



American Welding Society®

TIDEWATER SECTION

District 4

Hampton, Va. 23670

<http://awssection.org/tidewater>

Thursday, May 08, 2025, 5:30pm

Join us for our annual Fish Fry!

\$12 for Students

\$17 for All Others

Meeting will be held at

Bennett's Creek Park 3000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, Suffolk VA 23435

2026 Executive Board Announcements

Tuna, scallops, hamburgers, sides and drinks provided

please bring a lawn chair

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 April meeting! April is National Welding Month, and we were graciously blessed with a presentation given by Mr. Richard "Dick" Holdren who is the AWS President and a wealth of knowledge to the welding community. A huge thank you to Mr. Holdren and Lynn Showalter for making that happen. We had a great turnout, and the student raffle was also a success. Another huge shoutout to Lincoln Electric, Arc3 Gases, TK Welding Certifications and Acoustical Sheetmetal for supplying the prizes for the students. Thank you to everyone that joined us for our April meeting.

May is the AWS Tidewater Section's infamous FISH FRY!! This will be held at Bennett's Creek Park on May 8th. You do not want to miss this. We will be making announcements regarding section leadership and much more at this event. Please come out and just enjoy the food and fellowship!

Our next meeting following May will be in September, and we will be doing a hands-on demonstration. It will be fun and engaging for everyone. You don't want to miss it either. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding our September meeting.

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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CWI CERTIFICATION

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HELPFUL LINKS

<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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