



# Proclamation

During the past 100 years, the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard has made vital contributions to our nation's defense. Over several generations of workers, the Shipyard has come to play an equally important part in Hawai'i's social, cultural and economic history.

On May 13, 1908, the United States Congress approved legislation creating the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard and authorizing \$3 million for its construction. Since then, the Shipyard has grown from a "coaling and repair station" to become the largest ship repair facility between the West Coast of the United States and East Asia.

A turning point in the Shipyard's history came on December 7, 1941 with the morning attack on Pearl Harbor, after which Shipyard workers successfully returned 15 of 18 major ships to battle. This earned them the famed motto, "We Keep Them Fit to Fight." The Shipyard would continue to prove instrumental throughout World War II, playing a decisive role in turning the tide of the war at the Battle of Midway and in maintaining the ships that would ultimately win victory at sea.

Today, the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard employs nearly 5,000 sailors and civilians, making it the largest fully integrated military-civilian workforce involved in shipyard work in the United States. Dedicated and talented employees are responsible for maintaining the ships and submarines of the Navy's fleet throughout the Asia-Pacific theater. Their performance and superior workmanship has allowed the Shipyard to receive multiple national awards for its environmental stewardship and safety excellence.

Looking forward, the Shipyard is strategically positioned to enter a new century of ensuring the security of our nation and the Asia-Pacific region as it prepares to serve as the homeport of the USS Hawai'i, the third ship in the U.S. Navy's newest class of nuclear attack submarines, starting in 2009.

As Hawai'i's largest industrial employer, the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard has been as vital to our state as it has been to our country's defense. In addition to contributing to the livelihoods of thousands of Hawai'i families, the Shipyard infuses more than \$600 million into our local economy each year. The Shipyard has also invested heavily in the future of our state with its Apprentice, Engineer Co-Op and other student-hire programs, and through its generous mentorship and support of robotics education in our high schools, all of which help to prepare our youth for successful careers in Hawai'i and the global economy.

During the week of May 11-17, 2008, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard will host several key events in celebration of their centennial, including a Historical Symposium and Reception on May 12; an All-Hands Centennial Celebration on May 13; and the 2008 Shipyard Apprentice Graduation on May 14.

**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **May 11 - 17, 2008**, as

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in Hawai'i, and encourage residents to join in congratulating the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility for its 100 years of exemplary service to Hawai'i and our nation.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventh day of May 2008.

Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i