

The Senate

CONGRATULATES AND RECOGNIZES
REAR ADMIRAL LLOYD R. "JOE" VASEY (U.S. Navy, Ret.)
ON HIS 95TH BIRTHDAY

Rear Admiral Lloyd R. "Joe" Vasey (U.S. Navy, Ret.) has led an illustrious life serving the people of the United States. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1939 with a B.S. in marine engineering and later earned a M.A. in education at Stanford University.

Like most military personnel during the 1940's, Joe's life was changed by the attack on Pearl Harbor. Less than a month after the attack, Joe qualified as a Submarine Officer. He served on three different submarines. His longest service was with the USS Gunnel. The USS Gunnel patrolled the Atlantic waters for German U-boats and aided with the invasion of North Africa. Later the USS Gunnel engaged in successful patrols of the Pacific, including Southwest Pacific Islands, Australia, Korea, Japan, and the Philippines. These patrols were far from safe, the submarine was subjected to depth charges at least twenty times and attacked by five different nations.

One notable attack in 1943 by Japanese anti-sub forces lasted almost thirty-six hours. After this attack, Joe resolved that it is better to seek peaceful resolution of conflicts instead of war. After the war, he served as White House Aide for President Harry Truman, and subsequently developed strategies that helped the United States deter Soviet Union's aggression during the Cold War.

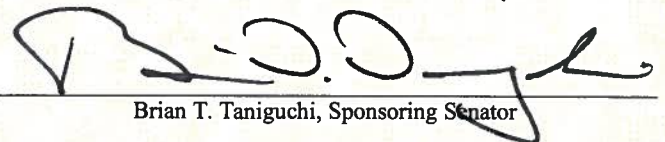
Joe retired in 1970 from the Navy but continues to this day to keep his vow he made in 1943. He created the Pacific Forum which serves as a think tank to help Pacific nations develop a better understanding of each other through various research projects. Today, the Pacific Forum/Center for Strategic and International Studies are one of the most influential policy research institutes in the United States and Pacific Region. Joe and his late wife, Lillian, established a fellowship program to allow young scholars the opportunity to learn at the Pacific Forum.

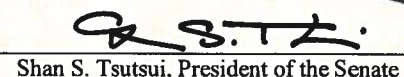
The Senate of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, congratulates and recognizes **REAR ADMIRAL LLOYD R. "JOE" VASEY (U.S. Navy, Ret.)** on his accomplishments and contributions made to our country and state throughout his career. The Senate extends its best wishes for a happy 95th birthday and continued good health.



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Brian T. Taniguchi, Sponsoring Senator


Shan S. Tsutsui, President of the Senate


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