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**“Come Fly with Me” ~ New PAN AM Permanent Exhibit
Opened Today at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor**

(Photos of the exhibit available here on our Flickr stream:

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Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor's tribute to the greatness that was Pan American World Airways opened to the public with a special reception 2 to 4PM, today, Saturday, October 22, 2011, marking the 75th anniversary of commercial airline passenger service to Hawaii. Approximately 500 attended the blessing and festivities.

The reception hosted press, dignitaries, and members of the PAN AM and Museum families. Included in the dedication were: Ed Swofford, former regional vice president for Pan American and former CEO of Aloha Airlines, and founding board member of

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor; Darleen Laster of the Pan Am Association; Capt. Don Cooper, a former Pan Am pilot; Museum Executive Director Kenneth DeHoff; and Kahu Kordell Kekoa of Kamehameha Schools.

Reflecting PAN AM's importance to aviation in the Pacific, the exhibit, designed by Southern Custom Exhibits of Anniston, Alabama, and fabricated by Museum staff, features artifacts and memorabilia in two modules: the 1930s and 1940s ("The Early Years"), and 1960s, ("The Jet Age"). It was designed to be an evolving exhibit that changes and grows as more artifacts are contributed by friends of PAN AM.

"We have collected original PAN AM branded items to be viewed in what appears to be the inside cabin of an airliner. It's a fun concept and an exciting addition to our history of aviation in the Pacific. We're grateful to all those who helped make it possible," said Executive Director Kenneth DeHoff.

Included in the exhibit are uniforms, customer service items, original posters and signage, navigation tools, the maintenance manual for the Boeing 314 China Clipper, maps for routes serviced in the Islands, and biographical information on the founders and pioneers of international air service--Juan Trippe, Charles Lindbergh, and Edward Musick.

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 to preserve Pacific aviation history.

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The Museum, located at 319 Lexington Boulevard in Hangars 37 and 79 on Historic Ford Island at Pearl Harbor, was ranked one of the “top ten aviation attractions” nationally by TripAdvisor. Phone (808) 441-1000 or visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org for tickets and more information.

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