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TITLE: *Ron Drez Speaks: Noted WWII Historian to Lecture at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, January 9 & 10, 2009*

From the Battle of Coral Sea to the Battle of the Bulge, from Midway to D-Day, discover the men and moments that changed history and the course of WWII. Hear and meet Ronald J. Drez, noted author, historian, lecturer, and decorated Marine captain at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor Friday, January 9, at 7pm and Saturday, January 10, at 2pm. The lectures are sponsored by Charles Pankow Builders, Ltd.

The author of *Voices of D-Day*, *Twenty-Five Yards of War*, *Voices of Valor: D-Day June 6, 1944*, and more, Drez will be signing books before and after the lectures, in the Pacific Aviation Museum Store. The lecture and book signing schedule is as follows:

Friday, January 9, *The Extraordinary Courage of Ordinary Men in WWII*,

Lecture, 7pm; book signing 5pm

Saturday, January 10, *The Essence of Courage: Leadership at the Top*,

Lecture, 2pm; book signing, 12noon and after the lecture

Regarding one of his books, Tom Brokaw said, "*Voices of Valor* is an irresistible chorus of personal memories about every aspect of D-Day. Just when you think you've heard it all, a new story of courage, fear, brotherly love or combat humor takes you back to that fateful day in June 1944, and the invasion that remains a military wonder."

For reservations and information, call the Museum at 808/441-1008 or email tourcoordinator@PacificAviationMuseum.org by December 6. General admission: \$14, adults; \$7, children. Kama`aina and Military admission: \$10 adults; \$5, children. Admission is free to Museum members and military in uniform. More information is available at www.PacificAviationMuseum.org. Pacific Aviation Museum is located at 319 Lexington Boulevard in Hangar 37 on historic Ford Island at Pearl Harbor.

OF VALOR:

Drez is a decorated combat veteran of the Vietnam War and a former Captain of Marines. He is an award winning, best selling author and former Assistant Director of the Eisenhower Center at the University of New Orleans. President of Stephen Ambrose Historical Tours, he has served both as friend and associate of the distinguished, late historian. He has written many articles for military history magazines and is a contributing author and editor to the *Encyclopedia Britannica* web site for its Normandy feature. He leads tours to some of the most important battlefields of history

Over twenty years of leading the Eisenhower Center's oral history project has brought this distinguished author into contact with the veterans of WWII. Of note was his initial discovery and interviews with the "Band of Brothers" which he chronicled in a special edition of *WWII* magazine entitled, *Finding the Band of Brothers*.

For more, please see www.RonaldDrez.com or he can be reached in New Orleans at 504/415-0265 (cell) or 504/284-3485, prior to his arrival in Honolulu for the lectures.