

# TIDEWATER TIMES

## AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NAVAL ENGINEERS TIDEWATER SECTION



### DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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***Our ASNE Tidewater monthly dinner/  
meeting programs are in full swing!***

*5:30 - 6:00 PM Registration / Social*

*6:00 - 7:00 PM Dinner*

*7:00 - 8:00 PM Program*

#### FUTURE PROGRAM DATES

DECEMBER 18	2019
JANUARY 22	2020 (4TH WED)
FEBRUARY 19	2020
MARCH 18	2020
APRIL 15	2020
MAY (TBD)	2020 (SOCIAL)



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## CHAIR'S LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP

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Greetings Naval Engineering Professionals and Friends,

Thanksgiving brought a myriad of traditional festivities to my house, to include feasting, football games (and soccer games), miles on the road, family reunions and a beginning to holiday festivities. I truly hope you were able to enjoy them all as well. Thanksgiving is a time for family, friends and community to come together and our November meeting was an excellent example of this for ASNE TW. Thanks to all who made that event such a wonderful evening. It was great to welcome both the new DASN Sustainment Sean Burke to our community as well as having guest speaker Ms. Stephanie Douglas (NAVSEA 04) back home again!

We also had a very informative tour of the M80 Stiletto vessel at Little Creek NAB. An interesting fun fact that I learned is the boat is open to all (small businesses to large industries as well as to all government and international partners) for affordable maritime demonstrations. This asset allows anyone to validate their project's technical feasibility, explore operational value and reduce development risk. What a great local asset for us!

Nominations for the ASNE National board are open and we are currently looking for a few Tidewater members to nominate for some open positions. We are looking for one Vice President, five Council members and one Student member. Their term of office if selected would start 1 July 2020. Please let one of our board members know if you are interested to serve at the national level. I am proud of the good work they are currently doing!

Even with the countdown to this year's holiday festivities in the air, our Tidewater chapter is not slowing down! Please join us for a free guided Tour of the Hampton Roads Naval Museum & Vietnam Exhibit Saturday December 14, 2019 from 10am – 12 Noon. Please RSVP for sign-ups at [ASNE.Tidewater.Social@gmail.com](mailto:ASNE.Tidewater.Social@gmail.com).

Finally, we are pleased to have Mr. Dan Spagone, CNRMC Director of Intermediate Level Maintenance our guest speaker for this month. I am looking forward to seeing everyone December 18th!

Regards,  
Pam

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## American Society of Naval Engineers Tidewater Section

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### ASNE TW DINNER/MEETING PROGRAM DECEMBER 18, 2019

Our next dinner/meeting program occurs Dec. 18, 2019. Event details provided below and a description of our honored guest speaker, Mr. Dan Spagone, Director of Intermediate-Level Maintenance, CNRMC.

**Place:** [Holiday Inn Virginia Beach - Norfolk at 5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach](#)

**Time:** 5:30 - 6:00 Cocktails and Networking; 6:00 - 8:00 Dinner and Program

**Cost:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members: \$28 in advance; \$30 at the door</li> <li>• Nonmembers: \$33 in advance; \$35 at the door</li> <li>• Military in uniform:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Junior: \$15 in advance / \$20 at the door</li> <li>◆ Senior: \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student ASNE members: \$10 in advance / \$15 at the door</li> <li>• Student non-members: \$15 in advance / \$20 at the door</li> </ul> |
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**A Note About Military Dress:**  
*For our Navy and Coast Guard members and guests, we hope you can join us for all our TW events. If you attend in uniform, Service Khaki / Summer White / Tropical Blue, as well as Service Dress Blue are appropriate military dress.*

**Register and pay in advance at <https://asne-tw.org/events>. Please RSVP online by noon Tues, Dec. 17, 2019.**

Mr. Spagone is currently serving as Director of Intermediate-Level Maintenance, Code 900, for Commander, Navy Regional Maintenance Center (CNRMC) in Norfolk, Va. In this position, he is responsible for leading and managing the standardization and production of all Regional Maintenance Center (RMC) Intermediate-level maintenance capability and capacity while increasing Sailor knowledge & skills to return Journeyman qualified Sailors back to sea. This includes Navy Afloat Maintenance Training Strategy 'Training Through Production.' He has served in this position since December 2010. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Management.

Prior to his position with CNRMC, Mr. Spagone served 32 years of enlisted and commissioned active naval service as an enlisted Submariner and Surface Engineering Limited Duty Officer culminating in his command tour as Commanding Officer of Naval Consolidated Brig Charleston, SC and Enemy Combatant Detention Facility in addition to Commander, Joint Regional Correctional Facility Southeast.

Mr. Spagone entered the Navy September 1978 and advanced to EMC (SS) in 1987. He was selected as a surface LDO, 6130, in November 1988. He served in USS BARBEL (SS 580) 1980-85 and NSSF New London, CT 1985-88. His commissioned tours include: CHENG in USS EDENTON (ATS 1), USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13), USS PELELIU (LHA 5), and Maintenance Officer in USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71). His shore tours include Repair Officer of SIMA/NRMF Newport, RI, SIMA/NRMF Ingleside, TX, and SIMA Norfolk, VA, other shore tours include Lead Diesel Instructor, SWOS, Newport, RI, Afloat Safety Director, Naval Safety Center, Norfolk, VA, Material Readiness Director N74, SWOS Newport, RI, Executive Officer and Commanding Officer Naval Consolidated Brig Charleston, SC. He retired from active duty October 2010 and lives in Moyock, NC.





## NOVEMBER DINNER/MEETING PROGRAM RECAP

The November 20th dinner/meeting program was a resounding success, with a terrific guest speaker Ms. Stephanie Douglas and a capacity turnout of 110 guests. Ms. Douglas is well-known in the Tidewater community, having served in key leadership positions locally at US Fleet Forces Command and most recently as the Executive Director for SEA-21/CNRMC. She currently serves as the Director for Industrial Operations (SEA-04) at NAVSEA, and addressed the audience in that capacity. Special guests in the audience included the new DASN Sustainment Mr. Sean Burke, Director Fleet Maintenance, RDML Bill Greene, and ASNE President RADM (Ret) Mark Hugel. We're also very pleased to see the positive trend continue with more Naval officers and Enlisted attending, as well as students from ODU and the Maritime Academy at Hampton High School.

The December program is always a fantastic event for sharing the spirit of the holiday season with business colleagues and friends. Come join us !!



Guest Speaker Stephanie Douglas



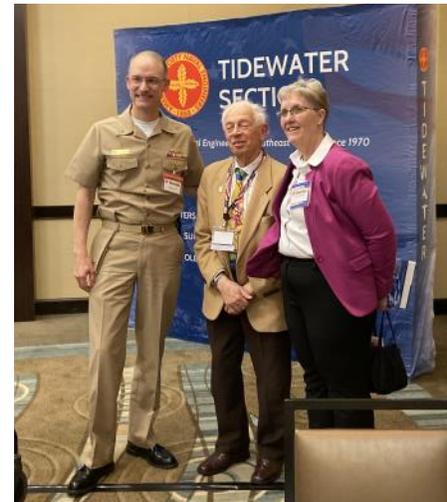
Sean Burke



Pam Schools and Ms. Douglas



*Above:* Large crowd of 100+ attendees!  
*Right: (L to R)* Adm. Greene, Joe Yurso, Stephanie Douglas





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## CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

### Fill an Open Position!

**Nominating Committee:** Joe Yurso was appointed Chairman of the National Nominating Committee and is soliciting help for those that may wish to serve on the Committee, and those that may be willing to participate as potential candidates for Council positions and one Vice President vacancy. Those interested are encouraged to contact Joe by phone or email: (757) 418-1007, [jyurso2@cox.net](mailto:jyurso2@cox.net).



**ODU Officer:** We would love to get the ODU/ASNE Student Chapter up and running again and we're looking for officers for the 2019-2020 academic year. If interested, please contact Mike D'Amato at [Michael.damato@hii-tsd.com](mailto:Michael.damato@hii-tsd.com).

**Committee Members for FMMS 2020:** We are gearing up for FMMS 2020 and can use your skills and creativity as we begin planning this very popular event! See details on [page 8](#) of the newsletter.

### Apply or Recommend a Recipient for a STEM Grant!

Twice a year ASNE Tidewater awards STEM Grant monies to individual or group recipients involved in STEM-related projects! If you would like to apply for the grant or recommend a well-deserving individual or group, please visit our [website](#) to complete the funding application.

APPLY NOW

### Increase Membership!

We currently have 373 active members within the Tidewater Section of ASNE. Please encourage your colleagues and friends to join ASNE and become part of our Society family! Go [here](#) to join.

Welcome to our newest members! If you transferred from another section, please shift your chapter association to ASNE Tidewater. Section lapel pins for new members are available for pickup at the monthly dinner/meetings.



### Like, Comment, Share and Follow Us on Facebook!

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## ASNE TIDEWATER SPECIAL EVENTS

### UPCOMING EVENT

ASNE Tidewater is sponsoring a **free and family-friendly** event at the Hampton Roads Naval Museum on December 14, 2019 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon. Please join us for a guided tour of the U.S. Navy Vietnam exhibit, "The Ten Thousand-Day War at Sea: The U.S. Navy in Vietnam, 1950 - 1975."

Please RSVP at [ASNE.Tidewater.Social@gmail.com](mailto:ASNE.Tidewater.Social@gmail.com).



### PAST EVENT!

On November 25th our Vice Chairman **Andy Vasquez** set up a tour of the M80 STILETTO (Experimental Navy Stealth Ship) at the Joint Expeditionary Base (JEB) Little Creek - Ft. Story in which twelve of our members were able to attend. The tour was very informative, and very well received as well as very impressive. Special thanks to **Mr. Dennis Moyer** (Chief Engineer), **Mr. Dennis Danko**, and the staff for a very impressive tour of their craft. Below are some of the pictures of our members during the tour.





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## SCHOLARSHIP NAMED FOR JOSEPH F. YURSO

ASNE Tidewater Section awards four scholarships annually via the ASNE National Scholarship Program. These four Tidewater Section Scholarships are named after Section honored members. This is the fourth in a series of newsletter articles that recognize the ASNE Tidewater named scholarship honorees. This month's article is about the Joseph F. Yurso Scholarship, which was implemented by the Tidewater Section for member **Captain USN (Ret.) Joseph F. Yurso**.

It can and should be said, that Joe Yurso is "The Model ASNE Member." Joe has been an ASNE Member in excess of 50 years! He served as the ASNE National President from 1997 to 1999. He was the ASNE Tidewater Section Chairman from 1990 thru 1991. Joe was voted onto the Tidewater Section ASNE Honor Roll in 1998. He has been awarded both the prestigious "Frank G. Law and Harold E. Saunders ASNE National Awards. He has served as a Member of the National Council and as a Section and National ASNE Adviser for decades!

During Joe's 30 year naval career he became known as a "Troubleshooter." Consistently assigned to Commands to unraveling Surface Ship, Submarine and Hull Class wide complex Engineering Issues. Joe's nomination for the ASNE Harold E, Saunders Award documented his numerous engineering and leadership achievements during his long and distinguished naval career, while assigned to the Navy's Shipyards and SUPSHIP Commands. To say it is an impressive list of accomplishments, is to understate the obvious.

For those ASNE Members who attend and participate in any of ASNE's symposium, dinner meetings and other gathering events, Joe is always regarded as an ASNE Leader who has the credibility to ask Presenters and Key Note Speakers "The Hard Questions." When Speakers open the floor for questions and the audience hesitate to respond, all-knowing eyes look to see where Joe is sitting, because the audience knows, Joe will have an insightful question to pose to the Speaker. This distinctive characteristic of Joe's engagement during ASNE events is a testimony to his creditability as a Naval Engineer of Note and a recognized Industry wide Leader.



Another outstanding quality that Joe has constantly shared over the years with his ASNE colleagues is his deep sense of religious spirit. For many years Joe has given the blessing prior to Section Dinner Meeting meals. His prayers give thanks to the creator and all those individuals and values the society serves to represent and support.

Joe Yurso served on, and continues to serve and support numerous community, industry, religious and civic committees and boards in the Region. Joe is always willing to listen and support his friends, colleagues and the American Society of Naval Engineers.

Joe Yurso is a sterling example of the great people that have been active serving their country, their community and professional societies. ASNE Tidewater Section is proud to honor Captain USN (Ret.) Joseph F. Yurso with an ASNE Tidewater Section Named Scholarship.



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## FMMS 2020 - VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

Hello Members and Friends,

[FMMS 2020](#) will be here before we know it and the Committee is in full planning mode! *We'd love your input and involvement.*

- ◆ Are you or someone you know interested in writing and submitting a technical paper? Reach out to the committee with your name and paper title.
- ◆ We need volunteers for many different sub-committees and roles and encourage you to attend a planning meeting and see where you fit in.

### Current Needs:

- ◆ Technical Papers – committee members to help review papers
- ◆ Marketing Team – Write blurbs for social media, engage with the HQ team to help communicate with exhibitors, plus many other smaller details.
- ◆ Operations – Someone to learn behind the scenes and support with details in the few months leading up to the event.

### Symposium Details:

- ◆ Fleet Maintenance and Modernization Symposium (FMMS)
- ◆ Date: September 14-17, 2020
- ◆ Location: Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, VA

### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING!

- ◆ Thursday, November 14, 2019
- ◆ 11:30am – 12:30pm
- ◆ HII Building Address: 5701 Cleveland Street 4th Floor Virginia Beach, VA 23462 (phoning in is available; email Chair below for details)

Have ideas, improvements, feedback, or questions? Great! We look forward to hearing them at our next committee meeting December 12!

Cheers,  
Charlie Pfeifer  
Chair FMMS 2020  
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Fleet Maintenance & Modernization Symposium  
**FMMS**

September 14-17  
Virginia Beach, VA

**2020**





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## ASNE 2020 EVENTS VISION

The American Society of Naval Engineers is delighted to share the 2020 Events Vision. We have a very exciting calendar of events with even more coming. Stay tuned! For now, check out what's in store and envision your future with ASNE.

Email [meetings@navalengineers.org](mailto:meetings@navalengineers.org) for more information or visit [www.navalengineers.org](http://www.navalengineers.org) to register today!

### Advanced Machinery Technology Symposium (AMTS)

Event Date: April 1-2, 2020  
Event venue: Philadelphia 201 Hotel, Philadelphia, PA  
Sponsorships: OPEN  
Exhibits: OPEN (table tops only)  
Call for papers: Deadline extended to September 27th  
Registration: OPEN, Early bird deadline February 21st  
Hotel Block: OPEN  
Learn more at: <http://www.navalengineers.org/Symposia/AMTS2020>



Advanced Machinery  
Technology Symposium

April 1-2, 2020  
Philadelphia, PA

### MegaRust

Event date: May 19-21, 2020  
Event venue: Marriott Mission Valley, San Diego, CA  
Sponsorships: OPEN  
Exhibits: OPEN (selling quickly!)  
Call for papers: OPEN  
Registration: OPEN, Early bird deadline April 10th  
Hotel Block: OPEN  
Learn more at: <http://www.navalengineers.org/Symposia/MegaRust-2020>



### Technology, Systems & Ships (TSS)

Event date: June 16-18, 2020  
Event venue: FHI 360 Conference Center, Wash, DC  
Sponsorships: Coming SOON  
Call for papers: Coming later  
Registration: Coming later  
Learn more at: <http://www.navalengineers.org/Symposia/Technology-Systems-and-Ships-2020>



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SYSTEMS & SHIPS  
JUNE 18-20, 2019  
FHI 360 | Washington, DC

### Multi-Agency Craft Conference (MACC)

Event date: July 15-16, 2020  
Event venue: USCG Yard, Baltimore., MD  
Sponsorships: Coming SOON  
Exhibits: Coming SOON  
Call for papers: Coming later  
Registration: Coming later  
Hotel Block: Coming later  
Learn more at: <http://www.navalengineers.org/Symposia/MACC-2020>



AT THE U.S. COAST GUARD YARD  
July 15-16, 2020  
Baltimore, MD

### Fleet Maintenance and Modernization Symposium (FMMS)

Event date: September 14-17, 2020  
Event venue: Virginia Beach Convention Center,  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Sponsorships: OPEN  
Exhibits: OPEN  
Call for papers: Coming later  
Registration: Coming later  
Hotel Block: Coming SOON  
Learn more at: <http://www.navalengineers.org/Symposia/Fleet-Maintenance-and-Modernization-Symposium-2020>



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