



## Media Advisory

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### **70 Years of Peace commemoration to be held at Pearl Harbor on Aug. 15** *Nagaoka fireworks to be launched off Ford Island*

**PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM** – The U.S. Navy in Hawaii will join the cities of Honolulu and Nagaoka, Japan, in commemorating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II in the Pacific on Aug. 15 on historic Ford Island at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The public is invited to the events, beginning at 4 p.m. and culminating in Pearl Harbor's first-ever display of Nagaoka's famous fireworks at 8 p.m. to honor the memory of the war's victims and to celebrate 70 years of peace and friendship.

**What:** 70 Years of Peace commemorative events and display of Nagaoka's spectacular fireworks, jointly hosted by the City of Nagaoka, Japan, City & County of Honolulu, and the U. S. Navy in Hawaii.

**When:** Saturday, Aug. 15, beginning at 4 p.m., with a commemorative program at 7 p.m. and fireworks display at 8 p.m.

**Where:** Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, fireworks will be launched off the west side of Ford Island.

**Details:** The event is free and open to the public. Activities kick off at 4 p.m. with food available for purchase, cultural and educational displays, and entertainment. The official commemorative program starts at 7 p.m. with guest speakers, a youth peace summit declaration, performances by Nagaoka children's choir and HEARTS Hawaii choir, and a special performance of the hit song "Jupiter" by the Japanese singer-songwriter Ayaka Hirahara.

At 8 p.m. the skies above Pearl Harbor and surrounding areas will light up with a gorgeous display of Nagaoka's special fireworks to honor war victims, pursue everlasting peace and friendship, and pave the way for future generations. Music for the fireworks will simulcast live on radio station Hawaiian 105.1 KINE.

The public will be allowed access to Ford Island, with parking available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please plan accordingly for traffic due to the limited lanes on the Ford Island bridge. Other parking and transportation options will be posted on the website when available: [www.cnic.navy.mil/70yearsofpeace](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/70yearsofpeace). Strict security measures will be in place. No large bags, large purses, outside food or beverages, coolers, or tents. Visit the website for a complete list of restricted and authorized items. All carry-in items are subject to search.

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**Background:** Nagaoka and Honolulu, sister cities since 2012, share the bond of war experience. Nagaoka is the home of Japanese admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, who planned the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Nagaoka was also bombed by American B-29 bombers in the waning stages of the war. On Aug. 14, 1945, it was announced that Imperial Japan had surrendered unconditionally to the Allies, effectively ending World War II. Today, Nagaoka and Honolulu represent the peace, friendship and reconciliation shared by Japan and the United States for the past 70 years.

Nagaoka has also brought fireworks to Hawaii for the annual Honolulu Festival in Waikiki in March.

**Info:** Official website: [www.cnic.navy.mil/70yearsofpeace](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/70yearsofpeace)  
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