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68th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Midway To Feature Japanese Zero Pilots at *Midway Symposium*

Honolulu, HI—To commemorate the 68th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway, which decisively and dramatically changed the course of the war in the Pacific, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is featuring a *Midway Symposium* Friday, June 4, 1 to 3pm, in the Museum's Education Center. The symposium is free with Museum admission and open to the public.

Speakers will include several members of Unabarakai Association of Tokyo, the Japanese Zero Fighter Pilot Association. In all, the Museum is hosting 21 Japanese pilots and their guests, who will be toured and in attendance at the symposium.

"We are proud to host the Unabarakai pilots from Tokyo, several of whom are survivors of WWII and the Battle of Midway, a most important milestone," said Executive Director Kenneth DeHoff.

Featured symposium speakers include WWII veteran Zero pilot Lt. JG Kaname Harada, one of the war's "elite fighter pilots" who flew during the Pearl Harbor attack, the Battle of Midway, and Guadalcanal, and PO 1st Class Jiro Yoshida, a Suzuka Base flight trainee during the Battle of Midway. BGen Jerome T. Hagen, USMC (Ret.), a Legion of Merit recipient, will open the symposium and National Park Service Historian Daniel Martinez will also speak. There will be a panel discussion to conclude the day's events.

Wednesday, June 2, Military Historical Tours is conducting an all day tour to Midway. Contact miltours.com for more information.

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FORD ISLAND, HAWAII

The Battle of Midway is widely regarded as the most important naval battle of the Pacific Campaign of World War II. Between June 4 and June 7, 1942, six months after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States Navy decisively defended itself against an Imperial Japanese Navy (IJN) attack against Midway Atoll, inflicting irreparable damage on the Japanese air command.

For *Midway Symposium* reservations and information, call the Museum at 808/441-1008 by May 28. Tickets to the Museum are available online, at the Arizona Memorial Visitor Center, or at the Museum Admissions Desk. Reservations are required to drive onto Ford Island or you may park at the Arizona Memorial parking area and use the Ford Island shuttle.

General admission: \$15, adults; \$8, children. Kama`aina and military admission: \$10 adults; \$5, children. Admission is free to Museum members and military in uniform. More information is available at PacificAviationMuseum.org.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor 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.

The Museum provides educational programs for adults and children and is located at 319 Lexington Boulevard in Hangars 37 and 79 on Ford Island at Pearl Harbor. Opened December 6, 2006, this year the Museum welcomed its 400,000th visitor in December 2009.

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