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Public Invited to Apache Guardian Helicopter Welcoming Ceremony at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Honolulu, HI—Heralding the beginning of RIMPAC—the U.S. Navy’s 2014 Rim of the Pacific exercise—the new U.S. Army Boeing AH-64E Apache Guardian helicopter is deploying to Hawaii and will fly in to Ford Island and land for public viewing, a welcoming ceremony and blessing at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor on Friday, June 20.

This is a free event for the community to see this visiting helicopter, hear about the U.S. Army’s newest vertical airborne technology, and meet the pilots and ground crew. For students who have been studying S.T.E.M. subjects, the Apache represents an opportunity to witness the latest in aviation technology at peak performance.

Schedule of Events

The public is invited at 3pm to view the helicopter and meet the aviation crew of the Apache—the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade—for photographs and signatures. Blessing with Kahu Kordell Kekoa will occur at 4pm. Free shuttles from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center will provide transportation for the community. For more information call 808-441-1007 or visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org.

The Army AH-64E Apache Guardian helicopter is deploying to Hawaii from mid June to mid August to conduct aviation training in conjunction with the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. Eight Apaches and approximately 40 soldiers from 1st Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, out of Fort Carson, Colorado, are scheduled to conduct training and participate in the U.S. Navy's 2014 Rim of the Pacific exercise, the world's largest international maritime exercise.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, which depends on membership and donations for support. A Smithsonian Affiliate Museum, it is rated one of the top 10 aviation attractions nationally by TripAdvisor®. It is located at 319 Lexington Boulevard, Historic Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818.

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