

PEARL HARBOR AVIATION MUSEUM ANNOUNCES NATIONAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE FOR ITS “REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR” NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE AMERICA’S WORLD WAR II AVIATION BATTLEFIELD

PEARL HARBOR, HI—May 19, 2026— Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum is proud to announce the formation of the National Leadership Committee in support of its “Remember Pearl Harbor” National Campaign to raise \$51 million to restore and share the legacy of America’s World War II Aviation Battlefield.

The campaign aims to ensure that the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, is remembered, our service members honored, and the battlefield on which American lives were lost is forever preserved.



A 60-foot curved screen that will tell the story of the attack on Pearl Harbor is one of the major upgrades to Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum that will be funded by the “Remember Pearl Harbor” National Campaign.

The campaign is co-chaired by Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF (Ret.) and Mary Jo Myers.

“As we consider our commitment to lead the *Remember Pearl Harbor* campaign, raising both the awareness and the funding needed to transform the local, national and worldwide impact of the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum, we realize that this vision that can only be achieved with the collective support of a team of leaders who recognize the importance of this national imperative,” Richard and Mary Jo Myers said. “Bringing the history of Pearl Harbor to life and advancing programs that prepare our young people for the challenges of their future have never been more important.

“We are pleased to share that we have formed a National Leadership Committee to support the Museum’s mission and vision, advancing the *Remember Pearl Harbor* campaign, advancing the two critical initiatives of the *Remember Pearl Harbor* campaign: the preservation, redesign, and expansion of collections and artifacts directly tied to our America’s WWII Aviation Battlefield point of differentiation, and the advancement of educational and workforce development

programs that strengthen the future for youth in Hawaii and across America.

The National Leadership Committee will work closely with the Museum's leadership team, including Chairman of the Board Gen. Raymond E. Johns Jr., USAF (Ret.); Board Member Brad Ball; and CEO John Hiltz.

"With celebrations taking place across our country in honor of our nation's 250th birthday, it is critical that we remember and honor the valor and resilience of our WWII heroes, military and civilian, who stepped forward when the freedom of our nation and the world was threatened, the Myers' said. "Our nation's response to December 7th serves as a reminder across our 250 years of independence that there is no greater service to country than defending our rights to be free.

It is with great enthusiasm that we announce the participation and support of the following individuals, leaders with prestigious backgrounds in civic, military, corporate, and government roles.

National Leadership Committee Members:

Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF (Ret.), National Leadership Committee Co-Chairperson:

Former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, 2001 to 2005, under President George W. Bush and former Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under President Bill Clinton, 2000 to 2001; Recipient of Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2005; Combat pilot flying 600 combat hours during the Vietnam War; Former Commander of US forces in Japan and Fifth Air Force; Commander, Pacific Air Forces: Commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Space Command. Colin Powell Chair of Leadership, Character and Ethics at National Defense University. Served on several public company boards of directors as well as numerous non-profit boards. President Emeritus, Kansas State University.

Mary Jo Myers, National Leadership Committee Co-Chairperson:

Educator and military family advocate; Appointed to the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation in 2006 and later served on the Women's Initiative Advisory Council at the Bush Center; Board member of Fisher House and TAPS; Founding Board member of Aschiana Foundation supporting working street children in Afghanistan; Former Board member TriWest Healthcare Alliance and Kansas State Alumni Board.

Mary Bass:

Spencer Stuart Private Equity Practice Consultant focusing on search assignments for Board Directors, CEOs and other C-suite officers for growth companies nationwide.

VADM Daniel L. Cheever, USN (Ret.):

Former Chief of Staff, Naval Air Forces US Pacific Fleet Command with over three decades of Naval aviation service with multiple command assignments including Commander, Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center; Chief of Staff to Commander, Naval Air Forces; department head for TOPGUN and Strike at the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center; Chief of Staff, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command.

Greg F. Coleman:

Head of Integrated Marketing at Amazon MGM Studios, leading Franchise Marketing, Promotional Partnerships, Product Integration, Synergy, and International Marketing; Former Vice President of Worldwide Marketing and Franchise Management at Walt Disney Animation Studios.

Richard W. “Dick” Cook:

Former Chairman of Walt Disney Studios and renowned entertainment industry executive; Current President and CEO of Dick Cook Studios; also serves on the Board of Directors of Legendary Pictures.

ADM Thomas B. Fargo, USN (Ret.):

Former Commander in Chief US Pacific Fleet and the 20th Commander in Chief, Pacific Command; former Chairman of Huntington Ingalls Industries, USAA, and Greenbrier Companies; Former Chairman of both the 50th and the 75th Commemorations of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Currently Chairman of Hawaiian Electric Industries.

Eric Frankenberger:

President, Oil Changers, Inc., Breeze Autocare and The Wash Shop in the automotive services industry.

Thomas H. “Tom” Jones:

Corporate Vice President and President of Northrop’s Aeronautics Systems Sector, including military aircraft, autonomous systems and aerospace structures.

Gen. Lloyd “Fig” W. Newton, USAF (Ret.):

Combat pilot flying 269 missions in Vietnam, Commander, Air Education and Training; former member of the USAF Demonstration Squadron Thunderbirds; Former President of Pratt & Whitney and L&E Enterprise Solutions.

Gen. Gary North, USAF (Ret.)

Commander, Pacific Air Forces, (Ret.); Commander Pacific Air Combat Operations, USAF (Ret); ED, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff; DO to Dir. Joint Staff; Dir., Politico-Military Affairs for Asia-Pacific; Commander 9th Air Force, US Air Forces Central and US Central Command Combined Forces Air Command during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; Vice President, Lockheed Martin.

Edward “Ned” Powell:

Former President of the USO; Assistant Secretary for Financial Management; former Acting Deputy Secretary for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Lori Vreeke:

Executive Director of the Si Robin Foundation (founding supporters of Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum); works alongside her father, Si Robin, to design and execute innovative philanthropic investments that advance the aviation industry through education, scholarship, and practice.

National Leadership Committee Advisors:

Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF (Ret.):

Commander, U.S. European Command and Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Retired – European diplomat.

Gen. John Jumper, USAF (Ret.):

USAF and Chairman, Joint Chiefs – Retired

“The National Leadership Committee will help ensure that this sacred place continues to tell the story of December 7, 1941--to honor those who served, and to inspire future generations to take flight, both literally and figuratively,” said the Myers’. “We invite all Americans to join us in this mission of remembrance, education, and inspiration.”

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