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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:

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September

September 24, 2016 - Living History Day, 9 am – 4:30 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. Download free tickets: <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/>.

Event highlights include special tribute displays on the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team, as well as WWII exhibits created by local high school students. Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii will also present a short documentary film called “Honouliuli: Hawaii’s Hidden Internment Camp” that sheds light on the longest operating and largest WWII internment and POW camp in Hawaii. Costumed interpreters representing Rosie the Riveter, Cornelia Fort, USCG Lieutenant Erickson and other WWII pioneers and heroes will interact with visitors, sharing the stories of those individuals they represent. There will also be presentations and book signings by award-winning authors Dorinda Nicholson (*Pearl Harbor Child*) and Marc Wortman (*1941: Fighting the Shadow War*). In addition, author Stacey Hayashi (*Journey of Heroes*) will be joined by veterans from the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team to meet visitors. Nell Calloway, granddaughter of General Claire Lee Chennault who led the “Flying Tigers” and the Republic of China Air Force during WWII, will also be on hand to share stories of her grandfather’s heroic feats. Other activities include swing dance, riveting in Lt. Ted Shealy’s Restoration Shop, historic aircraft modeler demonstrations, and open cockpits with flight suits and helmets provided.

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 13-14, 2016 – Youth Capture the Colorful Cosmos III (YCCCIII) Astrophotography Workshop, 9 am – 3 pm. Students in grades 5-8 are invited to attend a special two-day Astrophotography Workshop that's part of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory's YCCCIII's program. Students research, explore, and photograph the cosmos using telescopes owned and maintained by the Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. Students projects will be displayed at the Museum, as well as on the Museum's website beginning October 17, 2016. Cost: \$50 per student, \$45 for Museum members. For reservations or more information contact Alaina.Haws@PacificAviationMuseum.org or call 808-445-9041.

December

December 3, 2016 – For Love of Country – Pass It On – 10th Anniversary/75th Anniversary Commemorative Dinner Gala, 6 – 10 pm. The Museum will celebrate its 10th anniversary and the 75th Anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack 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, the Nakajima Kate under restoration, and the one and only B-17E Swamp Ghost. Information, sponsor tables and tickets, contact 808-441-1006 or Carol@PacificAviationMuseum.org, and online at PacificAviationMuseum.org.

December 4, 2016 –

Dedication of the 1941 Ford Island Aerological Tower, 1pm ~ 2pm. Information contact: Elissa.Lines@PacificAviationMuseum.org, 808-445-9069.

World Premier, Remember Pearl Harbor Documentary Film, 2 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 90-minute documentary produced and directed by Tim Gray, features

interviews with 36 WWII veterans and focuses on more than a dozen Pearl Harbor survivors and eye-witnesses, 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. Cost: \$10 per person, or \$5 with Museum admission. For information or to purchase tickets, contact Vangie.Villa@PacificAviationMuseum.org, 808-447-1794.

December 6, 2016 – Blackened Canteen Ceremony, 7 am, aboard the USS Arizona. Hosted by Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor and Dr. Hiroya Sugano M.D. 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.

Following the ceremony, a youth symposium will be held in the Pacific Aviation Museum Theater, from 10 – 11:30 am. Students from Nagaoka, Japan will participate in the program, along with Dr. Hiroya Sugano and Jerry Yellin, WWII pilot and author of *The Blackened Canteen*. Event is free and open to the public.

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 8-9 – Discover Pearl Harbor Youth Program, 8:30 am on 12/8 to 4 pm on 12/9. Two-day program for teens that combines engaging, aviation-related STEM activities within the historically significant context of the Pearl Harbor sites. Open to students ages 12-15, program participants will spend two days at Pacific Aviation Museum and one night onboard the USS *Missouri* Battleship

Memorial. The program will build upon the anticipated national and international youth participation in the 75th commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Cost is \$225 per student, \$202.50 for museum members and includes meals, snacks, overnight accommodations and program on the USS *Missouri* Battleship, program materials and souvenir T-shirt. Call (808) 441-1005 or email Education@PacificAviationMuseum.org for more information.

December 9, 2016 – *Righteous Revenge*, 6 – 9 pm. Local TV newscaster, actor and playwright Joe Moore will be joined by television personality and Wheel of Fortune host Pat Sajak for a reprisal of Moore’s historical play, *Righteous Revenge*. *Righteous Revenge* tells the story of the incredible Doolittle Raid that flew over Japan after the Pearl Harbor attack. The Doolittle Raid lifted American spirits and helped fuel America’s wartime energy. Event includes reception and photo ops with the stars of the play. \$125 per person. For information or to purchase tickets, call 808-447-1794 or email Vangie.Villa@PacificAviationMuseum.org.

December 10, 2016 – Pearl Harbor Youth day, 9 am – 3:30 pm. Families and visitors of all ages can explore the lessons and legacy of WWII through special presentations, exhibits, and hands-on activities. Event will engage and educate youth about the history of Pearl Harbor and its impact on young people in Hawaii and throughout the Pacific. Featured activities include screening of “Under the Blood Red Sun” followed by a presentation/Q&A with author Graham Salisbury; historical exhibits created by local high school students; thematic tours of the Museum; and costumed interpreters and historical demonstrations. Event is free with museum admission and free to museum members.

December 25, 2016 – 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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