



# PACIFIC AVIATION MUSEUM

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## Supersonic F-14 Tomcat Arrives at Pearl Harbor for Its Final Landing at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor Tuesday, July 1, 8am to 9:30am

It was a beautiful sight to see. Friday, June 27, the last US Navy Grumman F-14 Tomcat to fly in service to our country, arrived from San Diego aboard the USS *Bonhomme Richard* (LHD 6) Amphibious Assault Ship, docking at Kilo Pier, Pearl Harbor. The aircraft's final home is Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor on Ford Island. **It will be offloaded onto Ford Island Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> 8am and towed to Pacific Aviation Museum at 9 to 9:30am.**

The *USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6)* arrived Friday with a full flight deck parade. Sailors in their summer white uniforms manned the rails with the Tomcat in the place of honor on the bow. The San Diego-based amphibious assault ship, commanded by Capt. Neil Parrott, is in Hawaii participating in the biennial RIMPAC 2008 Exercise.

"This is the 'Top Gun' movie aircraft," said Pacific Aviation Museum Executive Director Ken DeHoff. "It was the US Navy's primary maritime air superiority fighter, fleet defense interceptor and tactical reconnaissance platform from 1974 to 2006. We're delighted to add this authentic aircraft and its history to our aviation collection at the Museum."

The F-14 is a supersonic, twin-engine, two-seat fighter aircraft. It has a unique variable geometry wing; designed for air combat in Vietnam against the Russian MiG aircraft.

The arrival of the F-14 Tomcat signals the beginning of Pacific Aviation Museum's Phase II plans. The Museum has recently announced its Phase II Capital Campaign for the restoration of two additional historic hangars and the landmark red and white icon Control Tower. Restoration of these will house the increasing aircraft collection, which will soon include an Air Force F-15 Screaming Eagle along with this last Navy F-14 Tomcat.

Pacific Aviation Museum is open 9am to 5pm daily and is accessed by shuttles from the USS Bowfin Submarine Park at Pearl Harbor. Daily, visitors from all over the world view the vintage planes, enjoy hands on technology experiences including combat flight simulators, hear moving stories told by veteran docents, and see “The Day That Shall Live In Infamy” through historic films and audio. The museum gift shop and restaurant are unique in their offerings and their authentic 1940s ambiance. Phone (808) 441-1000 or visit [www.PacificAviationMuseum.org](http://www.PacificAviationMuseum.org) for tickets and more information.

Pacific Aviation Museum is located at 319 Lexington Boulevard in Hangar 37 on Ford Island at Pearl Harbor.

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