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## **Upcoming Events At Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum**

**December 6 – Blackened Canteen Ceremony:** Hosted by National Park Service, Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum, and Dr. Hiroya Sugano, M.D., aboard the USS Arizona Memorial, 7:00 am. Dr. Hiroya Sugano, Director General of the Zero Fighter Admirers' Club, comes from Japan to conduct this annual commemoration of peace and reconciliation ceremony with a silent prayer and pouring bourbon whisky from a WWII-blackened canteen into the water from the USS Arizona Memorial as an offering to the spirits of the fallen.

**Blackened Canteen Youth Symposium:** Following the ceremony, Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum hosts the Blackened Canteen Youth Symposium to commemorate this story of forgiveness, reconciliation, and friendship borne out of the horror of World War II. The Symposium will be held at the



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Museum's theater from 10-11 am. It will feature Dr. Hiroya Sugano, the caretaker for the Blackened Canteen, and several WWII veterans. These speakers will address themes reflected in the legacy of the Blackened Canteen. Admission to the symposium only is free, but advance registration is requested. School groups are encouraged to attend. Seating is limited. For more information, call 808-445-9137.

**December 7 – “Air Raid Pearl Harbor – This is No Drill!”** This presentation by J. Michael Wenger, noted military historian and author, is an outgrowth of the new book, *This Is No Drill: The History of NAS Pearl Harbor and the Japanese Attacks of 7 December 1941*; Co-authored by J. Michael Wenger, Robert J. Cressman, and John Di Virgilio. Historically, there has been an intense focus on the events that immediately preceded the attack on Pearl Harbor, about which many mistaken perceptions have arisen over the years. This presentative provides a summary of the progression of the bombing attacks with a special focus on Ford Island, using both Japanese and American records. Since NAS Pearl Harbor served as a base for long-range patrol aircraft, the Japanese aimed to put the station out of action to prevent U.S. planes from searching for their carrier force. Initial attempts to locate the Japanese fleet originated from Ford Island, and Mr. Wenger shares some of the stories of those naval aviators and their exploits. The compelling human side of the opening day of the Pacific War provides a counterbalance for the traditional narrative of strategy, tactics, and combat. This event is free and open to the public.

**December 7 – Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade, 6 pm:** Our gaily lit and decorated aircraft joins the other floats and bands, to parade down Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki, to honor and pay respect to the Pearl Harbor survivors, our veterans, active duty military and their families. The Museum will be giving out free “Traveling P-40” magnets to spectators. The parade takes place on the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack. Parade starts at 6:00 pm at Ft. DeRussy in Waikiki and proceeds down Kalakaua Avenue, to Kapiolani Park.



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**December 8 – Museum Annual Dinner Gala 6 pm – 10 pm:** The Museum's annual dinner fundraiser helps support the Museum's Restoration and Education programs. Gala will include cocktails, dinner, entertainment, and an auction. Guests will get a first look at newly restored aircraft fresh out of Lt. Ted Shealy's Restoration Shop. Information, sponsor tables and tickets, contact 808-447-1794 or [JoBeth.Marihugh@PearlHarborAviationMuseum.org](mailto:JoBeth.Marihugh@PearlHarborAviationMuseum.org), or online at [PearlHarborAviationMuseum.org](http://PearlHarborAviationMuseum.org)

**March 2, 2019 – Open Cockpit Day, 10-00am – 4:00pm**

Saturday March 02, families, aviators, and kids of all ages will get up close and personal with aviation today, climbing into the open cockpits of many of the historic aircraft in Hangar 79 at Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum.

Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum 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.

Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Its mission is to steward America's first aviation battlefield of World War II sharing the artifacts, personal stories, the impact and response to the December 7, 1941 attack and the Pacific region battles that followed, honoring those who have defended our freedom so they might educate and inspire future generations. Contact: 808-441-1000; [Marketing@PearlHarborAviationMuseum.org](mailto:Marketing@PearlHarborAviationMuseum.org)

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