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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NAVAL ENGINEERS TIDEWATER SECTION



JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Mar 27, 2019	ASNE TW Dinner / Meeting (<i>Note: 4th Wednesday</i>) Speaker TBD	
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May 14-16, 2019	MegaRust Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel	
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Jun 7-9, 2019	Norfolk Harborfest @ Towne Point Park / ASNE - Sika Ultimate Build-A-Boat Challenge: 25th Anniversary	

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Monthly Dinner

5:30 - 6:00 PM	Registration / Social
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 - 8:00 PM	Speaker

Dinner meetings are posted as events on the section's Facebook page and photos are posted after the meetings. Become friends with "Tidewater Section – ASNE" to get notifications as soon the reservation system is opened for each month's dinner!



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Chair's Letter to the Membership

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Greetings!

Happy New Year 2019!

The one thing we can all count on is change...in the weather, in our health, in our jobs and life in general. Change.

Like many of you, I have in years past written out my goals for the New Year, habits to stop doing or start doing (like exercise more); yet by the end of the year it seems like a 50%-50% mix of what I accomplished. Many goals had to span multiple years, some I had to put on a shelf, and a few I accomplished. Yet the accomplishments and failures all had one thing in common...the journey itself.

ASNE as a whole and the Tidewater Section have been on a long journey over the course of a 130-year history and it comes back to a group of people who discuss, solve, dissect, question, and continue the quest to improve naval ship design, building, repair, and technologies. The journey of a technical dialog is at the root of the ASNE charter.

2019 will be a year we need to band together to solve some of our section's challenges like membership, community involvement, filling volunteer slots, and taking pride in our accomplishments of host events like MegaRust, monthly dinner speakers, and Ultimate Boat Building Challenge.

I need your help to continue our journey together in serving the maritime community as place for technical discussions, sharing new problem solving ideas, networking and brining in the next generation of engineers to continue sailing into the future.

Please feel free to reach out to me or any of the serving officers on opportunities for you to man an oar, trim a sail, replace piston rings, or any type of job that you see needs to be accomplished to help the ASNE vessel.

I look forward to this year's journey!

Fair winds,

Jessica

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ASNE TW Dinner / Meeting January 23

PLACE: Virginia Beach Norfolk Holiday Inn, 5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

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

COST: **Members:** \$28 in advance / \$30 at the door
Non-members \$33 in advance / \$35 at the door
Military in uniform:

- 0-4 / E-7 & below \$15 in advance / \$20 at the door
- 0-5 / E-8 / CWO & above \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door

Student ASNE members: \$10 in advance / \$15 at the door
Student non-members: \$15 in advance / \$20 at the door

To sign up go to: <http://www.asne-tw.org/> "Events". Please pay in advance using the on-line payment system – THIS SAVES YOU MONEY! Please RSVP online NLT 12:00 pm on Tuesday, January 22, 2018.

Born and raised in upstate NY, CAPT Johnson attended SUNY Buffalo and received a BSEE in 1994. He joined the Navy as a nuke in 1994, completing Nuclear Power School in December 1994, and completing prototype at MARF in 1995. He reported aboard USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) in 1996 where he served as Machinery Division, Reactor Controls Division, and Reactor Training Assistant from 1996 to 1999.

He joined the EDO community in 2002 while serving at COMOPTEVFOR as an Operational Test Director for radar and navigation systems, and completed his postgraduate work at MIT in 2005 where he received degrees in both Electrical Engineering and Naval Engineering. His first assignment as an EDO was at Supship Newport News as the Nuclear and Propulsion Assistant Project Officer (APO) on the CVN-70 RCOH from 2005 until 2007. During his tour there, he volunteered to serve on an IA assignment, where he worked with The Army Corps of Engineers as the Electrical Transmission and Distribution Program/Project Manager for all projects in Iraq. He then rotated to US Fleet Forces Command, where he served as both the CVN and SSN Desk Officer, and NNSY program manager, responsible for overseeing the lifecycle maintenance requirements of CVNs and SSNs while also managing a \$1B maintenance and modernization operating budget with NNSY.

In 2008, he was promoted to Commander, and in mid-2009, he was picked to assume the CVN/Amphibious Division Head job at Norfolk Ship Support Activity (NSSA). While at NSSA, he was handpicked by VADM McCoy to become a member of the LPD-17 crew, tasked with leading a team of engineers to correct issues that had existed on that ship since delivery. In 2012, after a successful INSURV on LPD-17, he rotated to become the CVN New Construction Project Officer (Code 151) at Supship Newport News, overseeing the construction of both the GERALD R FORD (CVN 78) and the JOHN F KENNEDY (CVN 79), where he led the government project team through launch, completion of all major structural work, and EMALS test program completion on the CVN 78, and laid the keel of the CVN 79.

In 2016, he rotated to Mid-Atlantic Regional Maintenance Center (MARMC), where he served as the Waterfront Operations Officer, responsible for all surface ship and tactical craft maintenance in the Hampton Roads region. In that time, he oversaw the successful deployment of two Amphibious Ready Groups, two Carrier Strike Groups, a dozen independent deployers, the successful WASP deployment to Japan, and the first DDG DMP to be executed outside of home port.

In 2018, CAPT Johnson became the fourth commanding officer of Surface Maintenance Engineering Planning Program (SURFMEPP). In his tenure at SURFMEPP, CAPT Johnson has focused on helping CNO avail execution, including the stand up of a material ordering process meant to deliver material prior to the start of depot maintenance.

CAPT Johnson has been awarded the Legion of Merit (2 awards), the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Navy Commendation Medal (3 awards), the Navy Achievement Medal, and numerous other individual, unit, and campaign awards. He is married to the former Jennifer Rook, also from upstate NY, and they have two children.



Captain Andrew P. Johnson, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer, SURFMEPP



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December Dinner / Meeting Recap

Rear Admiral Jesse A. Wilson, Commander Naval Surface Force Atlantic, addressed an ASNE Tidewater audience of 80 members and guests at the December 12th dinner meeting.

RDML Wilson is responsible to properly man, train, and equip the surface ships of the Atlantic Fleet, currently at seventy-five strong. He spoke eloquently about Readiness, Maintenance, Naval Engineers as a core component of the fleet industrial base, Urgency in the face of great power competition, Human Factors in the design and operation of our ships, and above all Leadership and Ownership as the lynchpins to success.

Thank you Admiral Wilson for sharing your time and insights with us!



Future Dinner / Meeting Dates

January 23, 2019

February 20, 2019

March 27, 2019

April 17, 2019

May 15, 2019



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Membership News: January 2019

A warm welcome to our new Members:

CAPT Steven Sarar
Joshua Adams
Konrad Freischlag
Alex Laurent
Stephen Nimitz
Thomas Cavanaugh

We are presently at **392** members. Our goal is **500**. Please keep up the good work in recruiting new members. **We need your help -- please sign up a new member today!**

Please keep your Member Information up to date by signing in to and updating both the National and Section Websites:

ASNE National Page - <http://www.navalengineers.org>

- Sign in using your Login Name and PW (click on Log In on upper right corner)
- Verify your contact information is correct...email, phone, address, and more!
- **Ms. Michelle Redmon**, the National Membership Manager at **(703) 836-6727**, mredmon@navalengineers.org can help you with the logon and update your data.

Tidewater Section Page - <https://asne-tw.org/>

- Sign in using your Login Name and PW (click on Log In on upper left).
- Verify your contact information is correct.
- Check out the forums to voice your ideas and experience.

If you are up for renewal, you will receive an email from ASNE HQ thirty days prior. They will send additional reminders. You may easily renew by logging in to the National Page, where you will see your renewal invoice. If you need assistance renewing, contact **Ms. Michelle Redmon**, the National Membership Manager at **(703) 836-6727**, mredmon@navalengineers.org

If you have transferred here from another ASNE Section, please provide your new address information at the National ASNE Website listed above and request shift to **Tidewater Section**.

Tidewater Section lapel pins are available for pickup at the monthly dinner meetings.

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Communication

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ODU Chapter Information

The ODU / ASNE Student Chapter is looking for officers for the 2018-2019 academic year.

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Please consider posting internship and job opportunities at ODU's Career Management Center:

www.odu.edu/cds/employers

You may also post to the Job Board on the ASNE HQ site:

<http://www.navalengineers.org/Membership/Job-Board>

Book Sale

The following professional development books are available for purchase:

- History of American Naval Dry-docks by Richard D. Hepburn \$23
- Naval Engineering & American Sea Power by multiple authors \$19
- Marine Casualty Response Salvage Engineering \$55

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