

# Japanese B5N "Kate"



## B5N KATE - FIST OF THE JAPANESE FLEET

### Facts & Figures

- The Nakajima B5N was a Japanese carrier-based attack aircraft known to the allies as "Kate", a key aircraft used in the attack on Pearl Harbor
- "Kates" eliminated the carriers *USS Hornet*, *Lexington*, and *Yorktown*. An attack by "Kates" was an eyeball-to-eyeball experience where highly trained Japanese pilots and allied anti-aircraft gunners confronted each other in a very personal way as the aircraft rushed at its target, hitting with considerable accuracy.
- More than 1,200 "Kates" were built before and during WWII. None are known to exist today.

### About this Kate

- This is one of five surviving B5N Kate replicas manufactured by 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox for the movie *Tora! Tora! Tora!*
- This aircraft is painted as ship BII-310, a group leader from the carrier Hiryu. Ship BII-310 was one of the aircraft involved in attacks on the USS California at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941.

