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**Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor to Host  
Big Island Students and Teachers for *Flight School***

Honolulu, HI – *Flight School* is back at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor January 16~18 and more popular than ever as 30 middle school girls and four teachers from Ka'u High School on the Big Island of Hawaii become the first Neighbor Islanders to experience this unique new aviation adventure.

The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their educators will spend three days exploring the history and technology of aviation in a fun and engaging new Museum program which began last summer, graduating three winged classes in 2012. The Big Island students will be the first students outside of O`ahu to enjoy this program for young aviators-in-training.

*Flight School* is made possible by grants from the Marguerite Gambo Wood Foundation and the Bill Healy Foundation. Hawaiian Airlines is a sponsor.

*“Flight School is a top-notch educational series,”* said Pacific Aviation Museum Executive Director Kenneth DeHoff. *“It makes great strides in engaging with and introducing the next generation to the fascinating world of aviation.”*

Girls learn the basics of flight through demonstrations and experiments, tour historic aircraft, fly remote control planes, and “take to the skies” in the Museum’s flight simulation lab. Students meet historic pioneers of aviation through presentations made by costumed interpreters such as Amelia Earhart and Rosie the Riveter.

*“This is a hands-on program that introduces girls to the heroes and pioneers of aviation, and helps them consider future careers in science, technology, engineering and math,”* explains Dr. Shauna Tonkin who, as Director of Education at the Museum, developed the curriculum.

Ka'u High students and teachers will shift from air to sea for a well-rounded historical perspective of Pearl Harbor, as the three-day Flight School is conducted in cooperation with USS Battleship *Missouri* Memorial. Students will participate in the *Missouri*'s popular two-night encampment program and visit the USS *Arizona* Memorial.

**Upon successful completion of Flight School, the students celebrate with a Winging Ceremony.**

For more information, contact Dr. Shauna Tonkin at [ShaunaT@PacificAviationMuseum.org](mailto:ShaunaT@PacificAviationMuseum.org) or 808-441-1005.

***Flight School for Girls repeats: June 18~20, July 16~18, and July 24~26. Flight School for Boys will be held June 4~6 and June 25~27. Advanced Flight School for Girls will be held July 9~11.***

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is a 501(c)3 nonprofit 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.

The Museum is located at 319 Lexington Boulevard on Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, O`ahu, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818.

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