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Ford Island Control Tower Project Moves Forward With Grand Opening of Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust Library and Archive

\$1.75 Million Library Renovation Now Home to Rare and Historic WWII Aviation History Books, Maps and Artifacts from Sidney H. Bradd Collection

HONOLULU — Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum celebrated the grand opening of the Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust Library and Archive on December 8, 2019, marking an important milestone in the museum's effort to restore the Ford Island Control Tower and open it to the public.



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The Emil Buehler Trust Library and Archive provides a permanent home for the Sidney H. Bradd Collection, which consists of more than 7,000 books, magazines and historical photographs and artifacts dedicated to the history of World War II and field of aviation.

“The opening of the Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust Library and Archive is our most visible step to date in the complete restoration of the iconic Ford Island Control Tower, a living piece of history,” said Elissa Lines, Executive Director, Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum.

“The library renovation, followed by the repair of the elevator, are part of our overall plan to open the Ford Island Control Tower to the public as part of the 75th Commemoration of the End of World War II in 2020. The impact for visitors and our local community cannot be measured,” said Lines.

The Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust Library and Archive offers unprecedented scholarly and research opportunities to historians, students and the community at large, providing access not only to the Sidney H. Bradd Collection but to several thousand additional publications, maps and photos already part of the museum's collection.

Named for our generous donor, the library honors the legacy of Emil Buehler, an innovative architect, entrepreneur, aircraft home builder, and aviation enthusiast.

Library design and furnishings were generously donated by Hank Menke, President and Owner of OFS, and his family in recognition of the World War II service of his father and uncles. The donation of furnishings have allowed the museum to move priceless collections from storage units to the library, where they are able to be accessed by the public.

The Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust Library and Archive is open by appointment only initially, with plans to be open during the Museum’s operating hours by summer 2020. Appointments can be made with the museum’s curatorial team at 808-465-2483.

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About 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 the Pearl Harbor battlefield where the attack began, enter the bullet-scarred hangars, and see the control tower and aircraft of the battle, including a Japanese Zero and the B-17 Swamp Ghost. Hear the stories of World War II heroes and their response to the attack that changed our nation and world. Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum’s mission is to steward American’s first aviation battlefield of World War II. It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that depends on membership, volunteers, and donations for support. To join, volunteer or support, visit www.PearlHarborAviationMuseum.org.

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