

MARE ISLAND NAVAL SHIPYARD

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Vallejo

In 1854 this shipyard became the U.S. Navy's first permanent installation on the Pacific Coast. It thus serves to illustrate the nation's effort to extend its naval power into the Pacific Ocean. The first U.S. warship (1859) and first drydock (1872-1891) constructed on the West Coast were built here. The wood-shingled Saint Peter's Chapel (1901), with its signed Tiffany stained-glass windows, is the oldest Navy chapel in the country.