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Title: *New MiG Alley* Korean War Exhibit
Opening at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Korean war veterans in particular, will be honored at the Museum's new aircraft display in Hangar 79, built to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War. The new exhibit opens to the public June 25 and can be seen exclusively on the Museum's "Aviator's Tour."

Showcasing the Museum's recently acquired MiG-15 and newly restored F-86 Sabre aircraft which flew during the Korean War, the exhibit features a life-sized diorama that depicts "MiG Alley," the name given by U.S. Air Force pilots to the northwestern portion of North Korea. During the Korean War, it was the site of numerous dogfights between U.S. fighter jets and those of the Communist forces, particularly the Soviet Union. The Museum's F-86 Sabre which has been restored for the exhibit, and the Museum's Soviet-designed MiG-15 were the aircraft used throughout most of the Korean conflict.

"Our new exhibit will recognize our Korean War veterans who sacrificed to protect South Korea from aggression. We are honored to have members of the Korean War Veterans groups joining us in welcoming this first exhibit in our second hangar open to the public, Hangar 79," said Executive Director Kenneth DeHoff.

The exhibit features an F-86 Sabre jet, mounted on a special platform, dramatically positioned in a takeoff attitude. A MiG-15, the Sabre's principle adversary, is suspended overhead in a sharp banked turn. Visitors will approach the exhibit through a replica of the Torii Gate at Kimpo Airfield with its famous sign "MiG Alley 200 Miles," just as the Sabre pilots did on their way to combat.

A distinctive feature of the exhibit will be text and images of the Korean air war presented on video screens mounted in the F-86 platform. Visitors will learn about the origins of the Korean War, the evolution of the air war and its innovations, the special role of the combat in MiG Alley, and the aces of both sides in four languages: English, Japanese, Korean and Chinese.

Exhibit Design Central and Gillingham & Associates, both of Chicago, and Summer Night Productions, of Rothchild, WI, designed the exhibit.

This year, hundreds of Korean War veterans are expected to return to Korea for ceremonies, many of them through the South Korean-run and-funded Korea Revisit Program. For many, the visit will be their first since they left a poor, war-torn country that has developed over the last six decades to become one of the world's most prosperous and technologically advanced nations.

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