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What's New At Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Honolulu, HI – Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor continues to amaze young and old alike through its various educational exhibits and its ever-growing aircraft collection. Case in point, the *Amelia Earhart in Hawaii* Photo Exhibit. The rarely seen photos showcased document the famous aviator's time in Hawaii, from ground looping her aircraft on Ford Island Runway, to relaxing with Duke Kahanamoku on the grounds of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

If you've got a thing for historic aircraft steeped in aviation history, look no further. Some of the Museum's recent arrivals bring the collection total to 35 and include the Douglas C-47A Skytrain, also known as the "Gooney Bird." The Gooney Bird saw combat in the Pacific in 1944 and flew marine paratroopers into the jungles of New Guinea.

The Museum also boasts a "Whale," officially known as the Douglas A-3 Skywarrior. The A-3 was among the longest serving carrier-based jet aircraft in history and the heaviest aircraft to enter

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Another new addition to the Museum's collection is the CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter. The Sea Stallion performed more famous rescue and recovery missions than any other helicopter in the U.S. arsenal, and was recently retired from the Marine Corps this past year, after 40 years of service.

One of the more unique aircraft on display is the Russian designed MiG-21 "Fishbed." This no-frills aircraft was built primarily to go head-to-head with American bombers and fighters during the Cold War. Small and inexpensive, more than 50 countries flew the MiG-21, making it the most-produced supersonic jet in aviation history. The "Fishbed" is still in service in some countries.

A familiar sight to many Hawaii residents is the Boeing F4B-4. This full-sized replica spent the last decade hanging from the ceiling at the main entrance to the Honolulu International Airport, before making Pacific Aviation Museum its permanent home.

The Museum's newest addition is the Northrop F-5A Freedom Fighter. Restored at the Museum and dedicated November 12, this aircraft was a lightweight, low maintenance, single-seat fighter designed and built by Northrop in the 1950s and operational in 1964. Although it never became an operational fighter aircraft for the U.S., Northrop exported hundreds of F-5As to U.S. allies around the world during the 1960s and 1970s. It is still a fighter adversary aircraft for the United States.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, which opened on December 6, 2006 with 7 aircraft in one hangar, now boasts an impressive

collection of 35+ aircraft housed in two WWII hangars and celebrated its 6th Anniversary December 6 this year with a Gala fundraiser for its Education and Restoration projects.

The Museum is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, and is accessed by shuttles from the Arizona Memorial/Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

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