 4**

Christian Antonio Llamas Kevin Miranda Pablo Munguia Ricardo Villa Aguayo

# **Shipfitter 4**

Tramaine Williams

Jorge Alan Valera Garay

# Welder 4

Ricky Jose Luna
Roman Carmona
Pete Pena
Thomas Wygal
Richard Cornwall
Kevin Zavala
Sammuel Leon
Esteban Rubio
Fabrizio Aguayo Hernandez
Moses David Casillas



# **CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

# NASSCO Shines at the 20th Annual General Dynamics Manufacturing Symposium and Excellence Awards

### AUTHOR.

Ric Cheeks, Senior Manufacturing Engineer, Continuous Improvement, San Diego

NASSCO made waves at the 20th Annual Manufacturing Symposium and Excellence Awards, held in Tampa Florida this past April, as several of NASSCO's shipbuilders shared the good work being done in the shipyard and at TIMSA.

The Symposium is a premier event that brings together the collective expertise and innovations of General Dynamics' business units, providing a unique opportunity for knowledge sharing and collaboration. As the flagship event One Team, or of General Dynamics' manufacturing community, the symposium highlights the latest advancements in technology, best practices, and continuous improvement initiatives across the enterprise. It is a platform where leaders and experts from various divisions can share their experiences, learn from each other, and identify best practices to drive innovation and excellence. By participating in this symposium, NASSCO's shipbuilders and experts are not only showcasing their own achievements but also contributing to the broader conversation on manufacturing excellence, ultimately driving growth, efficiency, and quality across the entire General Dynamics organization.

NASSCO's Manufacturing Excellence Award this year went to Salvador Saldaña, our Industrial Injury Prevention

Specialist, known around the shipyard from his posters stating, "In Ergo Trouble? Better Call Sal!" His presentation on the first day of the event titled "Making the Industrial Athlete" showcased how he was able to bring

the science of sports medicine into our manufacturing environment to prevent injuries among our new hire population. Furthermore, these positive outcomes led to a significant reduction in costs associated with injuries and workers' compensation claims, as well as a growing sense of well-being and job satisfaction.

The NASSCO delegation was also well represented by speakers Saul Garcia and Donavan Beltran who discussed the process

improvement of both assembling and testing the CO2 main header system for the T-AO program at TIMSA's facility. Both Frank Carroll's and Michael Murphy's presentation on "Influencing Industry" shared how NASSCO has been collaborating with tool and equipment manufacturers to make their off-the-shelf products fit the needs of our shipbuilders. The "Road to Victory" presentation given by Florencio Alvarez and Jose Ayala introduced our General Dynamics colleagues to NASSCO Repair's Quality Management System showing the visual platforms developed using business intelligence tools.

For copies of these, as well as any of the other presentations exhibited at the symposium, please reach out to your NASSCO Lean Six Sigma Committee Representatives:

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# **Steve Murray**

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### **Ric Cheeks**

Vice Chair, General Dynamics Lean Six Sigma Committee ricky.cheeks@nassco.com



# The NASSCO Delegation at the 20th Annual General Dynamics Manufacturing Symposium.

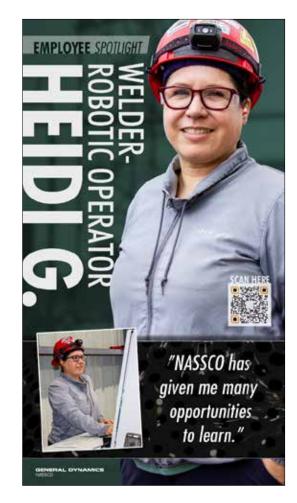
Back Row: Eric Harris, Manager, Maintenance and Tool Room; Rob Smith, General Dynamics Executive Vice President of Marine Systems; Treavor Callum, Vice President of Operations and NASSCO's Representative to the General Dynamic Manufacturing Council; Florencio Alvarez, Senior Quality Assurance Engineer; Steve Murray, Manager of Continuous Improvement and NASSCO's Representative to the General Dynamics Manufacturing Council's Lean Six Sigma Committee; Frank Carroll, General Supervisor for Central tool Control, Maintenance Warehouse and Maintenance Administration; Charles "Chuck" Srock, Director of Planning.

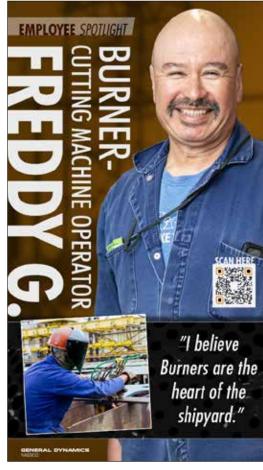
Front Row: Saul Garcia, Test Engineer; Jose Ayala, Senior Manager of Quality Assurance and Chair of the General Dynamics Quality Committee; Ric Cheeks, Senior Manufacturing Engineer and Chair of the General Dynamics Manufacturing Council's Lean Six Sigma Committee; Salvador Saldaña, Industrial Injury Prevention Specialist; Michael Murphy, General Supervisor of Weld Services; Donavan Beltran, Supervisor, Process Engineering, TIMSA



# The NASSCO Manufacturing Excellence Award winner receiving the trophy from senior leadership for the presentation.

**Rob Smith**, General Dynamics Executive Vice President of Marine Systems; **Salvador Saldaña**, Industrial Injury Prevention Specialist, NASSCO; **Treavor Callum**, Vice President of Operations, NASSCO; **Bill Weiss**, Chair of General Dynamics Manufacturing Council and Vice President of Manufacturing and Logistics for General Dynamics Mission Systems.





# 2024 CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT RECOGNITION

# **Event and Belting Ceremony**

### AUTHOR

Ric Cheeks, Senior Manufacturing Engineer, Continuous Improvement, San Diego

NASSCO's annual Continuous Improvement Recognition Event and Belting Ceremony marked its second year with this year's event taking place during the spring training of this year's newly trained Lean Specialists. The event recognized the accomplishments of Lean Specialists who completed their training the previous year and completed their first continuous improvement event. This year's honorees included Adrianna Romero, Lorena DeLeon, Olivia Young, Charmaine Walker, Billy Morgan, David Silva and Edward Hassel.

In celebration of the hard work and dedication of these individuals, the event showcased each of their completed projects. It was clear that each of them had made significant contributions to the shipyard through their efforts and had demonstrated a commitment to continuous improvement. For these efforts, each received their Lean Specialist certificate and the NASSCO Continuous Improvement badge.

The belting ceremony was also a highlight of the event, as two NASSCO shipbuilders were recognized for their pursuit and achievement of earning industry-recognized qualifications beyond NASSCO's Lean Specialist training. Several of NASSCO's belted Lean and Six Sigma practitioners participated in the procession, including those who received recognition in last year's belting ceremony.

Adan Rodriguez, a trained Lean Specialist and Accuracy Control Engineer, earned his green belt after completing the Lean Six Sigma Green Belt program at UCSD. This was a significant achievement, as it required Adan to both successfully complete a course of study at the university and to also complete a green belt level project in the shipyard under the mentorship of NASSCO Black Belts.

Michael Murphy, General Supervisor of Weld Services, earned his black belt after passing the American Society of Quality's Certified Six Sigma Black Belt exam. This was an impressive achievement, as it required Michael to demonstrate mastery of Lean and Six Sigma concepts to one of the world's leading certification bodies overseeing the body of knowledge for the discipline of Six Sigma.

We are incredibly proud of both the Lean Specialist honorees and those who earned their belts. Their hard work and commitment to excellence are a testament to the power of continuous improvement and its impact on our organization.

In addition to those who attended in person, we would like to recognize and say thank you to those Lean Specialists who were invited to the event but were unable to attend. Lastly, if you are interested in learning more about continuous improvement training opportunities, including industry-recognized Lean Six Sigma belt training, please reach out to the NASSCO Continuous Improvement Team.

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Lean Specialist Honorees receiving their certificates at the 2024 NASSCO Continuous Improvement Recognition Event.

Lean Specialist Charmaine Walker; Steve Murray, Manager Continuous Improvement; Lean Specialist Edward Hassel; Lean Specialist Olivia Young; Lean Specialist David Silva; Lean Specialist Billy Morgan; Ric Cheeks, Senior Manufacturing Engineer



Lean Specialist Honoree Lorena DeLeon receiving her certificate.

# Congratulations to Our Newest TRADES TRAINING GRADUATES

Michael Jury, Assistant Manager, Operations Training, San Diego

We would like to welcome and congratulate the newest addition to our workforce of shipbuilders. These employees recently completed a rigorous two-month technical training program that will equip these graduates with the essential knowledge and skills to perform critical trade work.

# Congratulations

to our newest shipbuilders!



Welder Graduates: January 18

Back Row: Saul Gonzalez, Juan Rubalcava, Giovanny Romo, Martin Zuniga, Jose Nieves, and Jamie Johnson

Front Row: Adrian Gonzalez and Octavio Cazares



**Shipfitter Graduates:** January 18

Back Row: Manuel Escalante, Jose Ledezma, Brian Lopez, Alan Valdez, Noel Quintero, Gustavo Garcia, and Jamie Johnson

Front Row: Benjamin Salgado and Michael Szabo



Welder Graduates: April 11

Back Row: Trevor Callum, Saul Gonzalez, Joseph Martinez, Brandon Yanez, David Benitez, Isaias Rueda, Christopher Camargo, Leonje Wimbush, and Jamie Johnson

Front Row: Jesus Gonzalez, Jocelyn Uribe, Nestor Lopez, and Jafet Lopez



# Shipfitter Graduates: April 11

Trevor Callum, Daniel Magana, Jose Ledezma, Isaac Rubio, Antonio Fuentes, Angel Calderon, Mario Ramos, Juan Moreno, Cesar Garcia, Christopher Alvarez, Brandon Ortiz, and Jamie Johnson



# Welder Graduates: April 18

Back Row: Jorge Zavala, Michael Steele, Armando Godinez, Asia Froehlich, Jamie Johnson, Joe Gamez, and Raul Hernandez

Front Row: Juan Rubalcava, Jose Ibarra, Angel Gutierrez, Derick Sanchez, and Andrew Lemus



# Shipfitter Graduates: April 18

Jose Ledezma, Daniel Magana, Jose Camacho, Fernando Navarro, Alfonso Martinez, Jesse Quinones, Jose Vargas, Luis Lozano, Diego Alejandre, Shane Strom, Noah Willis, Jamie Johnson, and Lorenzo Sanchez



# Pipefitter Graduates: May 3

Back Row: Trevor Callum, Trevor Averett, Kenneth Heredia, Octavio Lopez, Alan Garibaldo, Luis Diaz, Alberto Flores, Ismael Solano, Miguel Ibanez, and Jamie Johnson

Middle Row: Mike Jury, Jesus Aguilar, Oscar Perez, David De La Riva, Emanuel Lozano, Elizandro Enriquez, Joshua Cuando, and Eder Manjarrez

Front Row: Carlos Plascencia and Gabriel Velasco



# Welder Graduates: May 9

Back Row: Jamie Johnson, Saul Gonzalez, Jesus Eulloqui, Andres Zuniga, Arturo Vazquez, Alberto Garcia, and Trevor Callum

Front Row: Jose Figueroa, Jose Castanon, Alonso Martinez, Saul Pena, and Marvin Mosaueda

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# RETIREES Thank you for your Service Raul Duenas Alforte William R. Candy Tomas E. Corona Temp Services Machinist

NASSCO-San Diego

### Carol Blake

Logistics Technician 4 18 years NASSCO-Norfolk

# **Dean Buckley**

NASSCO-Norfolk

## James N. Byrum

20 years NASSCO-San Diego

33 years NASSCO-San Diego

# William R. Capistrano

Maint Electrical Tech 34 years NASSCO-San Diego

# **Ernesto Diaz Carbajal**

Fitter/Sheetmetal Wkg Frmn 17 years NASSCO-San Diego

### Luis A. Corona

Sr. Test & Trials Engineer 33 years NASSCO-San Diego

48 years NASSCO-San Diego

# Nelson M. Del Mar

Designer I 32 years NASSCO-San Diego

# Karen Lee Delgado

Sr. Engineering Support Spec 11 years NASSCO-San Diego

### **Jesse Dukes**

Sr. NDT Welding Brazing 23 years NASSCO-Norfolk

# Cindy S. Duley

# Jesus Espinoza

Sr. Planner/Scheduler 47 years NASSCO-San Diego

# Thomas Burton Holcomb

Supervisor Security 28 years NASSCO-San Diego

# Christopher A. Howton

General Supervisor I 15 years NASSCO-San Diego

### **Yuriy Kolarov**

Team Leader 17 years NASSCO-San Diego

# Pedro A. Llamas

Shipbuilder 32 years NASSCO-San Diego

# Clarence T. McMillan

Superintendent Production 31 years NASSCO-San Diego

# **Cindy Anne Mur**

**Business Planning Specialist** 14 years NASSCO-San Diego

# Isaac Pacheco

Fitter/Ship 19 years NASSCO-San Diego

# **Anthony Jose Saludes**

Painter 33 years NASSCO-San Diego

# **Margie Louise Squier**

Medical Office Assistant 4 years NASSCO-San Diego

# Matthew P. Tabares

Supervisor Engineering 27 years NASSCO-San Diego

### Ronnie L. Truitt

Area Manager III 32 years NASSCO-San Diego



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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOUR FAMILY'S NEWEST MEMBER IN OUR NEXT ISSUE, PLEASE EMAIL **COMMUNICATIONS@NASSCO.COM** 



Born July 23, 2023

# **NASSCO Relation:**

Adiel Gutierrez, Father, Pipe Welder, San Diego



Born September 26, 2023

### **NASSCO Relations:**

ruriana M. De Leon, Grandmother, Talent Acquisition I, San Diego & Rogelio Zarate, Grandfather, Supervisor Production, San Diego



### **NASSCO Relation:**

Jesus Meza, Grandfather, SOC 3 Supervisor Production, San Diego

Born November 22, 2023

### **NASSCO Relation:**

Donna Noyola, Mother,

Born February 2, 2024

Kisa Moore, Grandma, Payroll Administrator, San Diego





# HANNAH SIMON

SOC 3 Welder, San Diego



# **NASSCO Relation:**

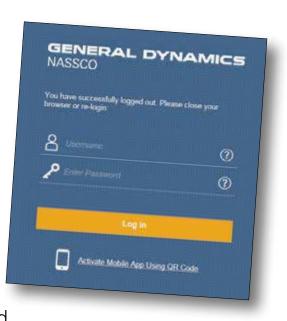




Current employees have a new way to view and apply for jobs at NASSCO through a program called Success Factors.

# Here's what to do:

- . Visit NASSCO.com/InternalJobs
- 2. Click on "View Jobs in Success Factors"
- 3. Enter your username and password
  - First time logging in **San Diego**? Visit the Employment Office in Building 1 or call the ISD Help Desk at (619) 544-3495 to set up an account.
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# In Remembrance

Our words cannot take away the pain of loss, but we hope there is solace in knowing there are people who care. Deepest condolences from your work family.

> Paul Evans QA Inspector 2 NASSCO-Bremerton May 2024 • 8 Years

Ryan May
Foreman Weld Shop
NASSCO-Norfolk
April 2024 • 11 Years

Christopher A. Snyder Instrumentation Technician NASSCO-San Diego May 2024 • 33 Years

Craig Watson
Painter 4
NASSCO-Norfolk
May 2024 • 24 Years

Jeanne D. Willis Sr. Engineering Support Specialist NASSCO-San Diego January 2024 • 30 Years



# Kaiser Permanente On-Site Clinic

# **NEW HOURS:**

Wednesdays: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Thursdays**: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. NOW OPEN DURING LUNCH

# TO MAKE AN **APPOINTMENT:**

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- 2. Email us at nassco@kp.org

For Appointments At A Local Kaiser Permanente Medical Office

Call 833-KP4CARE (833-574-2273)



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Reach a licensed clinician by phone 24/7/365 for immediate assistance

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Financial expertise

Consultation and planning

Referrals for child and elder care, home repair, housing



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# Convenience resources

needs, education, pet care and so much more



# Confidentiality

Strict confidentiality standards ensure no one will know you have accessed the program without your written permission except as required by law



substance use

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Take the guesswork out of your emotional fitness! Visit your web portal or mobile app to complete the short Mental Health Navigator survey. You'll immediately receive personalized guidance to access support and resources.







# NASSCO-SAN DIEGO VISITORS



- 1. General Dynamics Manufacturing Council January 17, 2024
- 2. Supply Chain Management Council January 30, 2024
- 3. Vice Adm. John B. "Brad" Skillman, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources, N8, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations February 12, 2024









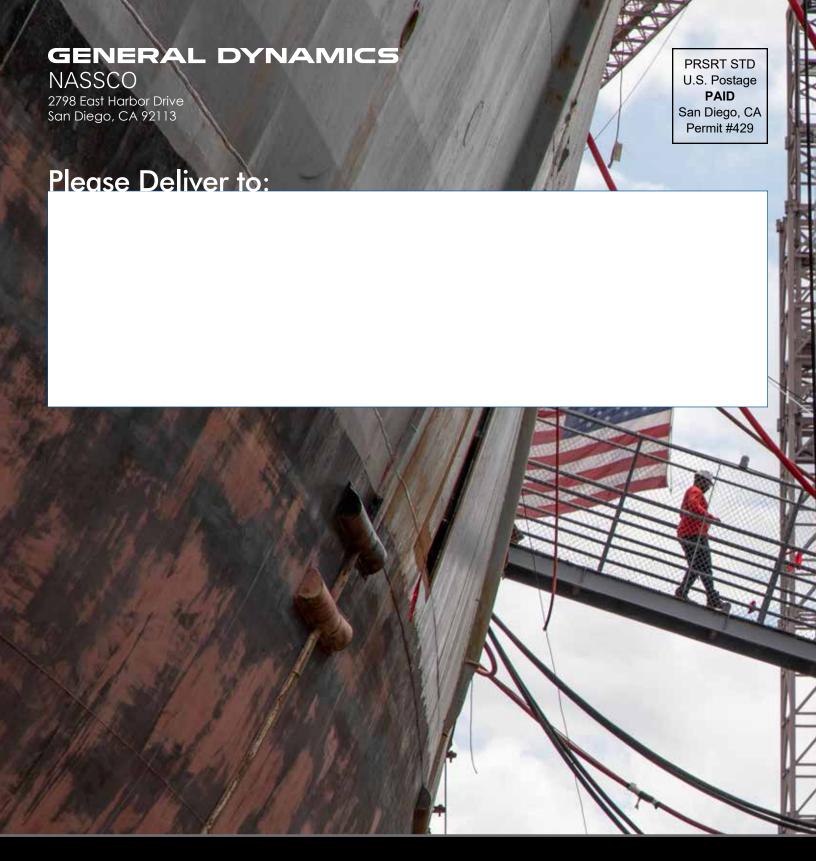






- 4. Adm. Lisa Franchetti, Chief of Naval Ops February 13, 2024
- 5. The Honorable Nickolas H. Guertin, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition February 14, 2024
- 6. Brig. Gen. James A. Ryans II, Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot March 7, 2024
- 7. Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart March 18, 2024
- 8. Brig. Gen. Robert B. Brodie, Assistant Wing Commander, Third Marine Aircraft Wing May 7, 2024
- 9. Vice Adm. John Gumbleton May 15, 2024





# The Shipbuilder Content Submission

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