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## PACIFIC AVIATION MUSEUM PEARL HARBOR ANNUAL GALA TO FEATURE ACTOR/HUMANITARIAN GARY SINISE

(Honolulu, HI) – The premiere event launching the 75<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Attack on Pearl Harbor will take place on Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, inside of a WWII hangar at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. **"For Love of Country - Pass It On"** will be a night of tributes, entertainment and inspiration with actor/humanitarian, **Gary Sinise**, delivering the opening address and welcoming the Pearl Harbor and WWII survivors, and Col. Bud Anderson, an American Triple Fighter Ace.

**"For Love of Country – Pass It On"** is a fundraiser to support the restoration of the historic hangars located at the Pearl Harbor battlefield as well as to support youth education programs that develop academic and leadership potential. Other special guests include original host of "Good Morning America," David Hartman, and Marc and Janice Mondavi, co-proprietors of C. Mondavi & Family Brands, donors of the evening's specially selected wine, Purple Heart.

**"For Love of Country – Pass It On"** promises to be a lifetime memorable experience, according to event co-chairs Barry Zlatoper and Noreen Mulliken, who will engage the Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future" commemoration theme. A silent auction offering art, jewelry and fun experiences like a flight in the Goodyear Blimp, and a fast-moving live auction with auctioneer Spanky Assiter will provide guests with an opportunity to bid on inspiring experiences like a guide trip to Normandy and Iwo Jima.

"For more information and to purchase tickets or tables of 10, please go to: <u>www.pamphgala.com</u> or <u>www.pacificaviationmuseum.org</u>, or call Carol Greene at Pacific Aviation Museum at (808) 441-1006.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is located on Historic Ford Island, where bombs fell during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 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 Field Control Towers, 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 America's 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.

During the 75<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Commemoration's "Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future" series of events, Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band will also perform in a live free concert at the Waikīkī Outdoor Theater on Monday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> preceding the historic *From Here to Eternity* Movie on the Beach. As part of the 11 days of unprecedented events and ceremonies, the events will pay tribute to those who lost their lives, the survivors who endured hardship and pain, and to the thousands who fought in WWII. The last of the survivors who experienced that emotional awakening will be on Oahu for the 75<sup>th</sup> Commemoration. All events are being provided by the 75<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Commemoration Committee and its sponsors.

Centered around December 7<sup>th</sup>, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, the 75<sup>th</sup> Commemoration will focus the world's attention on Hawaii and provide a unique opportunity for visitors to experience events and memorials dedicated to USS *Utah*, USS *Oklahoma*, and the USS *Arizona*. A reception to honor Japanese American Veterans; *Remember Pearl Harbor* documentary premiere; "December 7<sup>th</sup> Remembered" gala tribute; Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade; keynote speakers; live musical performances; five nights of Movies on Waikīkī Beach and a world-class live concert are also planned.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Commemoration welcomes Hawaii residents, visitors from across the country and around the world. Whether you're visiting Hawaii during December or anytime throughout this anniversary year, learn more about the attack on Pearl Harbor and Oahu, shop online for official memorabilia, and support our historic parks in any way you can.

For more information about the 75<sup>th</sup> Commemoration, its full schedule and other details, visit <u>www.pearlharbor75thanniversary.com</u>, email <u>info@pearlharbor75thanniversary.com</u> or call the toll free hotline at (877) 589-8898 or (808) 589-5592. You can also follow the festivities on social media, #pearlharbor75 and on Facebook.

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