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## Commemorating the 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor

Honolulu, HI – A series of events will be held to commemorate the 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

### Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor events:

#### **December 5 – Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor**

#### **Commemorative Dinner Gala: “For Love of Country—Pass It On,”**

6 to 10 pm, Hangar 79. This ninth annual fundraiser helps support the Museum’s Restoration and Education programs and includes cocktails, dinner, entertainment, and auction. Guests will get a first look at newly restored aircraft fresh out of Lt. Ted Shealy’s Restoration Shop, and the one and only B-17E Swamp Ghost.

Information, sponsor tables & tickets, contact 808-441-1006;

[Carol@PacificAviationMuseum.org](mailto:Carol@PacificAviationMuseum.org), and online at [PacificAviationMuseum.org](http://PacificAviationMuseum.org).

#### **December 6 – Blackened Canteen Ceremony featuring Dr. Hiroya**

**Sugano M.D.** aboard the USS *Arizona*, 7:00am. 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. The public and press are invited on a first come, first served basis by calling Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor Event Coordinator Gary Meyers at 808-282-6570, for reservations.

**December 7 – Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade**, 6 pm, Kalakaua Avenue. “Remembering our past and celebrating our future.” Each year, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor takes its gaily lit and decorated F-104 Starfighter to participate in this annual parade to honor and pay respect to the Pearl Harbor survivors, veterans, active duty military and their families. Parade starts at 6pm at Ft. DeRussy in Waikiki and travels down Kalakaua Avenue to Kapiolani Park for the closing ceremony at 7pm.

### ADDITIONAL PEARL HARBOR EVENTS

#### **National Park Service / WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument**

**November 28 – After Dark in the Park: Tora! Tora! Tora!**, 5 – 9 pm, at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, Theaters #1 & #2. Free screening of this acclaimed film, which was shot in Hawaii and Japan. Film includes new footage added in High Definition. Group discussion will follow showing, focusing on the making of *Tora! Tora! Tora!* and its impact on the interpretation of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

**December 4– Afternoon in the Park: Cultural Resources Year in Review**, 4 – 5 pm, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center Theater. Scott Pawlowski, Chief Of Cultural Resources & WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument Dive Officer, will provide an inside look into the new underwater world of 3-D scanning and photography of the sunken remains of the USS *Arizona*. Presentation will also highlight key cultural programs presented throughout the year.

**December 4 – After Dark in the Park: An Evening with Professor David Kennedy**, 7:15 – 8:25 pm, with book signings from 6:30 – 7 pm and 8:30 – 8:45 pm, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center Theater. Pulitzer Prize winning historian and the keynote speaker for this year's December 7<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor commemoration, Professor David Kennedy, will share the art and skill sets of writing and interpreting history. Professor Kennedy is the author of *Freedom From Fear, The American People in Great Depression and War, 1929-1945*.

**December 5 and 6 – International Plastic Modelers Society Pearl Harbor Model Display**, 8 am – 4 pm, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, Education Building, Classroom. The local chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society will have a free public display of ships, planes and vehicles related to those used during the attack on Oahu and Pearl Harbor.

**December 6– Ewa Mooring Mast Field Commemoration**, 10 am, Ewa Field, across from Hawaiian Railway Museum, West Oahu. Join members of the local community and veterans for the annual observance of the attack on Ewa Mooring Mast Field that was defended by the United States Marines. The ceremony honors those who were killed that day, both Marines and civilians. Contact: John Bond, 808-685-3045.

**December 6– USS Utah Memorial Sunset Service**, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, USS Utah Memorial, Ford Island (**ceremony is open to those who have access to Ford Island**). USS Utah Memorial Sunset Ceremony honors the loss of the USS Utah (AG-16) and 58 of her crew. The USS Utah was the first ship torpedoed in the attack on the Pacific Fleet. Struck by two torpedoes, she capsized and sank within 12 minutes.

**December 7 – 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration**, 7:45 – 10:00 am, Kilo Pier, Pearl Harbor. The National Park Service and the United States Navy will co-host the 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the annual commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor. This year's keynote speaker is Professor David Kennedy, the Pulitzer Prize winning author from Stanford University. Professor Kennedy will discuss and share his thoughts on the coming of war and the attack on Pearl Harbor. The ceremony

will take place at Kilo Pier located on the naval base at Pearl Harbor. The public is invited to attend. **Public access will be provided by shuttle bus leaving from Aloha Stadium. Parking and shuttle service is free. Shuttle will run from 6 – 7:15 am, with returning shuttle to Aloha Stadium after the ceremony. Photo ID required, guests not able to attend the ceremony at Kilo Pier can watch a live feed of the ceremony in the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center Theatres.**

**December 7 – USS *Oklahoma* Memorial Ceremony, 1:30 – 2:30 pm, USS *Oklahoma* Memorial, Ford Island.** Ceremony honors and commemorates the loss of the USS *Oklahoma* (BB-37) and 429 of her crew. The USS *Oklahoma* was moored along *Battleship Row* and was hit by as many as 8 to 12 torpedoes during the attack. Her portside was opened up by the salvo of torpedoes. She capsized 12 minutes after the first torpedo hit.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is located on Historic Ford Island, where the first bombs fell at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Remnants from that “date of infamy” surround the Museum and have been left intact—from the 158-foot tall Ford Island Field Control Tower, to the bullet holes in Hangar 79 and along the runway. Through its preservation and restoration of World War II aircraft and accompanying artifacts in the Museum’s historic Hangars 37 and 79, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor shares the often untold story of the vital role aviation played in America’s winning of World War II, and its continuing role in maintaining America’s freedom.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that depends on membership and donations for support. A Smithsonian Affiliate, 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. 808-441-1000.

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