Commemoration
Vietnam 50th Anniversary
75th Commemoration Gala Highlights
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

2017 has started off with a gust of energy. Our board of directors elected five new members and then voted for new officers with Clint Churchill now Chairman, Michael “Swede” Olson as President, and Darrell “Buck” Welch as Treasurer. We welcome the members and their leadership.

Much like 75 years ago in 1942, dramatic changes are evident in the lives of people. So it is with Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, where a growing surge of visitors are upon us. December brought thousands to Hawaii. Veterans, families, history seekers, etc came to honor the past and draw inspiration for the future. Visitors came to Ford Island to see and feel firsthand where the bombs fell in 1941, where aircraft were destroyed, where windows were shattered, where history unfolded and remains preserved today.

January has been equally busy with a robust flow of visitors eager to explore America’s history and aviation battleground. We are excited to welcome them to our historic hangars, to connect them to our exhibits that convey the legendary stories of the war in the Pacific.

Many activities are planned for 2017 that commemorate famous engagements. Events, symposiums, and new displays will pay tribute to Jimmy Doolittle and 16 B-25 Mitchell bombers that flew off the deck of the USS Hornet on April 18th bound for Tokyo. Doolittle’s granddaughter, Jonna, will lead the discussion around the USS Hornet’s bell on loan from the Navy Munitions Command — East Asia Division, here in Pearl Harbor’s West Loch. Then the Battle of Midway Symposium June 2nd–4th will be led by authors Jon Parshall and Craig Symonds with new exhibits made possible by NOAA.

These are just the beginning of such stories we will tell over the next 44 months of soldiers, sailors and marines who fought their way across the Pacific. From now until 2020, our programming will focus on recounting the stories of how our nation rose to victory. The stories are endless, the heroes are many, and undiscovered facts are still emerging.

We will also take time to mark the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. Veterans will be welcomed from the islands, from across the mainland U.S., and from the seven nations that bonded as allies. May 23rd–29th will be a time for reunions, reflection, and reconnections, for so many of us who came here before on R&R.

Our 10th Biggest Little Airshow will again take to the skies of historic Ford Island June 2nd–4th. It will feature amazing performances by the Warbirds West Remote Control Acrobatic Airplane team, both in the air and on the ground. This event will include a special surprise this year that will add a whole new level of realism and excitement. You won’t want to miss it!

You can understand why we’re excited about the year ahead, and where this burst of energy is coming from. You’ll want to come and visit us often!

Ken DeHoff
Executive Director of Operations
NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Annual Meeting of Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is held each January to review the year’s achievements, challenges, direction and financial state. It is also the time when the term of service for some Board members expires, new Board members are elected, and new officers are approved.

While we remain a very young organization, many Board members, leaders who support our long term vision and day-to-day operations, have supported us for over 16 years. Their efforts provided the leadership that forms our foundation. This was no small task! Leasing negotiations with the Navy alone took over 42 months! Though our doors opened on December 7, 2006, just over ten years ago, their efforts have been ongoing for more than 16 years.

During the 2017 meeting, Admiral R. J. “Zap” Zlatoper stepped down as Chairman of the Board, joining Admiral Ronald Hays, the only other leader to take on the role of Chairman Emeritus. Admiral Zlatoper provided strong leadership in 2014 during a financially challenging year, and throughout 2015 and 2016 as we again enjoyed growth. Except for 2014, our visitation has grown on average nearly 10% annually, from 96,000 visitors our first year to nearly 250,000 visitors in 2016. Admiral Zlatoper will continue to serve in the coming year as a Vice President of the Board. Clint Churchill became the new Chairman of the Board and Col. Michael “Swede” Olson was named the new Board President.

As we begin a new year, we welcome the talents and commitment of the following new Board members.

**Brad Ball**: Currently a partner/director of Moroch Holdings International, Mr. Ball has successfully worked with McDonald’s, Warner Brothers, and the Disney Company. In theatrical marketing, he was involved with over 90 releases, including “Harry Potter” and “Perfect Storm,” as well as key network and cable programming. As a volunteer with the 475th Fighter Group, he has been instrumental in forging a relationship leading to the museum exhibit that will share their story with our visitors.

**Rear Adm. Alma Grocki**: Admiral Grocki, USN (Ret.), was the first Hawaii woman appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy. She graduated in 1981, later earning a Masters in Mechanical Engineering, and in 1985 was accepted into the Navy’s engineering community. During periods of active and reserve service she advanced to increasingly responsible military and civilian positions. Admiral Grocki currently works to assist Hawaii and Western Pacific students, fleet sailors, and Marines apply to the Naval Academy.

**Anthony DeSanctis**: Mr. DeSanctis has over 20 years banking experience, including Bank of Hawaii, and previously Bank of America and MBNA. He has a proven track record in managing product, operational and analytical organizations, re-engineering processes, launching products, and generating revenue. Mr. DeSanctis has an extensive background in product management, customer marketing, sales strategies, and advancing customer relations.

**Michael Fetyko**: Mr. Fetyko is an entrepreneur and seasoned software executive. His passion is connecting people, ideas and resources, and accelerating brand adoption. He has 17 years of implementing innovative online projects and designed technical solutions for the Wall Street Journal, Bank of America, and others. As an avid student of WWII aviation history, and an enthusiastic radio control pilot, he provides the vision for Warbirds West, a performance team featured at airshows across the country, including our own Biggest Little Airshow.

**Lt. General Dan “Fig” Leaf**: General Leaf, USAF (Ret.) is President of Phase Minus 1, LLC and is an independent consultant on Indo-Asia Pacific security matters. His key focus areas include effective governance and strategic leadership. He is a command combat pilot with over 3,600 flight hours, and retired as Deputy Commander of U.S. Pacific Command in 2008 with over 33 years of service. From 2012—2016 he was Director of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.
The history of Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor dates back to the late 1990’s when a few passionate volunteers got together and formed a vision for an aviation museum. Over the years that followed, location, mission, collection focus, and vision were all matured. Agreements with the Navy advanced, supporting the formation of a museum using the historic hangars on Ford Island. As they say, the rest is history.

It took the support and leadership of many to build the foundation, and without Clint Churchill, the progress and success we now enjoy may not have happened. After 17 years of volunteer service leading what we now know as Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, Clint has stepped down as the President of the organization. He will continue his support as Chairman of the Board, succeeding Adm. R. J. “Zap” Zlatoper, who had the distinction of following Adm. Ron Hayes, the first Chairman of the Board.

How do we thank Clint for his leadership and his tireless day-to-day effort to sustain this museum? Seeking government, military, state, individual, corporate and foundation support, both financial and in-kind, has filled Clint’s daily schedules. Permissions, agreements, contracts, acquisitions, donations — Clint has led the way. His efforts, dedication, vision and integrity formed a solid foundation from which our museum will continue to grow. That really is the only gift we can extend — to continue and realize the full vision as originally put forward.

Please join us in recognizing and thanking Clint Churchill for his dedicated support and leadership.
EDUCATION

Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future

As 2016 drew to a close, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor had the sobering responsibility to help commemorate December 7, 1941. The Pearl Harbor 75th Anniversary reminded us that lessons of bravery, sacrifice, and resilience must be renewed in each generation. Our education programs focused on themes of reconciliation and forgiveness, impacting visitors of all ages.

To explore these themes within the context of WWII, American and Japanese teens studied the Blackened Canteen story in preparation for a Youth Summit held on December 6th. Moderated by Maya Soetoro-Ng, these students confirmed the need to work for peaceful solutions to conflict, and pursue understanding across cultural boundaries.

Later in the week, students from across Oahu and the Neighbor Islands attended a special remembrance edition of our popular “Discover Pearl Harbor” program. Young people toured the historic sites, slept overnight on the Battleship Missouri Memorial, and experienced history through hands-on learning activities.

The Education Department impacted over 40,000 people in 2016 through innovative programs, museum tours, and community outreach. We’re on track to surpass that milestone in 2017.

January’s calendar was full of exciting opportunities. We hosted: an Astrophotography Workshop; Seven Field Trips; the Discover Pearl Harbor program for students from Maui and Molokai; a leadership seminar from Dickinson College (PA); the 8th-grade class from La Pietra Girls School for Flight School; two Scouting programs; and Barnstormed for seven days. Feedback from teachers and students affirmed that our unique programs in history and STEM promote critical thinking, collaboration, and character development.

Col. Charles McGee, Tuskegee Airman and celebrated military pilot, joined us in February for African-American History Month events. He spoke to overflow crowds on two separate days, and visited with students at Punahou School in Honolulu.

At the end of February, two participants from our Astrophotography Workshops attended a Youth Summit in Washington, DC. Through our partnership with Smithsonian Affiliations, Brennan Wolford and Juliana Crowley were invited to participate with students from across the country in STEM activities. They showcased their research projects in the Space Race Gallery at the National Air and Space Museum.

Jonna Doolittle Hoppes joins us in April to talk about her grandfather, General Jimmy Doolittle, on the 75th Anniversary of the legendary Doolittle Raid. In June, we commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway with a symposium that features authors Jon Parshall and Craig Symonds. Teens will have a chance to learn about Midway past and present during Midway Youth Day, a partnership program between the Museum and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (stewards of the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge).

Our education outreach continues to grow through a variety of programs and events for all ages. Thank you for your support — it is key to our success. You help us preserve the stories of the past so that we never forget, while we build for the future.
Wars are fought by admirals and generals who, in their minds, are actually fighting the last war. In the Pacific, commanders on both sides assumed they’d be fighting the Great Mid-Ocean Battle — a gigantic melee where battleships would move in traditional formations and fire their big guns in broadsides. The victor could then claim the Pacific.

Most battle plans followed this strategy. But, following World War I new technologies appeared: aircraft carriers and submarines. These followed a tactical field doctrine rather than strategic dogma. They were fast, stealthy, could deliver sudden punches, and could carry a battle over the horizon. This kind of swift, swirling combat outpaced the lumbering battleships.

Few commanders realized this evolution at the time. And so, when the Imperial Navy missed its opportunity to sink American carriers at Pearl Harbor, and stung by the surprise Doolittle Raid, the Japanese tried to force the U.S. Navy into a mid-ocean slugfest they thought they could not lose.

The plan was simple: invade and occupy Midway Atoll. The action would certainly force the U.S. Navy into their trap. It was also the first step toward seizing the Hawaiian Islands.

What happened on that battlefield north of Midway Atoll in June of 1942 was one of the greatest sea clashes in history. The Americans, gambling on decoded intelligence, and armed with pilots who could seize initiative in the smoke of battle, decisively crushed a superior enemy — and the Japanese never recovered.

It was a turning point, but Midway doesn’t get its due as the crucial strategic battle of World War II, the point at which the fortunes of the Allies changed worldwide. The battle is admired and appreciated, but it should carry more weight.

What’s the deal? World War II history, like most U.S. history, is Eurocentric. The Allies’ “Grand Strategy” called for a Hitler-first battle plan, as that seemed to be the primary threat. The “civilized” cities of Europe were being crushed under the fascists, while the remote areas of the Pacific were considered colonial backwaters.

America’s anger, however, was aimed at punishing the Japanese. The “America Firsters,” who wanted the nation to stay out of the Nazis’ way, were fine with fighting a racial war against Asians. President Roosevelt’s preference for fighting to save Europe, however, cost the Democrats. They lost 44 seats in Congress, just barely managing to retain a majority.

The Pacific war’s first six months were a Japanese juggernaut. More Japanese victories would have rendered the Grand Strategy politically impossible. What Gen. Marshall called “the closest squeak and the greatest victory” at Midway allowed us to turn our attention to Europe, enabling the Russians to turn the tide at Stalingrad. The Midway turnaround led to rebuilding Europe away from Fascism, to resist Communism, to look toward America as an ideal.

Midway matters. This desperate fight in the northern Pacific essentially created the world as we know it today.
Wow! You won’t believe your eyes as you watch these giant scale radio control aircraft perform. Hard to believe you are not watching a full-scale airshow! To the delight of everyone who attended the Biggest Little Airshow last year, the performances were jaw-dropping and exciting, totally unexpected. This year’s airshow promises to be even better!

Warbirds West will join our local flyers to put on an airshow that will leave you speechless. Giant scale radio control aircraft, some with wingspans exceeding 120”, will take to the sky. The narrated Airshow will honor the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Midway and showcase aerial history from WWII to the present. Radio control jets, with speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour, will fly in formation over Ford Island.

The best part of radio control airshows is that you can get up close to the action and see the aircraft fly within yards of where you sit! What a treat for the thousands of people who join us for the weekend.

JOIN US FOR THE FUN

Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4, will be packed with special fun, featuring: food booths, education programs, open cockpits, full-scale aircraft displays, model aircraft displays and workshops, opportunities to meet radio control pilots and learn about the hobby, professional flight demonstrations, aerobatics, and warbird displays enacting the historic Battle of Midway.

And, don’t miss the snow fields for lots of “Winter in Hawaii” fun.

DETAILS — SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 3–4.

$5 admission per person provides access to Biggest Little Airshow and Hangar 79.

Free parking — drive onto Ford Island in your personal vehicle and park!

Free entrance to Biggest Little Airshow to Museum Members and to all Museum guests with admission.

10:00 AM Gates Open

Snow Fields for the Keiki

Bring your mittens and boots to play in the snow!

Education Booths, make-and-take challenges, model aircraft displays and workshops

Food and fun

1:00 PM Airshow Begins

Candy bomber finale

For more information, visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org
RESTORATION

By Ken DeHoff, Executive Director of Operations

The guys and gals in the Hangar 79 Restoration Shop are hard at work with airplane projects. The late Lieutenant Ted Shealy must have recognized that these are very special people. Thanks to Michael and Carol Shealy, our next generation of the shop is alive and engaged.

We’ve expanded the staff to include Ron Martin, an A&P trained airplane restorer bringing Hangar 79 to 3.5 full time staff. On any given day of the week, we’re lucky to add 3 or more volunteers to the team. While this is a small group, they are focused on projects around our 4 aircraft being restored for exhibit.

The Lockheed T-33 Shooting Star structural work was completed and has received a fresh coat of paint. Markings come next as we determine how we will display this aircraft. The F-16A Fighting Falcon landed, and is next up for the paint shop and markings that honor Gen Gary North. Working with our Curatorial Department, Restoration teamed up on the new Lockheed P-38 display with new glass panels to protect the cockpit. The Convair F-102 Delta Dagger is inside for corrosion inspection — work has begun on fuselage panels. Thanks to the Baron Dorey donation, the Boeing B-52 Stratofortress nose is also getting skin repair and paint, along with replacement instruments and gauges.

The Nakajima B5N “Kate’s Restoration-in-Progress” display is taking on a new look as we focus attention on mounting the fuselage on a jig to begin reconstruction.

The Restoration Shop also welcomes our Education programs’ students as they share the story of the shop, its equipment, and work underway. Members of Lieutenant Ted Shealy’s Workshop, are key to telling the story of what goes on the “backstage” with our aircraft, sharing another way to make each and every visit memorable.

LONG LIVE FLIGHT.

Ever since our first flight back in 1929, we’ve believed in the possibilities of aviation. That’s why we’re so proud to support the Pacific Aviation Museum.
In Accordance with Public Law 110-181, SEC.598, the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War between 2015–2017. Hawaii’s Governor David Y. Ige formed a committee tasked with building our State’s participation in this vital commemoration, heightening awareness and engaging our neighbors, national and international, in a tribute that acknowledges and honors all men and women who serve.

**In short, the National objectives include:**

- To thank and honor Vietnam veterans, POWs, those listed as Missing In Action, and their families, recognizing their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States
- To highlight the service of the Armed Forces and all support organizations, government and non-government for their support
- To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States
- To highlight the advances in technology, science and medicine related to military research
- To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by allies of the United States

Col. Gene Castagnetti, USMC (Ret), serves as chairman of the Hawaii committee. Following 28 years of military service, two tours of duty during the Vietnam War, and Director of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Gene is “personally and painfully aware of the human sacrifice of war.” The Navy League will serve as the non-profit fiduciary partner for the Hawaii commemoration.

**Hawaii held a strategic significance throughout the Vietnam conflict and after:**

- The primary R&R location for the Vietnam War;
- U.S. POWs first returned home to Hickam, AFB;
- The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific has listed by name all the POW/MIA from the Vietnam War;
- The National Cemetery of the Pacific has the only Vietnam Map Gallery of military units and campaigns of the Vietnam War;
- Hawaii is home to the Pacific Command, with major installations for all five components;
- Hawaii is the home of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency; and
- Hawaii is the central location to include the allied nations that fought alongside the United States during the Vietnam War.

The event calendar appears below. Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, as a member of the planning committee will host the May 25th “Welcome Home” banquet. We hope you will join us. For more information, visit: www.vietnam50years.org

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**May 23**
- Registration

**May 24**
- Welcome dinner/concert

**May 25**
- POW/MOH/Gold Star family banquet at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

**May 26**
- “Ride the Thunder” movie night

**May 27**
- Parade

**May 28**
- Unit events and base tours

**May 29**
- Memorial Day Program — National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl
This year, our “For Love of Country, Pass it On” gala launched the week of events and tributes commemorating the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The entire week brought local, national and global participation, honoring all participating veterans and highlighting the significance and impact of this attack. Throughout the week focus was placed on the commitment to peace and friendship that resulted.

Our guiding theme throughout the week was, “Honoring the past and inspiring the future.” These words formed the foundation of the collective efforts of the four Pearl Harbor partners: Arizona Memorial; USS Battleship Missouri Memorial; USS Bowfin; and Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

Together, we welcomed over 300 WWII veterans and Pearl Harbor survivors along with their families. Over 1300 room nights were donated by local hotels and, in addition to the American Airlines Honor Flight which carried 150 WWII veterans and Pearl Harbor survivors to Honolulu on one flight, our WWII guests were provided airfare made possible by American Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, United Airlines, and Alaska Airlines.

Events throughout the week included the premier of the WWII Foundation PBS Documentary, Pearl Harbor 1941, a tremendous Waikiki concert featuring Gary Sinise and his Lt. Dan Band, the “Fighting Two Wars” luncheon honoring the veterans of Japanese heritage (the 100th Infantry Battalion 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion), December 7th Remembered banquet, National December 7th Remembrance Day ceremony, Pearl Harbor Parade, nightly movies on Waikiki Beach, and the amazing concerts performed by Garth Brooks, with support from his wife Trisha Yearwood. The Garth Brooks benefit concerts welcomed 27,000 people and generated amazing and unprecedented philanthropic support for the four Pearl Harbor Historic Partners.

The week of events and tribute generated high level awareness around the country and the world, triggering historic tourism to Pearl Harbor that has continued into the New Year.

For our museum, the 75th Commemoration provided outstanding support for our opening gala. Not only did we welcome and honor our WWII and Pearl Harbor veterans, we also raised important financial support for our youth education and historic preservation mission.

Co-Chairs, Barry Zlatoper and Noreen Mulliken, planned an amazing evening that opened with the powerful performance by a local choir singing “The Boys of ‘41,” an original score written by Sir Tim Rice, who also joined us for the performance. Gary Sinise delivered moving opening words and the incredibly talented, 12-year-old Celine Carr led the room in our National and State anthems. Our Master of Ceremonies, Michael Perry, along with auctioneer Spanky Assiter and noted Art Explosion artist Michael Ostaski, kept our 1,200 guests engaged and inspired. David Hartman shared a special tribute letter from President George W. Bush and unveiled a new exhibit made possible by 475th Fighter Group Historical Foundation.

Major event support was provided by: Linda Hope, of the Bob and Delores Hope Legacy Foundation; Mrs. Joan Bellinger; Lockheed Martin; Hawaiian Airlines; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Kosasa; and Booz Allen Hamilton. Seymour “Si” and Mary “Betty” Bazar Robin of Sensor Systems challenged our guests to match their $100,000 “Raise the Paddle for Education” gift.

Bidders had fun trying to win such incredible experiences as trips to Iwo Jima, Normandy, Seattle, New York, Los Angeles and the golfer’s dream get-away to St. Augustine to visit the World Golf Hall of Fame and golf the historic Sawgrass course. And, as a grand finale, a Soft Tail Harley Davidson motorcycle provided by Brad Nicolai of Cycle City.

Table sales for our 2017 gala — “For Love of Country, Pass it On” — have already begun under the leadership of newly-appointed Co-Chairs, Rick and Teresa Price, owners of Hawaii Flagship Auto.

For more information, visit our website www.PacificAviationMuseum.org or call Elissa Lines at 808-445-9069.
Thanks for the Memory!

Today, the Bob Hope Legacy carries on what Bob stood for. Recently, the Legacy proudly sponsored the participation of 300 World War II Veterans in many events during the historic Pearl Harbor 75th Commemoration. Many of those heroes were entertained during their military careers by Bob Hope, who for nearly six decades traveled the globe to entertain our service men and women. His dedication to our troops brought a little bit of home—and hope—for the holidays to millions of those who dedicated their lives to protecting our precious freedoms. In the history of show business, no individual traveled so far, so often, to entertain so many. Today, we are proud to carry on the legacy of this remarkable American icon.
Special Thank You
TO OUR 2016 GRANT HOST FOR EDUCATION EXCELLENCE,

MRS. JOAN BELLINGER

FOR LOVE OF COUNTRY... 2016
REMEMBERING A GREAT NIGHT
U-Haul was founded in 1945 by a Navy veteran and his wife just as WWII was ending and troops were returning home, many seeking a way to safely move their families and belongings. U-Haul has maintained a steadfast commitment to hiring veterans and supporting veterans’ initiatives from its earliest days, and it couldn’t be prouder that its history is forever rooted in the Greatest Generation.

To all those who have defended our freedom, U-Haul would like to say thank you. And to the survivors of the Attack on Pearl Harbor, as well as to the families who lost loved ones on that fateful Sunday morning 75 years ago, please know that your sacrifice is never forgotten.
2017 Calendar of Events

The following is a listing of events (confirmed to date) taking place this year at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor:

April 1 — Family Fun Day, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, The Museum will host a Kite Festival where families will learn about kite-making traditions in Hawaii and across the Pacific, experiment with the aerodynamics of kite design, and build and fly a kite on historic Ford Island. Free with Museum admission and free to Museum Members. Advanced registration required. Call the Education Department at 445-9137 or email education@pacificaviationmuseum.org for more information.

April 17~18 — Remembering the 75th Anniversary of the Doolittle Raid, Recognizing this amazing effort that turned the tides of war in early 1942, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is pleased to welcome Jonna Doolittle Hoppes, granddaughter of Jimmy Doolittle, to share both a historic review of the event and to discuss the legacy of Jimmy Doolittle himself. Watch for details as we work to finalize our programs. Tentative schedule includes a special youth program for school and youth service groups on April 17th and a public program on April 18th. Reception will follow the program on April 18th. Visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org for details.

May 23~29 — Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor will be the host of the May 25th “Welcome Home” dinner and program. Information on this event is detailed in the article included in the NOTAM. Watch for more details on our website in the next few months.

May 31~June 1 — Battle of Midway Symposium, This 1942 four-day, sea-and-air battle was the decisive turning point of World War II in the Pacific. A Museum signature event each year to educate young adults about the importance of the Battle of Midway, giving them a greater understanding of WWII events and encouraging them to learn the lessons of the past to prepare them for the challenges of the future. Speakers are Craig Symonds, professor emeritus of the U.S. Naval Academy, and author of the book, Battle of Midway; and Jon Parshall, author of Shattered Sword: The Untold Story of the Battle of Midway, and recognized expert on the Japanese Imperial Navy. Call the Education Department at 445-9137 or email education@pacificaviationmuseum.org for more information.

June 3~4 — Biggest Little Airshow / Tribute to the Battle of Midway, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, This year’s event will pay tribute to the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Midway, a four-day sea and air battle that was the decisive turning point of WWII in the Pacific. Join us as thousands of visitors drive on to Ford Island to experience remote control ¼th scale warbirds, jets, and helicopters performing aerial stunts and dog fights; candy bombings for the kids; aircraft displays, a kids’ activity zone; prize drawings; snow for the kids; and hangar tours. Warbirds West, a nationally acclaimed award winning team of pilots flying giant-scale remote controlled aircraft, make a return appearance. We also welcome back the Hawaii Remote Control clubs. Price is $5 per person, children three and under are free. For more information including sponsorship, food and retail booth details, call 441-1003 or 445-9069.

June 6 — Midway Youth Day, Held in partnership with NOAA and Fish & Wildlife Service, this special event is for 6th–9th grade students. Participation is limited to 100 students. Free, but advance registration is required. Call the Education Department at 445-9137 or email education@pacificaviationmuseum.org for more information.

June 19~23 and July 10~14 — Flight School For Girls, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, A five-day adventure in the history and technology of aviation for 6th–8th graders. Immersive, hands on activities with an emphasis on Pacific aviation and fun. $325 per student ($295 Museum Members) for the five-day program and includes all materials, lunches, snacks, and a Flight School logo tee shirt. Call the Education Department at 445-9137 or email education@pacificaviationmuseum.org for more information.

June 26~30 and July 17~21 — Flight School For Boys, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, A five-day adventure in the history and technology of aviation for 6th–8th grades. Immersive, hands on activities with an emphasis on Pacific aviation and fun. $325 per student ($295 Museum Members) for the five-day program and includes all materials, lunches, snacks, and a Flight School logo tee shirt. Call the Education Department at 445-9137 or email education@pacificaviationmuseum.org for more information.
The perfect landing for historic events.

Imagine dining in the shadow of a B-25 Mitchell bomber, or enjoying a cocktail conversation around an authentic Japanese Zero. We can accommodate up to 2,500 guests in our Museum Gallery, and as many as 10,000 on the tarmac, which still bears the scars of the December 7, 1941 attack.

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Use code: “Spring” and receive 10% off on-line and in-store purchases.