



American Welding Society®

TIDEWATER SECTION

District 4

Hampton, Va. 23670

<http://awssection.org/tidewater>

Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 5:30pm

Join us for National Welding Month!

Meet AWS President Dick Holdren

Free Raffles for Students

Meeting will be held at

VPCC Work Force Development Center

600 Butler Farm Rd., Hampton, VA 23666

Food and Drink will be provided

Pizza served at 5:30, meeting begins at 6:00

Come out and enjoy the food and fellowship!

If you plan to attend
please call ARC3
(Hampton) (757)728-9353.
Your RSVP is needed.
Thanks for your help!

"Chairman's Corner"

Greetings Welding Community,

We had a great presentation for our March meeting which is focused on "Women in Welding" and their contribution to the industry. Huge thank you to Stephanie Kiffer, Jacqueline Phillips, and Rachel Pike, with Newport News Ship Building, for taking their time to come out and present "Women of Welding Engineering" (WOWE). Thank you to everyone who joined us for March.

April is National Welding Month!!! We are honored to announce that we will have the AWS President here to visit. Mr. Richard Holdren has been a member of AWS since 1972, beginning as a student. He is a graduate from The Ohio State University with a degree in welding engineering and is an AWS Certified Welding Engineer. Mr. Holdren is also an ASNT Level III and an AWS life member. Mr. Richard Holdren has many years of experience and a wealth of knowledge to share with us. He will be visiting various locations in our District. We are very honored to have him in Hampton Roads and to visit the AWS Tidewater Section. Don't miss the opportunity to meet him and hear about his journey!

As you know, May is our annual "Fish Fry" and is a huge hit!! Please be on the lookout for information on that upcoming event. I also would like to announce that we are honored to be holding our 2025 AWS District 4 annual conference here in Hampton Roads. We will be hosting it at Tidewater Tech this year and we are excited to have it local for 2025.

As always, our section is looking for new faces to join our executive/planning committee. If you have any interest in joining, please let any board member know and we will add you to our meeting distribution list. We are also looking for meetings and/or tour ideas for our events. If you have any suggestions, please reach out to any of our board members listed in this bulletin.

Kristie Miller

Tidewater Section Chairman

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<http://www.aws.org/> Link to AWS National page
<http://awssection.org/tidewater> Link to AWS Tidewater page
<https://www.aws.org/foundation/page/scholarships> Link to AWS Scholarship info

<https://youtu.be/a24xBshitQc> Link to March 2023, Women in Welding Related Careers meeting

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