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Ford Island Control Tower Dedication, 70TH Anniversary Events December 7, 2011 at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Honolulu, HI—The newly stabilized Ford Island Control Tower at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor will be dedicated in a ceremony Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 11:00AM, a part of the **Pearl Harbor 70th Anniversary Ceremonies**, it was announced today by Museum Executive Director Kenneth DeHoff.

"We're ready to show off the first phase of the monumental stabilization work that has been done to save this historic landmark where the first attack alert was broadcast on December 7, 1941," said Mr. DeHoff.

Work on this first phase of renovation began January 2011. Mason Architects was the architectural design firm. Kiewit Building Group was the contractor. Both are in Honolulu.

Events at the Museum December 7 (included in the price of admission and free to Museum Members:)

Home of the Brave Quilt project – 10am to 2pm, Hangar 37
Sign a quilt and see quilts being sewed for the families of fallen Hawaii soldiers

Ford Island Control Tower Dedication - 11am, Tower Lawn

Holland American Legion Band - 1pm, Tower Lawn

Dorinda Makanaonalani Nicholson Book Signing – 2pm to 4pm, Museum Store. Meet the author of the award winning book, *Pearl Harbor Child*

New Exhibit *Sunrise on the Fleet ~ The Final Moment of Peace* by Robert Bracci on view in Hangar 37 Gallery. An extremely detailed overhead view scale model of what the Japanese pilots saw, their first view of O`ahu, just moments before the attack. Optically positions the viewer 6,000 feet above the South end of O`ahu. The hand carved, one of a kind exhibit is on loan to the Museum by the artist, for one year

A special Commemorative 70th Anniversary Coin will be available in the Museum Store.

To completely restore the Ford Island Control Tower, it is estimated that \$7.5 million will be needed. Hawaii Governor Neil Abercrombie when he was in Congress was instrumental in helping to secure \$3.8 million through the Department of Defense appropriations for the stabilization and restoration of an historic landmark. This allowed the Museum to begin work. The Museum is in a capital campaign to raise the remainder needed for the complete restoration. Donations may be made online at www.PacificAviationMuseum.org.

The Ford Island Control Tower complex constructed in 1941 consists of a 3rd level Aerological Center and Observation Deck on top of the 2-story Operations Building, and the Air Traffic Control Center on top a 158-foot steel water tank tower. It played a major role in the naval activity at Pearl Harbor, especially during World War II. The Tower is registered as a Category I structure in the Pearl Harbor Naval Base Historic Preservation Plan of 1978.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is open 9am to 5pm daily and is accessed by air conditioned shuttle buses from the *USS Arizona* Memorial/Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Daily, visitors from all over the world view the vintage aircraft, enjoy hands on technology experiences

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including combat flight simulators, hear moving stories told by aviation-experienced docents, and see "A 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 for tickets and more information.

Pacific Aviation Museum is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization located at 319 Lexington Boulevard on Historic Ford Island at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818. ###