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## **Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor Adds F-16 Fighting Falcon to its Aircraft Collection**

Honolulu, HI – Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor has added the General Dynamics F-16A Fighting Falcon (serial number 80-0498) to its collection of modern jet fighters with its dedication today in historic Hangar 79. The Museum received the F-16 on loan from the United States Air Force Museum in July 2016, and since that time, it has undergone restoration in the Museum's Lt Ted Shealy's Restoration Shop. Photos from the event are available at:

<https://flic.kr/s/aHskoU6NoW>

The arrival of the F-16 at the Museum was made possible by a donation from United States Air Force (USAF) veteran and philanthropist Dr. Lawrence Tseu and his late wife Mrs. BoHing Chan Tseu of Honolulu. Dr. Tseu's donation was made in honor of retired USAF General Gary North, who served as Commander, Pacific Air Forces and Executive Director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff at Hickam Air Force Base on Oahu.

"I first met General North in 2012 at the Carole Kai Annual Great Aloha Run VIP Military Dinner in Hawaii," said Dr. Tseu. "Carole Kai gave me the honor and privilege of sitting next to General North. We had a good laugh when I told General North he wasn't even born when I entered the U.S. Air Force in 1951. He was so kind to invite me to be his guest at his head table for the Annual Air Force Ball. Because of his extreme kindness, I promised myself that some day I would do something really unique to honor General North's heroism, achievements and friendship by creating a legacy for him in Hawaii. Providing the funds to bring an F-16 to the Museum not only provides

me with a great opportunity to help Pacific Aviation Museum, but also keeps the promise I made to myself to honor this great American hero.”

“It is an honor to introduce the F-16 at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor,” said Museum Executive Director of Operations Kenneth DeHoff. “This is another famous supersonic fighter jet built in the mid-70’s. It is still one of the most maneuverable and versatile aircraft in the Air Force’s inventory. In 1991, Lt. Col. Gary North shot down an Iraqi MiG-25 in Iraq’s southern no-fly-zone with an AIM-120A missile, marking the first beyond-visual-range kill and the first combat air-to-air victory for the F-16 Falcon. We are thrilled to honor General North and thankful for Dr. Tseu’s donation and long term support of the Museum.”

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is located on Historic Ford Island, where bombs fell during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Visitors to the Museum can see remnants from that day of infamy, including the 158-foot tall, red and white iconic Ford Island Control Tower, Hangars 37 and 79, and bullet holes in Hangar 79. Through its preservation and restoration of World War II fighter planes and accompanying artifacts in the Museum’s historic hangars, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor shares the story of the vital role aviation played in the winning of World War II, and its continuing role in maintaining America’s freedom.

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. A Smithsonian Affiliate, it is rated one of the top 10 aviation attractions nationally by TripAdvisor®. It is located at 319 Lexington Boulevard, Historic Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818.

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