We are the newest member of the Smithsonian Institution Affiliations Program. This program represents an expansive network of over 150 museums and educational organizations that demonstrate excellence in the field of historic preservation and education. As an Affiliate, we’ll be able to collaborate directly with the Smithsonian and other world-class museums to bring new educational programs, guest speakers, authors, and aviation experts to our Museum. We’ll also have access to traveling exhibits and artifact loans, which will greatly enhance our visitor experience. We’re extremely excited to be a member of the Smithsonian Institution Affiliates Program and look forward to fostering this relationship in the coming months. Further information about this program can be found online at https://affiliations.si.edu.

We’ve also been busy expanding our partnerships in the community. The Hawaii Military Vehicle Preservation Association (HMVPA) is one such partnership. Mark Gurney, a former Marine, leads the association. For years, Mark has been rescuing vintage military vehicles destined for the scrap yard. A love of trucks has been in Mark’s blood since childhood, as he used to hang out with his father at the Army’s motor pool. Before joining our Museum as a volunteer, Mark kept six vehicles in his own backyard. With much care and devotion, the vehicles have returned to community service, event appearances, and parades. Mark, a Central Pacific Bank Branch Manager by day, works with his team in his spare time to keep the vehicles looking good, while helping to promote our Museum. HMVPA’s vintage vehicles once played an important role in the lives of countless U.S. soldiers and warriors. We are proud to have them on display in Hangar 79.
Since Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor was founded six years ago, we have experienced many successes due to the relationships we have developed and fostered. But, the vision really began over 12 years ago as John Sterling, Admiral Ronald J. Hays, Donn Parent, and Clint Churchill laid the groundwork for our Museum. The relationships developed by our founders, board members, volunteers, and staff have opened doors that have led to greater opportunities and partnerships. Examples include the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites, Home of the Brave Quilters, Navy League, Hawaii Air National Guard, U.S. Navy, Civil Air Patrol, Scouting, Military Vehicle Preservation Association, Bank of Hawaii, state and federal legislators, Mayor’s offices, and fire and police departments. All of these organizations support our goals, as we do theirs. In addition, our relationships with Matson Navigation, Marriott, and FedEx add to our ability to achieve our goals and objectives. With 900,000 visitors coming to see over 35 aircraft in these historic buildings, we look forward to the future with great anticipation. Our mission is clear, our strategy is focused, and our staff and volunteers are dedicated to our continued growth. We are grateful for these relationships and look forward to forming many more.

Aloha,
Ken DeHoff

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The project, Past to Present: U.S.-Sino Bridge of Connection, is a groundbreaking opportunity to engage young people in the important work of preserving the stories of pioneers, heroes, and friendships that shaped our world in the last half of the 20th century. Using the era of American-Chinese collaboration in the 1940s as a backdrop, students will conduct research about the American Volunteer Group (AVG)/Flying Tigers of the Chinese Air Force.

The project will pair Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor and Kaiser High School students with Jianchuan Museum Cluster and high school students in Chengdu, China, and involves local community members in activities that reach beyond museum walls. The project will combine traditional and contemporary forms of research and communication, so that U.S. and Chinese students can discover the historical roots of multi-national alliances, and interpret their findings in ways that are meaningful for their generation.

The students will use social media to promote project activities and to engage community participants. They will also design and build a website for project information and communication between the American and Chinese students. The American students will then travel to China, where they will visit and collaborate with their Chinese peers to share information, present a public symposium to discuss their findings, and learn more about the culture of modern-day China. The project will culminate with the Chinese students visiting Honolulu in late Spring 2013.

Join us on March 23rd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Discover Your Future in Aviation, a fun-filled day for young people interested in aviation as a career or hobby. We’ll have hands-on activities, a career fair, a flight lab, and interactive science exhibits. Participants can enter to win prizes and take photos with reenactors, such as Amelia Earhart, Rosie the Riveter, a Zero pilot, and more! For reservations or more information, e-mail us at Education@PacificAviationMuseum.org.

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Discover Your Future in Aviation

May 27, 2013
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Home of the Brave Quilt Project

August 10 & 11, 2013
Biggest Little Airshow on Ford Island

Please see the website calendar for more dates and information.

SAVE THE DATE

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WE’LL E-MAIL YOU

NOTAM, an acronym for “Notice to Airmen,” was used to alert pilots of important information. We’d like to keep you informed about what is happening through our Museum’s e-mail NOTAMs. Please sign up online at www.PacificAviationMuseum.org or by e-mailing Info@PacificAviationMuseum.org with your name and email address. We look forward to keeping in touch.

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