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Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor Announces 2016 Events, Commemorating The 75th Anniversary of the Pearl Harbor Attack, and the Museum's 10th Anniversary

Honolulu, HI – December 7, 2016 will mark 75 years since America was launched into World War II, with the attack on Pearl Harbor. It will also mark 10 years since Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor opened its doors on Historic Ford Island at Pearl Harbor, vowing to honor America's greatest aviators by sharing aviation history of the Pacific and the stories of the heroes of WWII.

The following is a listing of events (confirmed to date) taking place this year at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor:

March

March 5, 2016 - Open Cockpit Day, 10 am – 4 pm in Hangar 79.
The Museum's popular family aviation adventure returns. Climb into the cockpit of one of several of our historic aircraft and talk story with pilots. Flight suits, helmets, and fun provided. Bring your camera. Open aircraft will include: F-5, RC-3 Seabee, F-111, SH-60, CH-46, and the OH-58. Event is free with Museum admission and free to Museum Members.

March 12, 8 am – 5 pm – Women’s History Month. In partnership with the Smithsonian Magazine *Museum Day Live!*, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor will celebrate Women’s History Month by offering free admission to visitors presenting a *Museum Day Live!* ticket. The Museum invites women of all ages and their families to learn about aviation history and explore the possibility of pursuing a career in aviation. Download free tickets:

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/>.

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March 21—24, 2016 - Explorers Club: Eyes on the Sky, 9 am – 3:45 pm daily. Four-day STEM program for students in grades 3—5 with the theme of aerospace. Participants will operate robotic telescopes to view objects in the universe, engineer a mechanism for “soft landings” on another planet, create unique artwork through astrophotography, and more. Price is \$240 per student (\$216 Museum Members) and includes all program fees, lunches, snack and a program T-shirt.

May

May 31—June 3, 2016 - Explorers Club: Cleared for Takeoff, 9 am – 3:45 pm daily. Four-day STEM program for students in grades 3-5 with the theme of aviation. Participants will be introduced to Daniel Bernoulli and Isaac Newton, engineer an egg carton airplane using the 4 forces of flight, design and build an operational airport, create and launch a glider using the properties of flight and more. Price is \$240 per student (\$216 Museum Members) and includes all program fees, lunches, snack and a program T-shirt.

June

June 4—5, 2016 – 9th Biggest Little Airshow in Hawaii, 10 am – 4 pm. This year’s event will pay tribute to the 74th anniversary of the Battle of Midway. Each year, thousands of visitors drive onto Ford Island to experience remote control 1/5th scale warbirds, jets, and helicopters performing aerial stunts; candy bombings for the kids; aircraft displays; a kids’ activity zone; prize drawings; and hangar tours. 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 point, turning the tide of WWII in the Pacific. On June 4, the public is invited to attend a Battle Of Midway commemorative ceremony, reception and unveiling of a special display featuring murals painted during WWII and historical artifacts from Midway Island. **Sponsors, exhibitors and vendors are invited to participate.** For more information including sponsorship and booth opportunities, call 808-441-1013 or 808-445-9069.

June 14—16, 2016 – Flight School for Girls, 9 am – 4 pm. A three-day adventure in the history and technology of aviation for 6th-8th graders. Immersive, hands on activities with an emphasis on Pacific aviation and fun. \$175 (\$155 Museum Members) for the three-day program includes all materials, lunches, snacks, and a Flight School logo tee shirt. Call (808) 441-1005 or email Education@PacificAviationMuseum.org for more information.

June 21—23, 2016 – Flight School for Boys, 9 am – 4 pm. A three-day adventure in the history and technology of aviation for 6th—8th graders. Immersive, hands on activities with an emphasis on Pacific aviation and fun. \$175 (\$155 Museum Members) for the three-day program includes all materials, lunches, snacks, and a Flight School logo tee shirt. Call (808) 441-1005 or email Education@PacificAviationMuseum.org for more information.

June 28—30, 2016 – Flight School for Girls, 9 am – 4 pm. A three-day adventure in the history and technology of aviation for 6th—8th graders. Immersive, hands on activities with an emphasis on Pacific aviation and fun. \$175 (\$155 Museum Members) for the three-day program includes all materials, lunches, snacks, and a Flight School logo tee shirt. Call (808) 441-1005 or email Education@PacificAviationMuseum.org for more information.

July

July 5—8, 2016 - Explorers Club: Eyes on the Sky, 9 am – 3:45 pm daily. Four-day STEM program for students in grades 3-5 with the theme of aerospace. Participants will operate robotic telescopes to view objects in the universe, engineer a mechanism for “soft landings” on another planet, create unique artwork through astrophotography, and more. Price is \$240 per student (\$216

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July 19 – 21, 2016 –Aviation Adventure, begins at 9 am on first day and ends at 3:45 pm on day three. This co-ed residential camp immerses teens in the rich history of Ford Island and Pearl Harbor, as well as science, technology, engineering and math concepts of aviation. Hands on, practical experiences bring these concepts to life in the Museum’s historic hangars and aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial. This is a co-ed camp for ages 13-15, who have completed Flight School. Overnight accommodations provided onboard the Missouri. \$300 for the three-day / two-night program includes all materials, meals, snacks, overnight accommodations, and an Aviation Adventure logo tee shirt. Discounts available for Museum members. **Aviation Adventure repeats: July 26-28.** Call (808) 441-1005 or email Education@PacificAviationMuseum.org for more information.

September

September 24, 2016 - Living History Day, 9 am – 3 pm. In partnership with the Smithsonian Magazine *Museum Day Live!*, visitors presenting a *Museum Day Live!* ticket will receive free admission to Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. Event will feature student-created exhibits, special presentations, and WWII-themed activities. Download free tickets:

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This is an annual national celebration of culture and learning between the two museums. Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is a Smithsonian Affiliate and ranked one of the nation’s top 10 aviation attractions in the nation by TripAdvisor®.

October

October 22, 2016 – Discover Your Future in Aviation, 10am—4pm. Young people interested in aviation as a career or hobby will want to attend. This is the seventh year for the special aviation day, which promises to be filled with hands-on workshops, a career fair, flight lab, and interactive science exhibits. Participants can enter to win aviation prizes and take photos with historical aviation re-enactors. Free with Museum admission and free to Museum Members.

December

December 3, 2016 – For Love of Country—Pass It On – 10th Anniversary Commemorative Dinner Gala, 6 – 10 pm. The Museum will celebrate its 10th anniversary with the annual fundraiser which helps support the Museum’s Restoration and Education programs. Gala will include cocktails, dinner, entertainment, and auction. Guests will get a first look at newly restored aircraft fresh out of Lt. Ted Shealy’s Restoration Shop. Information, sponsor tables and tickets, contact 808-441-1006 or Carol@PacificAviationMuseum.org, and online at PacificAviationMuseum.org.

December 4, 2016 – World Premier, *Remember Pearl Harbor* Documentary Film, 3 pm, Hangar 79. In association with the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, WWII Foundation’s “Remember Pearl Harbor” will preview for the first time. This one-hour documentary produced and directed by Tim Gray, features interviews with six Pearl Harbor survivors, including Mitsuo Fuchida, the Japanese pilot who led the attack on Pearl Harbor. Narrated by actor Tom Selleck. Attendees can meet USS *Arizona* survivors and Iwo Jima Medal of Honor recipient Woody Williams, who are expected to attend the screening. Information contact: Elissa.Lines@PacificAviationMuseum.org, 808-445-9069.

December 6, 2016 – Blackened Canteen Ceremony hosted by Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor and 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 Museum Event Coordinator Gary Meyers at 808-282-6570, for reservations.

December 7, 2016 – Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade. Our gaily lit and decorated F-104 Starfighter joins the other bands and floats, to parade down Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki, to honor and pay respect to the Pearl Harbor survivors, our veterans, active duty military and their families. The parade takes place on the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack. Parade starts at 7pm at Ft. DeRussy in Waikiki and proceeds down Kalakaua Avenue, to Kapiolani Park.

December 25 – Happy Holidays. Museum closed for the holiday.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is located on Historic Ford Island, where bombs fell during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Visitors to the Museum can see remnants from that day of infamy, including the 158-foot tall, red and white iconic Ford Island Field Control Tower, Hangars 37 and 79, and bullet holes in Hangar 79. Through its preservation and restoration of World War II fighter planes and accompanying artifacts in the Museum's historic hangars, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor shares the 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. Its mission is to develop and maintain an internationally recognized aviation museum on Historic Ford Island that educates young and old alike, honors aviators and their support personnel who defended freedom in The Pacific Region, and to preserve Pacific aviation history. Contact: 808-441-1000; Marketing@PacificAviationMuseum.org.

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