

# ***NORTHROP GRUMMAN*** NEWS

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## **Media Advisory**

Northrop Grumman to Lay Keel for Submarine *California* (SSN 781)

*Live Satellite Feed Available*

- What:** News media are invited to the keel laying and authentication ceremony for the *Virginia*-class submarine *California* (SSN 781) at Northrop Grumman Corporation's (NYSE: NOC) Shipbuilding-Newport News sector on May 1. The ceremony is not open to the public. The keel laying will be Webcast at : [http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/Northrop\\_Grumman/090501\\_california/](http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/Northrop_Grumman/090501_california/).
- Who:** Mrs. Donna Willard, wife of Admiral Robert F. Willard, United States Navy 32nd and current Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, is the ship's sponsor and will serve as keel authenticator for the ceremony. Mrs. Willard will authenticate the keel by chalking her initials onto a metal plate. Her initials will then be welded onto the plate. Other ceremony participants include Adm. Kirkland Donald, director of Naval Nuclear Propulsion; *California*'s Prospective Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Kevin Kinslow; and Electric Boat President John Casey.
- When:** **Friday, May 1, 2009**  
Media Check-in: 11:00 – 11:15 a.m.  
Event begins at 12 p.m. and should conclude by 12:45 p.m.
- Where:** Media should park in the shipyard's Virginia Advanced Carrier and Integration Center (VASCIC) parking lot (see attached directions). News media must arrive at the parking area no later than 11:15 a.m. to cover the ceremony. Transportation to the submarine construction building will be provided.
- RSVP:** April 30 by 3 p.m. You must present a photo ID and be a U.S. citizen to be admitted to the event. Please provide the following when you RSVP: name, Social Security number, date and place of birth.  
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**NOTE: Because this is an industrial setting, media attending must wear long pants and closed-toe, sturdy shoes.**

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### **Satellite Information**

Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding will provide a live, multi-camera, digital satellite broadcast of the ceremony in its entirety on May 1. Details are as follows:

Satellite: Galaxy 16  
Transponder: 22/Slot 3  
Downlink: 12137 MHz Vertical Down  
Data Rate: 5.5 Mb  
FEC: 3/4  
Symbol: 3.978723 MS  
Online: 11:45 a.m. EDT with a window through 12:45 p.m. EDT

### **Directions to Media Parking**

- From Interstate 64, take exit 264 to interstate 664 South
- Take exit 6 to 26th Street
- Continue straight on 26<sup>th</sup> Street until you come to the stop sign at West Avenue
- Turn left onto West Avenue
- Turn right into VASCIC
- Park in the garage

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