

WHO'S ON WATCH



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Website Passes \$5 Billion Milestone



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(Left) starting from back left is Edwin Jarrett, Robert White, Diane Crocker, and Shelley Barringer.

(Right) (l to r) Donald Collins, Don Hoffman, Lyle Plesnick, and Dr. Eugene (Mike) Golda.



On June 30th, the Work Assignment Website (WAW) surpassed the \$5.14B mark for FY04 entries (2,284 packages), and FY 04 - 09 entries exceeded \$13B. Started last year and built by the individuals pictured in this section, the WAW is an initiative by the NAVSEA Warfare Centers to adopt a common workload acceptance and assignment process that is based on new rules, policies, and criteria applied consistently throughout the Warfare Center enterprise. The work assignment process has led to major positive changes in the Warfare Centers collaborative work environment. Emblematic of these change agents is the collaboration in the area of fuel cell research, development and testing.



Pictured above from (l to r) Michael S. Gallier, Tim Troske, John Sofia, Dr. Paul Lefebvre, Richard Coupland, and David Toth. Not shown in this article, but instrumental to the success of WAW are Dr. James Meng, Peter Trask, Randy Reeves, Duane Embree, Don McCormack, Dr. Dave Skinner, Steve Mitchell, Charlie Giacchi, Gary Cooper, Phillip Tabor, Gary Gulett, Jeremiah Johnson, Pete Montana, Gordon Wood, Tom Kimbrell, Robert Hill, Debbie Annibali, William Stamper, Wesley Holser, Dwight Peterson, Eugene Kremer, Stan Moore, Matt Craig, George Graham, Tom Alcott, Pam Lisiewicz, Jana Foxx, Bradley Secrest and Don Schulte.

PSNS & IMF Teams Improve Quality, Eliminate Waste, Reduce Lead Time and Costs



The "SSN 688 Technical Work Discount Valve Steam Analysis Team" reduced their job summary development cycle time from 60 to 5 days. Pictured from (l to r) are James Forster, Ray Williford, Keith Rourke, Bob Clark, Greg Lancaster, Kevin Pisani, and Kurt Hoyt.

award recipients and presents the "Lean Team Recognition" awards as part of its regular LLC monthly meeting. The candidates for award selection ranged from Lean projects that had been accomplished on ship and at waterfront operations to projects conducted in a variety of administrative offices and operations. All had executed a successful "Lean" workshop, obtaining stellar results and improvements. The number of "Lean" events

Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility has been continually turning up the heat on its War on Waste as more and more shops and codes engage in "Lean" to dramatically improve maintenance processes and work place organization. The PSNS & IMF "Lean" Leadership Council (LLC) determines

Implementing Lean Manufacturing



Shop 31 Mechanic Keith Howard repairs a DSW 3/4 body using a "Lean" developed fixture that enables one setup for all required repairs.

The Lean Process in the Ball Valve Repair section at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is a team success story. Since implementing the process, Shop 31 has accomplished a 95% overtime reduction, 28% increase in throughput, 92% improvement in productivity, and a 60% increase in cycle time. Shop 31 purchased new tooling and equipment recom-

mended by the employees and installed additional lighting and benches. They have improved organization, stowage and floor stowage and floor space utilization. Other members of Shop 31 are shown below.



Front Row: (l to r) Marc Boutin, Mark Bellerose, Norm Chaloux, Ed Quinney, Dale Foster, Peter Marr, Mike Viger, Steve Boisvert, James McDevitt; Skip Armstrong, Mike Desjardins, and Jerry Tedeschi.

Back Row: (l to r) Jeremy Baird, Jason LaFlamme, Bob Kucner, and Keith Howard.

and training sessions at PSNS & IMF continue to increase at a steady rate as people experience the empowerment behind "Lean" to make a change, make an improvement, and make a difference in their work area.



Code 700's Portal Crane annual service repair cycle time was reduced from 98 to 37 days. Shown above (l to r) **Front Row:** Don Slayton, Molly Ekdahl, Alex Pittman, Tom McColl, Robby Graves. **Second Row:** Bob Choate, Tami Trent, Rose Lantrip, Tom Fernande, Dennis Reed, Jeff Iller, Matt McCormick, Gerard Mora, and Steve Bystrom. **Third Row:** Mike Kuhl, Al Sprenger, Carl Ekdahl, Pat Sullivan, Robbie Grinde, Chris Defever, Mike Hanley, Larry Hall, Don Renken, Tow Yee, Paul Schlicht, Joe Garrison and Jim Ebdon. Not Shown are Steve Barland, Curt Ortler, and Abigail Navarro.

Editor's Note: Nominations / Submission for the next edition of *Who's On Watch* should be forwarded to WOWEditor@navsea.navy.mil