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## **A “Super” Warbird Arrives Today at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor**

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Honolulu, HI – Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor just beefed up its vintage aircraft collection to a total of 43 in its fleet. The new North American F-100F Super Sabre is expected to arrive at 9 a.m. today, December 9, 2013, shipped by Pasha Hawaii Transport Line. Termed a “Wild Weasel” mission aircraft by those who created it (North American), the F-100F (#58-1232) comes from the Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base located near Warner Robins, Georgia.

The Museum will receive a second “Wild Weasel” mission aircraft, the F-105G Thunderchief (nicknamed *Thud*), expected early in 2014.

Wild Weasels played a significant role in the Vietnam War, designed specifically to counter advanced Surface to Air Missile systems utilized by the North Vietnamese Army.

“Weasels were trailblazers in speed and electronic combat,” said Museum Executive Director Ken DeHoff. “Many of the weapons and tactics employed by the USAF today have origins in the Vietnam era.”

The F-100F was the first supersonic aircraft to fly in combat and the longest rival aircraft in the Vietnam War with 2,294 built. Its call sign was “MISTY,” as it was a FAC or Forward Air Control aircraft, extremely valuable in the Vietnam conflict.

“We’re just seven years old but with 43 aircraft in two important hangars on the only aviation battlefield in America, I believe our location and collection delivers a very impactful, historic aviation experience for our guests,” said DeHoff.

The Museum is located on Historic Ford Island at Pearl Harbor, where the first bombs fell on Pearl Harbor. Currently housed in two battlefield hangars (Hangar 37 and Hangar 79) and the Ford Island Control Tower, the Museum plans to add a third hangar, in the near future. Aircraft acquisition will continue, as well.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization located on Historic Ford Island at Pearl Harbor, 319 Lexington Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818; 808-441-1000; [www.PacificAviationMuseum.org](http://www.PacificAviationMuseum.org).

The Museum accepts donations of historic aircraft and aviation memorabilia. Donated artifacts are professionally cared for and enjoyed by millions of visitors from around the world. The Museum also invites monetary donations for its Restoration and Education programs.

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.

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