

Retail Merchants of Hawaii
Spotlight Feature:

PACIFIC AVIATION MUSEUM STORE

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Take a short scenic bus ride onto Ford Island while viewing the USS Bowfin, Arizona Memorial, the USS Missouri, and the Ford Island landing field that's preserved today. All the while, you'll be listening to a 1940s style audio describing the history of the area. Then you arrive at Pacific Aviation Museum where the red and white control tower stands guard. Your aviation experience starts in Hanger 37, a 42,000 square foot former seaplane hangar that survived the December 7, 1941 attack. After arrival in the Pacific Aviation Museum lobby, you'll enter the theater where a 10-minute movie covering the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor will be shown, featuring actual footage of the attack and narrated by survivors. You will experience the sights and sounds of what it was like on that fateful day – December 7th and see an authentic Japanese Zero. This and other aircraft, including an actual B-25 Bomber, an SBD Dauntless dive bomber along with an authentic Grumman Wildcat, beautiful dioramas, huge floor maps of the Pacific, Combat Flight Simulators you can “fly”, and the Museum's latest acquisition--an F-14 Tomcat bring aviation in the Pacific alive for you.

All this before you visit the Museum Store, where you'll find anything and everything to do with aviation and the December 7th, 1941 Pearl Harbor attacks. And, we mean everything! There are educational toys and games, WWII model airplanes—both toys and collectibles of all sizes and price ranges--nose art reproductions, audio and video assortments, books for both adults and kids, and aviation-themed Aloha shirts you won't find anywhere else. Also totes, hats, T-shirts and other collectables including an assortment of Rosie the Riveter memorabilia. And for you history aficionados there are historical documents, posters and prints featuring the events of December 7th. Merchandise found nowhere else but this store and its on line site. It is a fascinating assortment of merchandise all dedicated to commemorate aviation history and “Just Plane Fun”

So if you are a history buff, have kids that love planes or just want to have a great time – take the time to visit the Pacific Aviation Museum and do some shopping at the Museum Store.