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Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor Celebrates 6th Anniversary with Gala Dinner and Entertainment

Honolulu, HI – Over 500 guests celebrated in style at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor this evening, Thursday, December 6, 2012 as military, civic, and community dignitaries convened for an evening of 1940s-style entertainment and Pacific Rim Cuisine prepared and catered by Chef Chai. The Museum's 6th anniversary event was held this year in Hangar 37 on historic Ford Island.

Guests were greeted at the door of Hangar 37 with the Museum's newest aircraft addition, the F-5A Freedom Fighter. Vintage military vehicles and re-enactors dressed in period costumes added to the ambiance. At dinner, they were entertained with a "1940s Radio Show," and enjoyed fine wines and award-winning cuisine. A silent auction was held for trips and hotel stays, wines, jewelry and art.

Proceeds helped to fund the Museum's Education and Restoration projects. Friends of the Museum who sponsored the event included Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Sensor Systems, Clear Channel Communications, McDonald's Restaurants of Hawaii, Bank of Hawaii, Aston Hotels & Resorts, Architects Hawaii, Hawaii Business magazine, and many more.

The event also recognized the recipients of two special awards:

Building Bridges Award

Recipient - Military Affairs Council (MAC), affiliate of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii

The Building Bridges award was established by Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor in 2011. The award recognizes and honors exceptional individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions towards bringing together the civilian and military communities in order to strengthen and promote mutual understanding of the respective communities' interests, needs, and initiatives. This year's recipient of the Building Bridges award is the Military Affairs Council (MAC). The MAC is affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and serves as the liaison for the State in matters relating to the military for the benefit of all of Hawaii's businesses, institutions, and residents.

S.T.E.M. Education Award

Recipient - Marguerite Gambo Wood Foundation

The S.T.E.M. Education Award was also established by Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor in 2011. This award recognizes and honors exceptional individuals or organizations for their outstanding achievements in educating Hawaii's youth in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. This year's S.T.E.M. Education award recipient is the Marguerite Gambo Wood Foundation.

Pacific Aviation Museum is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Its mission is to develop and maintain an internationally recognized aviation museum on historic Ford Island that educates young and old alike, honors aviators and their support personnel who defended freedom in The Pacific Region, and to preserve Pacific aviation history.

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