About Us

For more than 131 years, the ships built at Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS), like the American shipbuilders who built them, have served our nation in peace and war, in times of adversity and in times of abundance. Our legacy of “Always Good Ships,” includes the design, construction, overhaul and repair of more than 800 ships for the U.S. Navy and commercial customers.

Today, NNS, a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries, is the nation’s sole designer, builder and refueler of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and one of only two shipyards capable of designing and building nuclear-powered submarines. We also provide fleet services for naval ships.

We are the largest industrial employer in Virginia, employing about 20,000 people, many of whom are third-and-fourth-generation shipbuilders.

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Aircraft Carriers

Carrier Construction
For more than 75 years, the American shipbuilders at NNS have designed and built more than 30 aircraft carriers, including the world’s first nuclear-powered carrier, USS Enterprise (CVN 65), and all 10 of the Nimitz-class nuclear-powered carriers. Today, our shipbuilders are designing and building the next-generation of aircraft carriers—the Gerald R. Ford class. The first-in-class, Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78), delivered to the Navy on May 31. The aircraft carrier features advanced capabilities that will increase the power of our military’s fleet with reduced manning. Advanced construction on the John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) began in February 2011.

Carrier Refueling Complex Overhaul (RCOH)
We are the only shipyard to perform RCOH work on Nimitz-class aircraft carriers. The undertaking was described in a 2002 Rand Study as one of the most challenging engineering and industrial tasks undertaken anywhere by an organization. The nearly four-year project is performed once during a carrier’s 50-year life and includes refueling of nuclear reactors, as well as significant repair, upgrade and modernization work. We have completed RCOH work on the first five Nimitz-class ships, and the sixth ship, USS George Washington (CVN 73), is currently undergoing work in preparation for its RCOH.

Carrier Fleet Services
We provide technical and life cycle logistics services wherever there is a need, including maintenance and modernization work at our facilities in Newport News and San Diego, and at naval bases around the world.

Nuclear-Powered Carrier Inactivation
NNS is the only shipyard to provide for the inactivation of aircraft carriers. Once the service life of a carrier is complete, the ship comes to the shipyard for defueling of its nuclear reactors. The inactivation of the USS Enterprise (CVN 65) is underway and is the first nuclear carrier to undergo the process.
Submarines

Submarine Construction
Using expertise developed from building more than 60 submarines over four decades, NNS is one of only two shipyards capable of designing and building nuclear-powered submarines. Currently, we are building the most advanced attack submarines in the world—the Virginia class. Designed to meet the Navy's requirements in a post-Cold War era, the advanced capabilities of these ships increase firepower, maneuverability and stealth. NNS is producing these submarines as part of an innovative agreement with General Dynamics Electric Boat. The team has delivered the first 14 boats in the Virginia-class and is currently working on Colorado (SSN 788), Indiana (SSN 789), South Dakota (SSN 790) and Delaware (SSN 791).

Submarine Design and Engineering
NNS designs and provides on-site installation of state-of-the-art technologies for the Los Angeles-class and Seawolf-class attack submarines to keep our fleet the most capable in the world. Additionally, we are supporting Electric Boat, through design and engineering efforts, on the Columbia-class Ballistic Missile Submarine Replacement Program.

Fleet Services
From design to construction, maintenance to disposal, we provide quality services to the submarine community, wherever there is a need, through mobile and in-house capabilities.
Contract Work

The Kenneth A. Kesselring Site
NNS provides maintenance services on nuclear reactor prototypes at the Kenneth A. Kesselring Site, a research and development facility in West Milton, N.Y., that supports the U.S. Navy.

About Huntington Ingalls Industries
Huntington Ingalls Industries is America’s largest military shipbuilding company and a provider of professional services to partners in government and industry. For more than a century, HII’s Newport News and Ingalls shipbuilding divisions in Virginia and Mississippi have built more ships in more ship classes than any other U.S. naval shipbuilder. HII’s Technical Solutions division provides a wide range of professional services through its Fleet Support, Integrated Missions Solutions, Nuclear and Environmental, and Oil and Gas groups. Headquartered in Newport News, Virginia, HII employs nearly 37,000 people operating both domestically and internationally.

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