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(To access photos from today's Open Cockpit Day, go to:
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Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor's Open Cockpit Day Honors Women In Aviation & Aerospace

Honolulu, HI - Saturday, March 03, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Families, aviators, and kids of all ages got up close and personal with aviation today, climbing into the open cockpits of many of the historic aircraft in Hangar 79 at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

Attendees also met with Wally Funk, the Museum's guest of honor and keynote speaker of the day. Funk is one of the Mercury 13 (women who trained for the space program in the early '60s but were not allowed to participate) and the first female Air Safety Investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). The event was the Museum's annual "Open Cockpit Day," and more than 1,000 people attended.

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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