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'Living History Day' at Missouri, museum

Battleship Missouri Memorial and the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor are celebrating "Living History Day" with a full slate of events and activities Feb. 1.

The event coincides with the 70th anniversary of the launch of USS Missouri on Jan. 29, 1944. Hawaii residents and military members will be able to enjoy free admission to the memorial from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., when there will be displays of military vehicles, memorabilia and weaponry;bands playing patriotic music;oral history presentations;people in World War II period dress; displays from active-duty military units; and a flyover by vintage aircraft.

For tickets, visit USSMissouri.org or go to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

Visitors to the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 1 will be able to interact with actors portraying aviation pioneers and heroes in period dress and meet nisei veterans of the famed 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team, as well as Stacey Hayashi, author of the "Journey of Heroes" comic book.

Short aviation-themed films by Aliamanu Middle School students that were sponsored by the Smithsonian Young Historians Living History Project will get their Hawaii premiere at the event. The films spotlight Pan American's nisei stewardesses and Chinese-American barnstormer Tom Gunn.

Museum admission is \$25 for adults, \$15 for children ages 4 to 12. Hawaii resident and military rates are \$15 and \$10 respectively. Visit www.pacificaviationmuseum.org for more information.

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