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## **New Amelia Earhart Photo Exhibit to Open Where She Ground Looped Her Plane At Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor**

***Happy Birthday, Amelia!*** Sunday July 24, 2 to 4pm, Hangar 37, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. The Ford Island museum and aviation attraction opens its new *Amelia Earhart in Hawaii Photo Exhibit*, with exclusive Earhart photos courtesy of Matson Navigation Company.

Welcome reception, entertainment, birthday cake and punch for all Museum visitors will celebrate the famous aviator's 114th birthday. The Museum fronts Luke Field on Ford Island, where Ms. Earhart ground looped her Lockheed Electra on take-off March 20, 1937, while attempting her *Round-the-World Flight*.

Museum members are invited for a special champagne reception. All visitors to the Museum are invited to enter the "*Amelia for a Day*" **Look**

*Alike Contest* to win prizes for those who dress & re-enact aviator Earhart. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded.

"We're very grateful to Matson Navigation Company for this exceptional gift of Hawaiian Earhart photography and for all they do for our Museum," said Museum Executive Director Kenneth DeHoff. The photos joining the Museum's exhibits are a gifted collection from Matson Archives documenting her time in Hawaii from December 27, 1934 to January 11, 1935 and March 17 through March 20, 1937.

Joining Mr. DeHoff and Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor members of the Board of Directors at the celebration will be Matson Navigation Company executives.

Amelia Earhart and her second plane, a Lockheed Vega were transported on Matson's *S.S. Lurline* from Los Angeles to Honolulu December 22, 1934 and arrived in Honolulu at Aloha Tower five days later on December 27. Ms. Earhart vacationed in Waikiki, flew over the Hawaiian Islands, and prepared for her solo flight across the Pacific from Honolulu to Oakland. She was the first person to fly solo, trans-Pacific, from Honolulu to Oakland, California.

For more information on the event, please call 808/441-1004 or email [SpecialEvents@PacificAviationMuseum.org](mailto:SpecialEvents@PacificAviationMuseum.org).

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