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Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor Announces 2017 Events Commemorating the 76th Anniversary Of the Attack on Pearl Harbor

Honolulu, HI – December 7, 2017 will mark 76 years since Pearl Harbor was attacked, launching America into World War II. Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor has announced the following events to commemorate this year's 76th anniversary. The Museum is located on historic Ford Island where bombs were dropped on December 7, 1941 and bullet holes still remain in the Museum's hangar windows and on the runway.

December 2 – *For Love of Country – Building Our Future*, 6 – 10 pm. The Museum's annual dinner fundraiser helps support the Museum's Restoration and Education programs. Gala will include cocktails, dinner, entertainment, and an auction. Guests will get a first look at newly restored aircraft fresh out of Lt. Ted Shealy's Restoration Shop. This event is sold out. Online auctions bids are available at PAMPHGala.com. For information, 808-892-3345.

December 3 – Screening of "Journey Home to the USS *Arizona*," a Tim Gray film, 2 - 4 pm. Presented by World War II Foundation, this documentary tells the story of USS *Arizona* survivor Raymond Haerry Sr., and his family's mission to honor his final wish – to have his ashes

returned to the sunken battleship at Pearl Harbor. The film is narrated by actor Matthew Broderick, and follows his family on an incredible and emotional 5,200-mile journey to Pearl Harbor to place their father's urn aboard the USS *Arizona*. Haerry passed away on September 27, 2016 at the age of 94. Free with Museum admission and free to Museum members.

December 6 – Blackened Canteen Ceremony hosted by National Park Service, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, and Dr. Hiroya Sugano, M.D., aboard the USS *Arizona* Memorial, 7:00 am. Dr. Hiroya Sugano, Director General of the Zero Fighter Admirers' Club, comes from Japan to conduct this annual commemoration of peace and reconciliation ceremony with a silent prayer and pouring bourbon whisky from a WWII-blackened canteen into the water from the USS *Arizona* Memorial as an offering to the spirits of the fallen. This event is now closed for reservations.

Blackened Canteen Youth Symposium: Following the ceremony, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor hosts the Blackened Canteen Youth Symposium to commemorate this story of forgiveness, reconciliation, and friendship borne out of the horror of World War II. The Symposium will be held at the Museum's theater from 10-11 am. It will feature Dr. Hiroya Sugano, the caretaker for the Blackened Canteen, and several WWII veterans. These speakers will address themes reflected in the legacy of the Blackened Canteen. Admission to the symposium only is free, but advance registration is requested. School groups are encouraged to attend. Seating is limited. For more information, call 808-445-9137.

December 7 – Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade, 6 pm. Our gaily lit and decorated Cobra helicopter joins the other floats and bands, to parade down Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki, to honor and pay respect to the Pearl Harbor survivors, our veterans, active duty military and their families. The Museum will be giving out free "Traveling P-40" magnets to spectators. The parade takes place on the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack. Parade starts at 6:00 pm at Ft. DeRussy in Waikiki and proceeds down Kalakaua Avenue, to Kapiolani Park.

December 9 – Pearl Harbor Youth Day, 10 am – 2 pm. Families and visitors of all ages can explore the lessons and legacy of WWII and the

history of Pearl Harbor through special presentations, exhibits, and hands-on activities. This year's theme, "Remembering the Pearl Harbor Child" will focus on those who witnessed the attack as children and lived through the war years in Hawaii. Visitors will hear first hand accounts during a panel discussion and interactive activities will provide insight into the lives of youth and families in Hawaii during the 1940s. The American Doll Company will host learning activities and giveaways related to "Nanea," the Pearl Harbor child doll that was recently released and is based in part on former Hawaii resident and author Dorinda Nicholson. Nicholson wrote several books based on her experiences as a child living in Hawaii during the Pearl Harbor attack.

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.

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