



## Focus on Preparation Leads to Excellence in Motion

Over Veterans Day weekend, some of Electric Boat's finest shipbuilders completed a small piece of a much larger puzzle in Virginia Class construction. On November 12th and 13th, a crew of transfer car operators, engineers, instrumentation, and support personnel safely executed PCU ARIZONA and PCU TANG major moves within Building 260. This crew repositioned ship modules across the final assembly building tracks to begin a series of ship movements that will lead to completion of the PCU IDAHO pressure hull complete milestone and PCU IOWA rollout key events in early 2023. Flawless execution of such large events are not possible without extensive planning and preparation. To accomplish the moves, the team frequently met well ahead of time to determine constraints, assess and mitigate risks, and schedule the evolution.

Similarly, I have recently had the privilege to witness the extensive preparations accomplished for upcoming COLUMBIA major component off-load evolutions. The group consisted of a predominantly newer workforce with key experienced shipbuilders who developed the work packages and risk mitigation practices for these events over the last two months. In doing so, the team last week demonstrated to the Waterfront Directors they were prepared to conduct these first-of-a-class events successfully. This preparation is what led to successful execution of the module movements, will set the COLUMBIA team for excellence and in many forms can be applied in ALL the work we do.

With every task we accomplish at EB, there is a scalable approach to planning and preparation. From awareness of our surroundings traversing to / from our work areas to interactive briefs and deckplate job hazard analyses, we ALL play a critical role in eliminating and/or mitigating the risks of our daily activities. Each of us brings our own unique experience to EB every day. Clear communication and expectations within our individual teams will help to validate we are prepared to properly execute our work

activities, both large and small.

For the many tasks we perform at Electric Boat, there is a team of individuals planning and preparing to make it happen. And the success of these activities relies first and foremost on those preparations. Those are EB's standards – setting our teams up for success for flawless execution.

**Douglas Rea**

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## Continuous Improvement

“Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four **sharpening** the ax.”

### Safety through Continuous Improvement

Our health is one of our greatest individual assets. Without it, we are less able; or possibly unable to generate revenue through our income. Our health also provides us the ability to do the things we enjoy, making it essential to our happiness. Collectively, our health and wellbeing is critical to the ability of our company and therefore ourselves to be successful. When we consider these facts, continuous improvement in the pursuit of greater safety should be one of our top priorities as shipbuilders.



When we look at the way we are performing our work, one of the first questions we should ask ourselves is how can we do this safer and with less risk? More often than not, the safer means of doing something is also more efficient. While it almost seems like human nature to use that pair of water pump pliers as a hammer instead of walking to the toolbox, we must all be extremely aware of the return on investment that comes from getting that hammer (figuratively or literally).

When we approach any job here at EB or at home, we must realize that taking the time to find or develop a safer process, even if that means taking a step back or just going to get the right tool for the job can pay dividends. That additional time may initially be perceived as waste, but we all know the difference the right tool for the job can make. That extra time is an investment which will yield less risk, which in itself can be the difference between a relaxing evening with our family after work and an injury that takes us out of work or worse.

So the next time you start a job, look for a safer way to get it done. Ask your peers for their advice. It's the time to be selfish. It's the time to make an investment in yourself and your health.

#### **Grassroots Process Improvements:**

When creating a *custom tool, fixture or jig* to improve your process, make sure to also involve Safety, Engineering or any other appropriate team to make sure that it is compliant with their guidelines. You will see the reminder in the new CIAD for Grassroots ideas!

**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.**

# 2022 Groton Veterans Day Observance November 10, 2022



## November is Diabetes Awareness Month!



Meet with a Wellness Coach during Diabetes Awareness Month to assess your risk for developing Type Two Diabetes. Coaches will be using the American Diabetes Association screening questionnaire to help identify certain health markers that can affect the possibility of developing diabetes.

- Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, Kings Highway Cafeteria, 10:30am-12:30pm
- Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, New London Cafeteria, 10:30am-12:30pm
- Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, Groton Bldg. 88 Cafeteria area, 10:30am-12:30pm
- Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, Groton Wet Dock Cafeteria, 10:30-12:30pm

According to the CDC, 130 million adults are living with diabetes or prediabetes in the United States. Uncontrolled blood sugar levels can lead to numerous health problems including cardiovascular disease, kidney failure, blindness and more. Learning your individual risks based on lifestyle and family history, as well as regular preventive screenings, are recommended for diabetes prevention and management.

Questions? Please contact EB Wellness at [ebwellness@gdeb.com](mailto:ebwellness@gdeb.com)



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Hours of Operation

Bldg 4: 9:30am to 4pm  
Bldg 104: 8am to 4pm  
New London: 7am to 2pm



**Weekly Safety Briefing**  
11/20/2022 – 11/26/2022

**200%**  
ACCOUNTABILITY



Week 47

**GENERAL DYNAMICS**  
Electric Boat

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

**No bar code this week**

**Flu Shots and COVID Bivalent Boosters Available Through EB Family Wellness Center & Pharmacy**

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