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(Photos from today's *Living History Day* are available at:
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Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor
Hosts 2,500 Visitors at annual *Living History Day*
In Partnership with Smithsonian *Museum Day!*

Honolulu, HI – Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor brought America's WWII history to life at its annual all day *Living History Day*, September 22. More than 2,500 visitors attended the annual historical celebration event. Photos from today's *Living History Day* are available at: <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmquJ5S2>

The event was held in affiliation with Smithsonian Magazine's *Museum Day!*, providing free admission to those who presented a *Museum Day!* ticket, downloaded free from the website.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is a Smithsonian Affiliate and ranked one of the nation's top 10 aviation attractions in the nation by TripAdvisor®. Also ranked "Hawaii's #1 Historical Place Worth Traveling for" by FlipKey®/TripAdvisor®.

This year's event recognized the role of unsung heroes in the nation's recovery during and after the Pearl Harbor attack. There were two special screenings of "Go For Broke: An Origin Story", held in the Museum's theater, followed by a question and answer session with members of the film's cast and crew. "Go For Broke: An Origin Story" explores the complex emotional framework that allowed the young

men in the 100/442nd to serve their country while their families were incarcerated or living under martial law, all in a bid to prove their loyalty and “Americanness” to those who doubted it. There was also a Hangar Talk with Shane Sato, Portrait Photographer who has spent nearly two decades photographing Japanese American WWII Nisei veterans. In 2017, he worked with oral historian Robert Horsting to publish a coffee table book, *The Go For Broke Spirit: Portraits of Courage*.

Other themed activities included demonstrations on how to preserve WWII-era and family photos, as well as a vintage LIFE Magazine reading corner; a scavenger hunt throughout the Museum; costumed interpreters including WWII pilots and swing dancers who conducted swing dance demonstrations with the public; displays and presentations by local students; and open cockpits.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is located on Historic Ford Island, where bombs fell during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Walk on the Pearl Harbor battlefield where the attack began, enter the bullet-scarred hangars, see the control tower and aircraft of the battle, including a Japanese Zero and the B-17 Swamp Ghost. Hear the stories of WWII heroes and their response to the attack that changed our nation and the world. Tour Included, flight simulators and café available.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Its mission is to develop and maintain an internationally recognized aviation museum on Historic Ford Island 3 that educates young and old alike, honors aviators and their support personnel who defended freedom in The Pacific Region, and to preserve Pacific aviation history. Contact: 808-441-1000; Marketing@PacificAviationMuseum.org