



Key Construction Milestones - Our Role in a Ship's History

Last week, Quonset Point held the keel laying ceremony for the future Virginia-class submarine TANG (SSN 805). The keel laying ceremony is based on historic traditions that were intended to bring luck to construction and crew, and is the first of several important construction milestones on the path to delivery and commissioning.

Tang, the 32nd submarine in the Virginia-class fleet, is one of the first Block V ships equipped with the Virginia Payload Module (VPM) which provides greater mission capability to the ship.



TANG (SSN 805) inherits her name from TANG (SS 306), a BALAO class, World War II submarine which saw heroic combat action in the Western Pacific Theater. This keel laying provides an opportunity to remember and recognize this rich heritage as we celebrate this traditional event on the 80th birthday of the launch of TANG (SS 306) on Aug 17th, 1943.

I was fortunate to attend the ceremony, and as I listened to the speakers, I was able to take a moment to reflect on the big picture and our purpose as a Quonset Point construction team. We are building these incredible ships that countless submariners depend on to execute their mission and come home to their families safely. We build a product that our country depends on for national security and defense of our freedom.



TANG has a long journey ahead before she can achieve this mission. For us, that means from this first construction milestone, we have thousands of work orders to go. Nearly every QP department has a role - We will weld, grind, inspect, paint, lift, test...and overcome countless challenges to build Tang. This feat requires us to stay focused on key tenets:

Teamwork is required. We can't do this alone. Constructing and shipping modules is one of the most challenging efforts requiring significant teaming and communication. Be extremely helpful, assume positive intent, and always remember we are one team – not opponents.

Keep things in perspective. Remember our purpose and what we're building. Try and understand the "why" behind our actions, and help teach others along the way. Look for the positives, even in challenging situations. It's not an easy journey.

Take pride in who we are and what we do. Be proud to be part of the QP team and our role in ship construction. Show your pride by taking care of each other and the environment in which we work. Clean, organized, and safe work areas demonstrate our commitment to each other and role. Show your pride in the quality of everything you do. Show pride in your "QP Family" by engaging and supporting others and the community.

If you haven't watched it yet ---- TANG's keel laying ceremony has been shared internally on EB's Homeport site, and externally to EB's social media accounts.

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CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Safety Through Continuous Improvement

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

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 well-being 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.

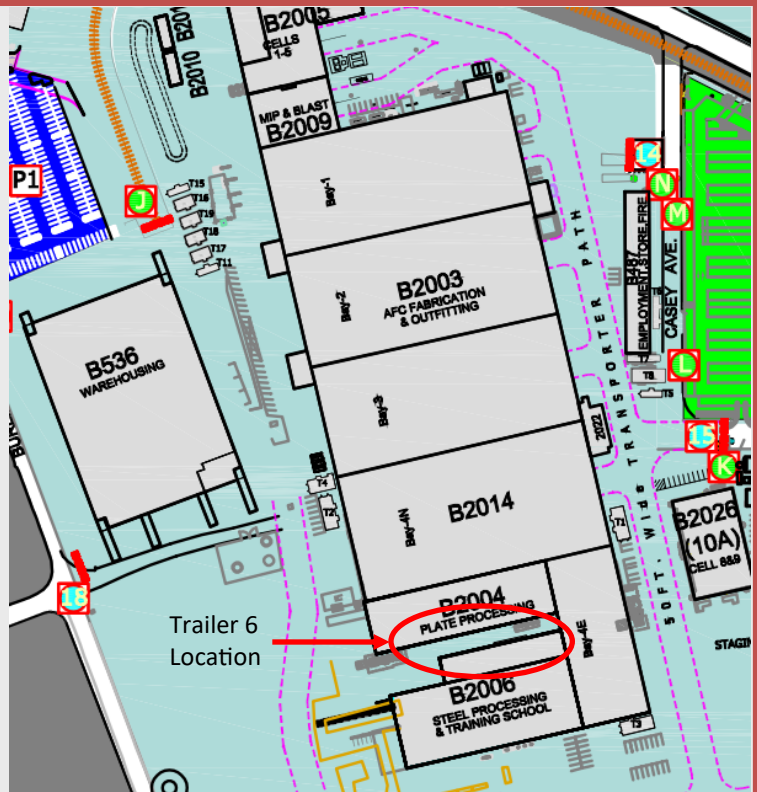
So the next time you start a job, look for a safer way to get it done. Ask your peers for their advice. It’s the time to be selfish. It’s the time to make an investment in yourself and your health.

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.

D973 Training has a new trailer on the QP Waterfront – Trailer # 6. This trailer is gray and located in the alleyway in-between buildings 2004 & 2006 (west-side). Trailer 6 has replaced trailer 17 and will now show up in Cornerstone as a training location. See the map to the right for a visual reference.



Don't let stress
get the best of you

Join the Chill Challenge



Two-Week Challenge

(Join and participate for any two-week period through Sept 2nd.)

Tame those runaway thoughts this summer with the *Chill Challenge*. Practicing mindfulness can help alleviate stress by improving emotional regulation, leading to a better mood and increased ability to handle stress.

For this challenge, you'll keep track of each day you complete one mindfulness activity over a two week period. All activities are listed on the attached flyer.

Turn in your completed tracker to your Health Promotion Specialist to be entered into a raffle for a Yeti water bottle or tumbler. Each day that you check off is worth another entry.

Complete the brief [Pre-Challenge Stress Level Questionnaire](#) for an extra raffle entry.

Don't forget- Completing just one mindfulness or coaching session "counts" for one activity towards your individual [It All Counts](#) goal.

Reach out to your site contact below to sign up.

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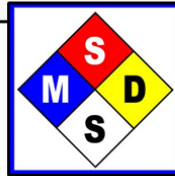
Hours of Operation
7:30 am to 4:00 pm



QP Weekly Safety Briefing

08/20/2023 – 08/26/2023

200%
ACCOUNTABILITY



Knowledge is Power

What materials are you working with?

Do you know the hazards associated with them?

Do you know how to find out?

GENERAL DYNAMICS
Electric Boat

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

EB 1st Shift Bowling League



Team Meeting September 13th @ 3:45pm

Bowling Starts September 20th @ 4pm

Kingstown Bowl

6125 Post Rd.

North Kingstown, RI

Contact Dave Rull - 401-226-6442 (Bldg 9A)