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Commitment: Staying the Course

By Charles Williamson X43

As it pertains to leadership, commitment describes the fabric (i.e., infrastructure) of relationships between words and actions, dreams and realities, and the vision and resultant change effected by leaders. In addition, commitment is not an idle or self-propelling attribute of leadership. Quite the contrary, perseverance and steadfastness are requisites of commitment, wherein conscious action, and preparation for potential ordeals, are indicators of a devoted leader. At times, obstacles emerge which may hinder a planned endeavor. Nevertheless, a committed leader refuses to “abandon ship” in the face of adversity and vows to “stay the course” despite hardships and opposition, should such circumstances arise.

From the onset of Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry dock Company, Collis Potter Huntington, founder of the shipyard, made a pledge that endures unto today: “Always great ships.” Considering the magnitude of his endeavors, there is no doubt that Mr. Huntington faced substantial adversity. Ultimately, Huntington’s founding of the shipyard is a tribute to the numerous achievements which have immortalized him in American history. From the establishment of the cities of Newport News, Virginia and Huntington, West Virginia, to connecting the east and west coasts via the Central Pacific

Railroad, Mr. Huntington demonstrated leadership by way of an unwavering commitment to transform his dreams into reality, thus fulfilling his purpose as a leader to foster change throughout this nation.

As apprentices, we are the heirs to a legacy of shipbuilding and to the tradition of commitment handed down by Mr. Huntington. By no means is this a simple task, as the apprentice is met with the challenge to persevere through a formidable academic curriculum while working to refine his/her skills and master the craft of shipbuilding, many times under very arduous conditions in a very demanding environment. Nevertheless, remaining steadfast as did our predecessor Mr. Huntington, we uphold our duty to put forth a dedicated and unified effort to consistently build great ships, thus reciprocating the investment and serving as examples of the commitment initiated by The Apprentice School in the lives of its apprentices.



Collis Potter Huntington was not of a wealthy family. In fact, at the age of 14, he and his brother Solon, were bound out to neighboring families in his hometown of Harwinton, CT. The young Huntington apprenticed on a farm for one year earning \$7 a month.

Razin’ Cain Poker Run

by Stephen Bonneau X11



On April 21st the Virginia Cruiser Motorcycle Association in conjunction with Apprentice School Student Association and Regal Cinemas sponsored a poker run to raise money for the Hannah Amelia Cain Fund. The

fund is set up in the name of a brave little girl who by the age of four had received more ten operations to both keep her alive and keep her body functioning properly.

A poker run is an event where each of the participants either drives a car or rides a motorcycle to five predetermined locations. At each location the “riders” receive one playing

card. Upon arriving at the fifth and final location they receive their last card and everyone turns in their hands. The best hand wins.

It was a great day for a ride as the weather was the warmest it had been in weeks. A total of twenty-nine riders from all over the area and as far away as Aberdeen, Maryland arrived that morning to participate in the event. The majority of the riders were either current apprentices or faculty of the school itself. In all thirteen hundred dollars were raised for Amelia Cain and her family.

The Apprentice School Student Association and Roger Miller X18, the event organizer, would like to thank all those who either participated or volunteered to help with the Run. Special thanks go out to Lee Milstead of Regal Cinema for the movie tickets that were used as prizes, and the members of the IKV Bat’leth, a local Star Trek club, for their help.

APPRENTICE SPOTLIGHT

By Shakirah Harrall X18

I would like to take this time to introduce one of the Apprentices Schools newest members, Mr. Matthew Bialk from Hampton VA. He has been in the yard for a little over 1 year but has only been an apprentice for a little over 3 months and is still in his 1st semester. I went on to ask a few more questions.

What trade did you choose when you began your apprenticeship?
My first choice was X32 Sheet Metal.

What inspired you to apply to the apprentice school?
My entire family works in the yard. My dad has worked in the yard for 20 years and he told me that the apprentice school would be one of the quickest ways to move up in the company.

What parts of the yard have you been rotated through?
My only rotation thus far has been the X32 Sheet Metal Apprentice Gallery in building 5.

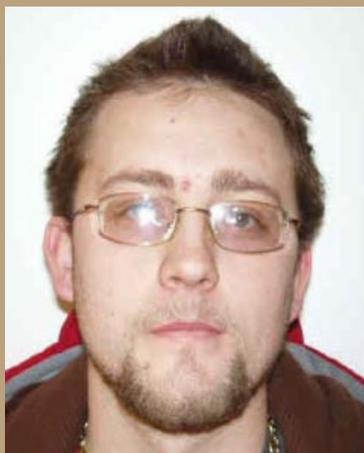
What has been one of the hardest obstacles to overcome in your apprenticeship?
I have to get used to being in a shop as opposed to working onboard a ship. So many things change (and so many charges) and I have to remember all of them.

Are there any one or two faculty members who have made a lasting impression on your life? Why?
I would say my father because he has such a great reputation in the yard and he's a relentless perfectionist. I would also have to say Jason Kinney has been an inspiring role model if only for the fact that he's a good teacher who gives firm, detailed direction.

What do you plan to use your apprenticeship for?
My main goals and focus are to advance in the sheet metal department, to be a strong leader, and to move up in the company. I plan to stay here at the shipyard until I retire.

What part of your current job do you enjoy the most?
The pattern table because it relates to art.

If you had a chance to influence others to join the Apprentice school, what would you say to them?
I would say the job is a blessing with great benefits. It's wonderful to know that you're getting paid to go to school and that I'll finish with a degree and little to no debt.



Harrall's Highlights

By Shakirah Harrall X18

In this month's highlight I've decided to discuss a bit of a hot-button topic in the shipyard, PARKING; the rules for where and how to park and some information that everyone may or may not know.

There are four different color decals: Aqua, Blue, Silver and Gold. Aqua decals, the majority of the employees in the shipyard, cannot park anywhere else but in aqua parking lots. Blue, silver and gold decals, by far the minority in the yard, can park in their own respective lots, or can take spaces in the aqua lots and not run the risk of getting towed. Hang-tags must be displayed in the front interior of the windshield of the vehicle, not on the seat, in the back window, or on the floor. All lots are on a first come first served basis unless you are assigned a parking space in one of the reserved lots with granted parking privileges and correct documentation. Otherwise having your own personal parking space is not an option or a privilege. If you so choose you can arrive to work three hours early and camp out in your car to get that perfect same spot everyday. However this is not a recommended or safe option since you run the risk of falling asleep at the wheel or on the job. At 50th street you have the option of paying \$8.00 a day to a private lot owner to reserve a space in a dirt lot but you take the chance of damaging your vehicle driving over rocks, potholes, and scattered debris, or being blocked in because the owner pays no mind to double parking. There are quite a few other pay by the month lots scattered around the area surrounding the shipyard that you may choose from as well, but keep in mind that most require you put your name on a waiting list, some up to a year long, before you can reserve a space.

There are also a number of circumstances that could cause your car to get towed, circumstances that could potentially be avoided if you make yourself aware of the parking rules and regulations.

Situations that will cause a vehicle to get towed:

1. Vehicles parked in a reserved spot not assigned to that person.
2. Vehicles parked in handicap spaces with no handicap sign/tag displayed.
3. Passenger vehicles (cars/trucks) parked in the motorcycle area.
4. Any vehicles parked in the reserved bus parking area.
5. Vehicles blocking access lanes that prevent other drivers from exiting or entering.
6. Vehicles that block other vehicles from exiting or entering parking spaces and/or lots conveniently.
7. Vehicles in decal lots with NO visible decal in the front interior windshield. The towing company will only tow vehicles that have been identified as violators by O15 security. The towing company will then take a picture of each vehicle and its surrounding prior to towing as evidence of infraction.



BUILDER BROADCAST

Upcoming Activities

June

16TH TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT

THE ASSA AND THE MATADORE WILL BE HOSTING A TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT. REGISTRATION IS AT 1:00 PM AND DEALING BEGINS AT 2:00 PM. ONLY 40 SEATS AVAILABLE. TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY MAY 14TH. OVER \$400 IN GIFTS AND PRIZES AVAILABLE. TICKETS ON SALE IN THE A-SCHOOL MAIN OFFICE. FOR DETAILS CONTACT BRIAN BOWMAN M53.

23RD POOL TOURNAMENT

THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL STUDENT ASSOCIATION AND BREAKAWAY BILLIARDS HAVE TEAMED UP TO HOST A POOL TOURNAMENT. REGISTRATION IS \$5 AND TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY MAY 14TH. FIRST PRIZE IS A POOL CUE VALUED AT OVER \$150. TICKETS ON SALE IN THE A-SCHOOL MAIN OFFICE. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JEFF HALBAUER E06 OR BETTY HUSTED E06.

July

21ST ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY MAY 14TH FOR THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY. THERE ARE 46 TICKETS AVAILABLE AT \$35/PERSON. LIMIT 2 PER APPRENTICE. EACH PERSON WILL RECEIVE A RIDE TO ATLANTIC CITY, \$22 DOLLARS IN RETURN UPON ARRIVAL, AND A MEAL VOUCHER OF APPROXIMATELY \$25 - \$30. PAYROLL DEDUCTION IS AVAILABLE. TICKETS ON SALE IN THE A-SCHOOL MAIN OFFICE. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT BOBBY MCNEELY X42.

28TH TIDES GAME AT HARBOR PARK

JOIN US AT HARBOR PARK TO SUPPORT THE NORFOLK TIDES AS THEY FACE OTTAWA LYNX AT 7:15 PM. TICKETS WILL BE \$5 PER PERSON, NO LIMIT. 100 TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY MAY 14TH IN THE A-SCHOOL MAIN OFFICE. PAYROLL DEDUCTION IS AVAILABLE. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT BRIAN BOWMAN M53.

August

4TH SPIRIT OF NORFOLK

TICKETS WILL BE \$30 PER PERSON OR 2 TICKETS FOR \$50. TICKETS GO ON SALE JUNE 11TH. LIMIT OF TWO TICKETS PER APPRENTICE. PAYROLL DEDUCTION IS AVAILABLE. TICKETS ON SALE IN THE A-SCHOOL MAIN OFFICE. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT BRIAN BOWMAN M53.

September

29TH ORIOLES GAME

COME ON OUT TO THE BALL GAME AS THE ORIOLES HOST THE NY YANKEES IN A LATE SEASON CONTEST THAT MAY HAVE PLAYOFF IMPLICATIONS AT STAKE. THERE ARE 46 TICKETS AVAILABLE AT \$30 PER PERSON. LIMIT OF 2 TICKETS PER APPRENTICE. THE BUS WILL LEAVE AT 8:00 AM. TICKETS GO ON SALE IN THE APPRENTICE MAIN OFFICE MONDAY JULY 16TH. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ERIC KILNER E06.



Grammar Quiz

By Christie Blow X33

He jests at the scars that never felt a wound...
But, soft! What light through yonder window breaks?
It is the east, and ___ is the sun!-
Arise, fair sun, and kill the envious moon,
Who is already sick and pale with grief,
That thou her maid art far more fair than she:
Be not her maid, since she is envious;
Her vestal livery is but sick and green,
And none but fools do wear it; cast it off.-
It is my lady; O, it is my love!
O, that she knew she were!-
She speaks, yet she says nothing : what of that ?
Her eye discourses; I will answer it.-
I am too bold; 'tis not to me she speaks:
Two of the fairest stars in all heaven,
Having some business, do entreat her eyes
To twinkle in their spheres till they return .
What if her eyes were there, they in her head?
The brightness of her cheek would shame those stars,
GUESS WHAT SHAKESPEARIAN WRITING THIS
EXCERPT CAME FROM?

Apprentices on the Front

by Roger Miller X18 - PFC - VA National Guard

In the coming months you will be seeing a new column that will become a regular article in the Builder Bulletin. It will feature letters and stories from our fellow apprentices that are currently (or are about to be) deployed overseas on the ground in Iraq or Kuwait with the National Guard. I, Roger Miller X18, will be leaving for deployment on June 1st and Phil Brown X42 will be leaving on July 19th. There are currently three apprentices deployed overseas and they are: Tiyun Hayes O43M, Carlton Ballard X11, and Brian Rizzo M53. This is my last entry as a student in the Apprentice School, the next time you hear from me I'll be writing from the great State of Mississippi where I will be training for deployment to the Middle east. Thanks to all who have helped me thus far along the way, I can't wait to see all of you again.

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Grammar Quiz Answer: Romeo and Juliet