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Museum's Next Hangar Talk & Book Signing **Come Fly With Me: Pan Am Memories, April 5, 2014**

Honolulu, HI – Travel back to an era of adventure and glamour, as Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor celebrates the memories of Pan American Airlines. Pan Am Captain Don Cooper, Betsey Pease Tryon and author Ed Dover join us to share stories of the airline that defined international air travel, April 5, 2014, 2pm to 4pm.

Panel discussion will begin at 2pm in the Museum Theater, followed by an audience question and answer session. A Book Signing and Meet and Greet will take place at 3pm. Ed Dover's book *The Long Way Home* is available for purchase at the Museum Store. The event is free with regular Museum admission and free to Museum Members.

The Long Way Home tells the story of Pan American Airways Captain Robert Ford's record-breaking, unplanned flight around the world following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. Told, for the first time, in a full-length dramatized narrative, the book reveals details unmentioned in previous accounts of this momentous flight.

Ed Dover served for Pan American Airways as a Flight Radio Officer aboard Martin M130 and Boeing B314 flying boats, and as ground station operator in Hawaii and at bases throughout the Pacific. He combined his first-hand knowledge aboard the Clippers, and years of

interviews and research to provide the foundation to write the detailed account of Captain Ford's historic flight.

After serving in the US Navy, Air Force, and Air National Guard, Don Cooper began his flying career with Pan American World Airways in 1966. Captain Cooper's airline career took him to numerous prominent locations throughout the world; across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans to Europe, Africa, Latin America, Australia, Southeast Asia and Pacific islands. He remained in service to Pan Am until its closure in 1991. Don and his wife are enjoying retirement at their home in Washington State.

Betsey Pease Tryon's father Joe Pease worked in Honolulu dispatch for Pan Am when Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941. Ms. Tryon will share her father's story of what it was like working during that time.

In 2011, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor opened the Pan American World Airways Exhibit to the public, marking the 75th anniversary of commercial airline passenger service to Hawaii. The exhibit, designed by Southern Custom Exhibits of Anniston, Alabama, and built by Museum staff, features two modules: the 1930s and 1940s ("The Early Years"), and 1960s, ("The Jet Age"), with memorabilia and artifacts contributed by friends of Pan Am.

For more information, call 808-441-1007 for more information or email Education@PacificAviationMuseum.org.

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

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