



AMERICA'S 400TH ANNIVERSARY

The Journey That Changed the World

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America's 400th Anniversary Honors Free Enterprise

Commemoration Sponsors Norfolk Southern and Verizon Ring New York Stock Exchange Closing Bell

Williamsburg, Va.— America's 400th Anniversary Founding Colony Sponsors Norfolk Southern Corporation and Verizon will ring The Closing BellSM at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on March 21 as a tribute to Jamestown, Va., and the start of America's free enterprise economy.

More than 185 years before the NYSE was founded, England's King James I granted a charter to a group of London entrepreneurs – the Virginia Company – to establish an English settlement in the Chesapeake region of North America. This business venture led to the 1607 founding of the first permanent English settlement – Jamestown, Va. The 104 Jamestown settlers brought with them the spirit of free enterprise and entrepreneurialism, and established the foundations of American society.

“Norfolk Southern Corporation and Verizon understand the importance of Jamestown as the place where America's free enterprise system took root. Their support of America's 400th Anniversary has helped focus the world's attention on Jamestown as America's first permanent English settlement,” said Jeanne Zeidler, executive director of Jamestown 2007, the planning organization for America's 400th Anniversary.

The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, a private educational institution, joins Norfolk Southern and Verizon as Founding Colony Sponsor of the commemoration.

Today, forward-thinking companies like Norfolk Southern Corporation and Verizon are carrying on Jamestown's great free enterprise tradition. As a result, America enjoys a competitive marketplace that fosters ingenuity and the same entrepreneurial spirit that led to the founding of Jamestown in 1607.

The ceremony will take place at 4:00 p.m. on March 21 and will feature members of Jamestown Settlement's Honor Guard in addition to the following corporate leaders:

Norfolk Southern Corporation

Henry C. Wolf, Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer
Robert C. Fort, Vice President Corporate Communications
Leanne D. Marilley, Director Investor Relations
Debbie A. Malbon, Assistant to Vice Chairman

Verizon

Maura Breen, Senior Vice President & General Manager New York Region

Ron Lataille, Senior Vice President Investor Relations

Jamestown 2007

Jeanne Zeidler, Executive Director

***Jamestown 2007**, a sub-agency of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, is coordinating efforts to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, Va., the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. The nation's first representative government, free enterprise system and culturally diverse society began at Jamestown. State, national, and international commemorative events to salute these legacies began in May 2006 and continue into 2008. Major corporate sponsors of America's 400th Anniversary include Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC), Verizon (NYSE: VZ) and The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Other supporters include Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. (NYSE: BUD), AirTran Airways (NYSE: AAI), Consol Energy and CNX Gas Corporation, Dominion, James City County, Lockheed-Martin, McGuireWood LLP, Philip Morris USA, SunTrust, TowneBank and Wolseley PLC/Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. Contributors include the City of Poquoson and Rutherford Insurance. More information about the commemoration is available at www.Americas400thAnniversary.com.*

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