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Commemorating the 73rd Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor

Honolulu, HI – A series of events will be held on December 7, 2014 to commemorate the 73rd Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor. Listings are below.

December 6th – 8th Anniversary Dinner Gala: “Destination & Dreams,” 6:30 to 10:30pm at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. A fundraiser for the Museum.

December 7th Events at World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument

USS *Arizona* Ceremony, 7:45am, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, free admission.

Attendees should arrive at World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument by 6:30am at the latest. The theme of this year’s historic commemoration, “Preserving the Memory” focuses on how we keep the story of the attack on Oahu and WWII alive for the nation and the world. Parking is available but limited at Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Visit www.PacificHistoricParks.org for more information.

Moment of Silence, 7:55am

Blackened Canteen Ceremony, 11:30am, aboard USS *Arizona* Memorial. Public must arrive by 11am. Dr. Hiroya Sugano M.D., Director General of the Zero Fighter Admirers Club, will honor fallen Japanese and American soldiers with this ceremony, held annually since 1945. Two Army Air Force B-29s collided and crashed during a bombing raid over Shizuoka, Japan in June 1945. The event killed 23 Americans and over 2,000 Japanese. The canteen was pulled from the wreckage—the same canteen Dr. Sugano uses to pour whiskey into the waters of Pearl Harbor as a symbol of peace, honor, and reconciliation.

Kenneth DeHoff, executive director of Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor and George Nottingham, WWII B-29 pilot will participate with Dr. Sugano in this commemoration ceremony.

Following the ceremony students from Nagaoka, Japan will meet with Pacific Aviation Museum Pear Harbor Executive Director Kenneth DeHoff and Dr. Sugano for a roundtable discussion at the Museum. The Japanese students, accompanied by a Nagaoka City representative, are participating in an educational and cultural exchange between Nagaoka City and Honolulu. Visit <http://www.PacificAviationMuseum.org> for more information.

December 7th – Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade, 5:00pm. Parade begins at U.S. Army Museum of Hawai'i at Fort DeRussy in Waikiki, travels down Kalakaua Avenue, ending at Kapiolani Park. See the Museum's F-104 Starfighter in the parade, meet Museum aviators, and receive free aviation gifts as they parade through Waikiki.

The Museum Store and Laniakea Café restaurant are unique in their offerings and their 1940s ambiance. Laniakea Café will be open from 9am-4pm. Located in the air-conditioned Hangar 37. Breakfast, lunch, snacks, and beer and wine are available. Phone (808) 441-1000 or visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org for tickets to the Museum and more information. **Tickets and a free Flight Simulator coupon are available online.**

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

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