



Outfitting to Start Soon on Lead COLUMBIA Hull

Over the past several months, Department 915 Modular Outfitting has been preparing to start work on the first of class COLUMBIA 826 Hull. A small initial team of COLUMBIA ship builders, supervisors, and area superintendents have been assembled and trained on the new IPDE Design Deliverable platforms. As COLUMBIA outfitting work begins to grow, the team consisting of roughly 50 employees today will grow to over 300 by the end of 2022.

In August of this year, pre-paint vertical outfitting began on COLUMBIA Section 7. Similar to its VCS counterpart, Section 7 has numerous tanks, 50K foundations and the AFT LET (Logistics Escape Trunk) hull insert. In October, the AFT LET was loaded. This first time evolution for Columbia begins a string of significant first time loads in S7, including the landing of the Bilge Water Processing/Drain Water Collection 1 & 2 tanks. After roughly 70,000 hours of outfitting, Section 7 will proceed to paint in August of 2022, and then subsequent post paint outfitting before joining with Sections 6 and 8, which will then be designated as Columbia Supermodule 5. Right on the heels of Section 7, D915 will also be receiving Section 8 at the start of the New Year.

In the past several weeks D915 has begun to receive some of the first post paint decks to be outfitted. Two of the four, fully painted, 3rd Platform Outboard Missile Deck Modules (MDM) are currently in Building 9 and currently being prepped for landing on a set of 88 ft. long end-load fixtures. The port and starboard end-load fixtures will be the home of the outboard decks

for nearly the next two years as an additional eight MDM deck sections will be fabricated, painted, stacked, and outfitted in preparation for the start of the end-load of the outboard decks in to Supermodule 3, which makes up the Columbia Missile Compartment. In early 2022, we will see the first of the major engine room decks start to come out of paint for post paint outfitting, and from there, the Columbia Outfitting team will quickly need to grow to over 300 plus Shipbuilders.

Modular Outfitting, like the Steel Team before us, face the numerous challenges associated with rapid growth - from splitting experienced Shipbuilders from the Virginia Program to support growth of the Columbia Program, to onboarding an additional 300-500 new employees by the end of 2022. Along with the growth required in the management team, there will be no lack of challenges to overcome. The Outfitting Team is prepared and ready to face those challenges head on.

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Continuous Improvement

"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them. " *-Albert Einstein*

8000 Problem Solvers

There are right around 8000 employees working at the Quonset Point facility. We work in different areas, trades and specializations. We come from a range of backgrounds. Some of us have decades of experience and others may only have days. What we all have in common is being problem solvers. Without doubt, every single one of us has solved a litany of problems throughout our lives and careers.



Think about that for a minute. 8000 people with the ability to positively affect our business every day. That is a force to be reckoned with. Embracing this force is at the core of EB's continuous improvement culture. This is because all of us, each an expert in our respective field, are capable of improving the way we work.

The average American spends a staggering 90,000 hours or 13 years of their life at their place of occupation. We should strive to make the most of our time here and provide ourselves and our fellow shipbuilders the greatest opportunity for success.

You know that frustrating process you may be going through boat after boat, every week, or even every day? Frustration at work is often the perception of a problem. We must challenge the need for such frustrations by working together to solve the problems we encounter. This won't always come easy. However, by not accepting the continuity of that frustration we will reap the rewards of our efforts for thousands of hours to come.

Interesting EB Trivia:

What was the name of the first Submarine built entirely in Groton for the US Navy?



Answer: Cuttlefish

Have a process improvement idea, or simply just want a board to bounce ideas off? Discuss your idea with your supervisor. If additional resources are required for implementation, your supervisor can contact Process Engineering.

EB Benefits - Discount Tickets

2021 HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

GROUP OUTING



Thursday, December 30th

2:00pm or 7:00pm

Harlem Globetrotters • Dunkin' Donuts Center

OFFER DETAILS:

All Employees, Family Members, and Friends must purchase a ticket to attend the event. To sit together as a group make sure to select the same seating sections and enter your group's name at checkout! Purchase your tickets through the link below!

Discounted Tickets: \$29

Discounted ticket price reflects price before fees
Deadline to order tickets is December 23rd!

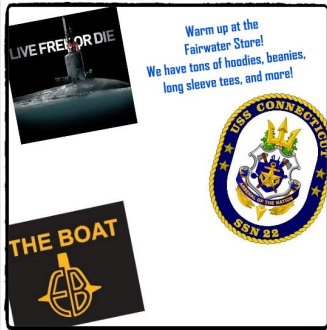
PURCHASE ONLINE NOW AT:

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INSTRUCTIONS: Please go directly to the link listed above to purchase your tickets. Once purchased you will receive an email in regards to how to access your mobile tickets through your mobile device. If you have any questions or concerns please call Anthony Pontrelli at 401-680-4713 or email him at Pontrelli@pseagency.com!



Seawolf and Idaho coins available!



- Tons of boots!
- Gifts from Stonewall Kitchen, Corkcicle, and more!
- Carhartt & Timberland apparel!
- Custom order jackets, rainwear, boots, etc.

Hours of Operation

7:30 am to 4:00 pm

6:30 am (every other Wednesday)



EB Weekly Safety Briefing WK – 49
12/12/21 - 12/18/21

Health & Wellness



Choices we make at home can also prevent injuries at work. Stretch, Stay hydrated and make good eating choices.

GENERAL DYNAMICS
Electric Boat

Policy Statement # 13: Electric Boat Corporation has established Occupational Health and Safety as the Company's Number One Priority.

Personal wellness will often carry over to your physical safety at work!

Submit proof of vaccination to: ProofOfCovidVaccination@gdeb.com

Gate 16 Access (B2019) For Weekend Shifts

As of Saturday, December 4, Gate 16 has been accessible for B2019 employees working weekend overtime shifts. The gate will operate on the following schedule:

- Gate will open at 5:30am for 1st shift and will remain open for a sufficient time to allow employee ingress, and will then be closed until 11:30am.
- Gate will open at 11:30am for 2nd shift ingress and stay open for 1st shift departure at noon. Once all 1st shift employees have left, the gate will close until 6:00pm.
- Gate will open at 6:00pm for 2nd shift departure.

If at any point there is a need for an employee to enter or leave while the gate is closed, they or their supervisor will contact the command center and follow further guidance to have the gate opened. If at any time the gate will be opened remotely by security, a supervisor **MUST** be at the gate to discourage any unauthorized access until the employee has left and the gate has closed.

Any questions should be directed to QP Security at 2-2410.

Gate 16 (B2019) Now Operating Weekends