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Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor's *Biggest Little Airshow in Hawaii* June 4, 5 To Feature World Class Pilots and Planes

Honolulu, HI – Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor's popular remote control Biggest Little Airshow in Hawaii sponsored by Aloha Petroleum is back for its ninth year Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5, 10am to 4pm. Guests will be able to drive on to Ford Island for this event, or take the free shuttle from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Parking is free. A family favorite, the Airshow features open cockpits, hangar tours, restored World War II aircraft, and remote control flying by some of the best pilots and aircraft from the Mainland.

For two days, Ford Island will come alive with remote-control flying, static aircraft and full-size aircraft on display, "candy bombings" over historic Ford Island Runway for the keiki, hands-on modeling stations, a Kids Zone with rides, food, drinks, retail, music, entertainment, activities and – new this year – snow. Open cockpits and access to Hangar 79 to see the Museum's many aircraft exhibits and the Swamp Ghost and Nakajima Kate in restoration will add to the event.

This year the Airshow welcomes Warbirds West, an award winning team of pilots from around the country flying giant-scale remote controlled aircraft. A dazzling T-33 Thunderbird opening act kicks off the show followed by multiple performances featuring the A10 Warthog, F14 Tomcat, F9 Panther and the impressive F100 Super Saber flying at speeds approaching 200 mph. Tribute flights will include a Douglas SBD Dauntless Dive Bomber, two Japanese A6M Zero fighters matched with a pair of "Flying Tiger" P-40E Warhawks, and two Chance Vought F4U Corsairs. In an epic display of air-to-air combat simulation, Republic P47 Thunderbolts will duel with Focke-Wulf 190 fighters. Multiple North American P51 Mustangs will demonstrate precision flying, and a Stearman biplane will perform aerobatics.

The Warbirds West performance will include Alan Szabo flying one of his explosive helicopter aerobatic routines in a circus-like aviation performance. The performances will focus on innovative aircraft, which are rooted to the U.S. armed services and their defense of our nation's freedom. On the ground, spectators will be able to explore static aircraft displays and interact with pilots and crew members.

Talented local performers will also join award-winning Mainland pilots from the Academy of Model Aeronautics with their 1-to-4 scale planes to perform remote-control aviation feats. Specialty acts will feature: Pattern, 3-D fixed wing and helicopter aerobatic flights, aerobatics performances, South Pacific battles, "Candy Bomber" drops, and Skycam drone helicopters. Remote control aircraft on static display will include jets, helicopters, Viper Jets, Warbirds, B-17s, B26Bs, P-47s, a Zero, P-38s, Corsairs, OV-10s, and more.

"We'll have spectacular airplanes and dog fight action that's sure to have the crowd on its feet," said Michael Fetyko, Warbirds West Team Captain. "Combining pilot and engineering skills with the technology required to pull off these breathtaking demonstrations supports our mission to inspire youth toward educational opportunities in science, engineering and mathematics along with a deep appreciation for our rich American history."

Special display marks 74th anniversary of the Battle of Midway:

In addition to these activities, this year's event will also commemorate the Battle of Midway, a four-day, sea-and-air battle that was the decisive turning point of World War II in the Pacific. The Museum's newest display pays tribute to the Battle Of Midway with original WWII murals, recently restored and now hanging in Hangar 79 for Airshow guests to view for the first time.

Visitors can also enjoy free tours of Hangar 79 and climb into the open cockpits of some of the Museum's classic aircraft. Hangar 79 still bears the bullet holes of the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Inside, guests will see helicopters, fighter planes, and Lt. Ted Shealy's Restoration Shop, the 1941 machine shop that is busy restoring the Museum's aircraft. They'll also get up close and personal with an F-14 Tomcat, F-15 Eagle, F-86s, P- 40, MiG-15, F-111, and the one and only "Swamp Ghost," the Museum's B-17E Flying Fortress.

Biggest Little Airshow in Hawaii sponsors include: Aloha Petroleum, Papa John's Pizza, City and County of Honolulu, Marriott Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa, Enterprise Rent a Car, Pearlridge Center, Pepsi, Veterans United, Hawaii News Now, Yelp, iHeart Media, Xtreme Fun, Jelly Belly Candy Company, and Aloha Beer Company.

Admission to the Airshow is \$5 per person (including entry to Hangar 79), \$15 per family (limit 6 entries per family). It's free with Museum general admission and free to Museum Members. Tickets for the Airshow only and tickets for the entire Museum visit that day are available online at www.PacificAviationMuseum.org. Museum admissions may also be purchased at the Museum and at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center ticketing desk. Shuttles depart every 15 minutes, 7:30am to 5:00pm from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, round trip to the Museum. Call 808/441-1007 for more information or visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org, Facebook, Flickr, Instagram, and @PacificAviation on Twitter, for updates.

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