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above, to arrange base access.)**

## **Dedication Ceremony Set For Northrop F-5A Freedom Fighter**

Honolulu, HI – Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor will dedicate its Northrop F-5A Freedom Fighter on Monday, November 12, 2012. The 4:00 p.m. dedication ceremony will take place at the Museum on Historic Ford Island. This invitation-only event is open to the media. A reception will follow from 5 to 7:30pm.

The Northrop F-5A was a lightweight, low maintenance, single-seat fighter designed and built by Northrop in the 1950s. Although it never became a fighter aircraft for the U.S., Northrop exported hundreds of F-5As around the world during the 1960s and 1970s to U.S. allies.

The Museum's F-5A Freedom Fighter was donated by Chuck Thornton, president of Thornton Aircraft Company. It joins the Museum's growing collection of 35+ historic aircraft. Shipping was

provided by Matson. The dedication ceremony is sponsored by Northrop Grumman.

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The dedication ceremony will honor General Kim Doo Man of the Republic of Korea Air Force. The Museum selected the markings for this aircraft to be that of our valued ally, the Republic of Korean Air Force.

Attendees of the ceremony will include Korean War veterans, business and civic leaders, U.S. military leaders, as well as Republic of Korea Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Lt. General Cha Kyu Choi and his wife.

The Museum is located at 391 Lexington Boulevard on Ford Island. Guest access to Ford Island for this event may be obtained by contacting Loretta Fung at 808-441-1008 or [Loretta.Fung@PacificAviationMuseum.org](mailto:Loretta.Fung@PacificAviationMuseum.org) by November 6, 2012.

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 preserves Pacific aviation history.

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