

HII 10th Anniversary: Shaping Freedom, Shaping Lives

Richard Rayborn: I came as a laborer back in the late '70s, early '80s, worked my way to Manager III, and I do appreciate the opportunity that I was given. We have people that's coming in the shipyard in the last five, 10 years that will be taking our places in the future. And I'm proud that we have an opportunity to groom them, work for the future of the shipyard and make it successful.

Robert Brauchle: When I moved to Virginia in 2011, I quickly got a sense that this community is built on two things, shipbuilding and the military, and those two are closely related. Since then, I've met and become friends with so many people who work at HII and at Newport News Shipbuilding. I play softball with guys who are welding day in and day out. I go to church with people who are part of the facilities team at NNS and who work in the tool shop. I have close to a half dozen family members, including my wife, who work in different departments at the shipyard. So getting the opportunity to join this company, it felt like I was joining a team where I already knew some of the players. HII's mission is larger than any ship we could build or a single service we could provide, but it's a significant piece of a larger mission to protect the United States.

Jennifer Childs: I'm just so proud that I've been able to continue serving my country. I was in the Navy before, and now I've got to be on the other side of it, providing the ships that the Navy uses in their every day. And I'm just happy that I'm able to have a job where every day I come in and know that what I do makes a difference to our sailors, our Marines, and to our country.

Richard Adams: It's just been a wonderful experience for me. I had no experience in the shipyard when I came in. So to see all the things that going on in shipyard is very amazing to me.

Katelyn Johnson: Working at HII has changed my life. Because of their education assistance policy, I was able to go back to college and get a degree completely debt-free. I've also been able to continue to learn and grow in my chosen field. And because of that, I get to come in every single day to a job that I love. I want to say congratulations to HII on their anniversary and to my fellow HII employees.