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**Title: "The Biggest Little Airshow on Ford Island" Gets Bigger;
Returning to Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor
For Two Days Saturday & Sunday, August 8 & 9**

Honolulu, HI--Visitors to Ford Island will be greeted by the F-14 Tomcat on the tarmac and the SNJ-T 6 Texan Advanced Trainer plane in front of the red and white control tower as Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor presents the 2nd "Biggest Little Airshow on Ford Island," Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9, 10am to 4pm.

The Birds of Paradise will pilot their massive remote controlled 1 to 5 scale planes for dogfights, candy "bombing," aerobatics, and more. **The Airshow is free with paid Museum admission.** Due to the popularity of the initial event in March, the August show has been expanded, with 150 planes and helicopters, lots of dogfights, warbird reenactments, and two big days of fun, food, prize drawings and festivities.

At the event visitors will be able to pilot a remote control aircraft with the Birds of Paradise as their co-pilots, free. There will be tours of the Restoration Hangar that still bears the bullet holes of the December 7, 1941 attack. Inside, they'll see helicopters, fighter planes, and a 1941 machine shop busy restoring the Museum's aircraft. Visitors can also explore the Museum Gallery in Hangar 37, fly Combat Flight Simulators, and enter to win prizes such as airline tickets on go! Hawaii's low fare airline, helicopter tours and Stearman Biplane Rides, a Limited Edition signed F-4 Phantom II model plane, Museum tickets, and Airshow logo wear. The event is sponsored in part by Clear Channel Radio.

The Flight line opens at 10am with a traditional military color guard and all aircraft on display. The aerial demonstrations are 11am to 4pm.

Visitors can see 1/5-scale motorized-flyable models of military aircraft dating from WWII to the present, and period military vehicles courtesy of the Hawaii Historic Arms Association and the Hawaii Military Vehicle Preservation Association. Expected to be a big draw on the tarmac will be the Museum's F-14 Tomcat, a supersonic, twin-engine, two-seat fighter aircraft that has a unique variable

geometry wing. Made famous by the Tom Cruise movie *Top Gun*, it was the Navy's primary maritime air superiority fighter, fleet defense interceptor and tactical reconnaissance platform from 1974 to 2006.

Specialty acts to be performed by the Birds of Paradise include: Pattern, 3-D fixed wing and helicopter aerobatic flights, South Pacific battles, "Candy Bomber" drops, and a skycam helicopter. There'll over 150 planes in the air and on static display, including, jets, helicopters, F-22s, warbirds, B-17s, P-38s, Corsairs, OV-10s and more.

At the Museum, the F-14 Tomcat, F-15 Eagle, helicopters and other aircraft await restoration in Hangar 79, the next battlefield hangar to undergo restoration as the Museum engages in Phase II of its conservation of the standing buildings from the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. There will be special tours available to this hangar throughout the 2-day Airshow.

Tickets for the Airshow are Museum "General Admission" tickets which should be purchased for each day of the show: \$14, adults; \$7, child. **Kama`aina admission is \$10, adults; \$5 keiki. Children 4 and under and the military are free.** Purchase tickets online at www.PacificAviationMuseum.org or at the USS Bowfin Ticket Office and board the shuttle bus to Ford Island and the Museum. Shuttles depart every 20 minutes, 9am to 5pm. Call 808/441-1008 for more information or visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org, Flickr, Facebook and Twitter@PacificAviation for updates.

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