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**Author John D. Lukacs to Speak at
His *Escape from Davao* Book Release Event
At Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor
Saturday, April 30, 12 to 2:30pm**

John D. Lukacs, a nationally known writer and World War II historian, brings the launch of his new paperback *Escape from Davao The Forgotten Story of the Most Daring Prison Break of the Pacific War* to Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, Saturday, April 30, 12 noon to 2:30pm, in the Museum Theatre. The event is free to Museum members, or with Museum admission. His book will be available for sale in the Museum Store.

The book is a lost tale that the War Department called "the greatest story of the war in the Pacific" in 1944. More can be found at www.johndlukacs.com.

Lukacs' trip to Honolulu is also the start of his Pacific research expedition of 2011. From Hawaii, he will travel to Manila, Philippines, to conduct research for his second book on the Battle of Manila in 1945. The author will also be visiting other noted Pacific war sites such as Singapore, Hong Kong, and Darwin.

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A hands-on historian who enjoys forensic documentary research and believes that first-hand knowledge of a geographical location is essential to fashioning a riveting narrative, he has explored battlefields, bunkers, jungles, tunnels, wrecks and airfields everywhere from Europe to the Pacific.

Lukacs' work has appeared in *USA Today*, *The New York Times*, *ESPN The Magazine*, *World War II Magazine* and on *ESPN.com*. Lukacs has made numerous local and national television and radio appearances, including on *ESPN* and *C-SPAN*, as well as *Sirius* Satellite Radio.

A former resident of New York City's famed Hotel Chelsea, Lukacs, 33, lives in Arizona and Western Pennsylvania.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is open 9am to 5pm daily and is accessed by shuttles from the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center at Pearl Harbor. Tickets and free shuttle bus pass are available online at www.PacificAviationMuseum.org. 808-441-1000.