



Our Mission is to **Educate**, **Develop**, and **Connect** the NS community with the military community past and present

## Who We Are: VeteraNS

VeteraNS is a ERG which will always seek to support the strategic directive of senior management.

VeteraNS will align with the SPIRIT Culture by increasing awareness of a defined section of our workforce, and highlighting their accomplishments in the armed forces and at NS.

VeteraNS will show appreciation to all armed service veterans, and those who are affiliated with this community. We are a service oriented group.

## Independence Day Event: TAPS



## HERO of the Month: “Thank You”

VeteraNS would like to acknowledge our “Hero of the Month” award nominees. VeteraNS has implemented this program to honor employees who have served in the Armed Forces. Norfolk Southern & VeteraNS would like to thank them for their service to our country. Our current 2014 recipients are:

Todd Wentz, Abdu Bennett and Dwight Aker.

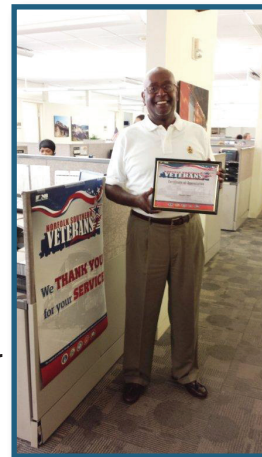
### Abdu Bennett

I joined the United States Navy on March 12, 1981. After attending boot camp in Great Lakes Illinois, I was assigned to Naval Base San Diego California for Administration School. My next stop was Meridian Mississippi where I attended Yeoman “A” School. My first duty station was the USS JOHN F KENNEDY (CV 67). The Kennedy is a conventional powered aircraft carrier that included 5,000 men and over 100 aircraft. During my time in the Navy I was stationed aboard 5 different naval vessels including the USS NIMITZ, USS CORAL SEA, USS AMERICA and USS CARL VINSON. I visited many countries during my Naval career including Africa, Australia, France, Spain, Turkey, Israel, Italy; just to name a few. I Left the Navy in 1993, but continued my career in the Navy Reserves and retired in 2003 as a First Class Petty Officer (E-6). I joined Norfolk Southern Corporation in 1993. My time in the military has helped me during my 21 year career here at Norfolk Southern. To all current military personnel, I would like to “thank you” for your continued service to this country. I would also like to thank Norfolk Southern Corporation for being a strong supporter for veterans.



### Dwight Aker

Military Service: Honorably served in the US Navy from 17 November 1975 until 1 September 2000. Attained the grade of Chief Petty Officer prior to his retirement. Railroad Service: Hired by Norfolk Southern in September 2000 to work in the Crew Management Center where he continues to serve proudly. Hobbies: Sailing, Fishing, and gardening.



### Todd Wentz

Congratulations to Todd Wentz, government reporting officer, Safety and Environmental Department, who was named the VeteraNS “Hero of the Month.” Wentz served in the U.S. Navy.



## DAV | RECRUIT MILITARY® ATLANTA ALL VETERANS JOB FAIR

Atlanta All veterans job Fair Norfolk Southern HR and members of VeteraNS participated in a Veteran Career Fair on Thursday June 26 held at the GA Dome from 11:00am to 3:00pm.





## VeteraNS Social & Community Events

We have started pairing social events with community events, we are reaching out to various agencies to see how we can assist as a group ex: VA hospital visits, habitat for humanity veteran build etc...we also participate in the Thoroughbred Volunteers events.



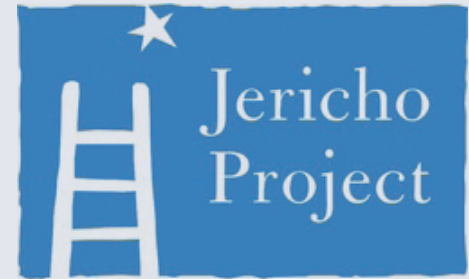
### Power Lunch

Power Lunch is a one-on-one reading and mentoring program that pairs students who are reading below grade level with volunteers who serve as Reading Mentors. Power Lunch operates at no cost to mentors, participating schools or students. All Power Lunch schools are Title I (low-income) schools and are chosen based on need and proximity to sustainable volunteer sources.

### StoryTime

StoryTime brings books to life to young students in grades 1-3 through entertaining storytelling events presented by professional performers, authors and storytellers. They from a variety of community resource such as local theatres, storyteller associations and performance art theatres. Storytellers entertain students with their tales and music, calling on students to participate through interactive role play which use costuming and props. Find out more. - See more at: <http://www.everybodywinsatlanta.org/program/>

## Volunteer Organizations:



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## Upcoming Events

Come Roll With Us! VeteraNS would like you to join us for an evening of bowling fun with Friends & Family:

Thursday, Aug. 21 @ 5pm—9pm.

RSVP by Aug. 14 to [Veterans@nscorp.com](mailto:Veterans@nscorp.com)

Below are a list of our various committees. We are seeking volunteers. Please send inquires to: [veterans@nscorp.com](mailto:veterans@nscorp.com) or visit our website below

- Membership Committee
- Treasurer (Non Agreement)
- Leadership & Development
- Communications
- Chair
- Editorial Review Board
- Events/Socials

## **VeteraNS Leadership Council:**



Darryl Strozier, Douglas Widdis, Natasha Malloy, Royce Collins, James Lawrence, Alan Brown, Valerie Sconiers, Shawn Alexander, Marsha Jackson, Tiffany Morris (not in photo), Chuck Newton (not in photo) Mary Jane Boylan (not in photo) from left to right starting from the back row.