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Nagaoka Fireworks at Pearl Harbor to highlight “70 Years of Peace” commemorative events on Aug. 15

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM – The city of Nagaoka, Japan, will bring its famous fireworks to Pearl Harbor on Aug. 15 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II in the Pacific. Nagaoka and sister city, Honolulu, along with the U. S. Navy in Hawaii, will jointly host the historic “70 Years of Peace” commemorative event on Saturday, Aug. 15 on historic Ford Island at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The public is invited to the festivities beginning at 4 p.m. with food vendors, cultural and educational displays, and entertainment on stage, followed by a commemorative program at 7 p.m., and the fireworks display at 8 p.m. The special Nagaoka fireworks will honor the memory of war victims and celebrate 70 years of continuing peace and friendship.

Event Highlights: Entertainment on stage will feature multiple Hoku award-winning musician, Mark Yamanaka, U. S. Navy’s talented Pacific Fleet Band, Aloha Hula Club from Japan, and a taiko drum performance by Ryukyukoki Matsuri Daiko. The official commemorative program begins at 7 p.m. with guest speakers, a youth peace summit declaration, choir performances by Nagaoka Boys and Girl’s Choir and HEARTS Hawaii Choir, and a special live performance of the hit song, “Jupiter” by Japanese singer, Ayaka Hirahara. At 8 p.m., the skies above Pearl Harbor and surrounding areas will light up with a spectacular display of Nagaoka’s special fireworks to honor war victims with prayers for world peace and hopes of a bright and peaceful future for future generations. Music for the fireworks will simulcast live on radio station Hawaiian 105.1 KINE-FM.

Fireworks Viewing Locations: The main viewing location will be on Ford Island, with parking available on a first-come, first-served basis. The National Park Service’s Pearl Harbor Visitor Center will open after hours at 5:30 p.m. as an alternate viewing location. Neal S. Blaisdell Park in Waimalu offers another viewing option for the public, closing at 10 p.m.

Parking and Entry: Parking on Ford Island will open at 4 p.m. on a first come, first-served basis. In preparation for the fireworks, the Ford Island Bridge will close to inbound and outbound traffic from 7:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Ford Island residents and guests should plan accordingly. Traffic delays can be expected due to the limited lanes on the Ford Island Bridge so plan for an early arrival. Other parking and transportation options will be posted on the website when available: www.cnic.navy.mil/70yearsofpeace.

Security: Strict security measures will be in place. Guests may bring lawn chairs and mats, small bags, diaper bags, strollers, and cameras. No large bags, coolers, tents, and outside food or beverages. Food will be available for purchase. For a complete list of restricted items, visit www.cnic.navy.mil/70yearsofpeace. All carry-in items are subject to search.

For more information: Visit the website at www.cnic.navy.mil/70yearsofpeace. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/70yearsofpeace. Contact us by email at www.70yearsofpeacefriendship@gmail.com, (808) 473-1173 or 473-3958.

FOR MEDIA ONLY (not for publication):

The following events are open to media for coverage. Event site map will be provided in Media Packet:

Thursday, Aug. 13, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Site visit to Ford Island to see event locations: Meet at Pass & ID office parking lot located outside Nimitz Gate at 1:30 p.m. for escort to Ford Island.

Friday, Aug. 14, 6 p.m. – 8:05 p.m. Private floral tribute and memorial service (closed to the public): The memorial service includes a floral tribute, wreath presentation, speeches, a moment of silence, playing of Echo Taps, and a short three white chrysanthemum fireworks display. A press conference will be held after event. The memorial service will be at two locations in close proximity. Media should be in place by 5 p.m. at the USS Arizona memorial marker on Ford Island. Media in attendance must be registered to obtain credentials for base access (see Registration and Base Access below).

Saturday, Aug. 15, 4 p.m. – 8:20 p.m. Commemorative events and fireworks spectacular (open to the public): Media should plan to arrive early to allow for possible traffic delays, but no earlier than 4 p.m., unless prior arrangements were made through Public Affairs. Media parking will be available to registered media only (parking pass required). Upon entering event site, media should check in at the media tent. A press conference will follow after the events. Interviews with military, City & County of Honolulu, and City of Nagaoka officials shall be coordinated with Public Affairs personnel at the media tent. Media in attendance must be registered.

Registration and Base Access: All media members must register by completing a media credential form found on the website, www.cnmc.navy.mil/70yearsofpeace. Please fill out the form and submit by **Aug. 7** to 70yearsofpeacemedia@gmail.com. Media members covering the Aug. 14 event are required to provide additional info (last 4 SSN and date of birth) for base access credentials. (Access to Ford Island will be open to the public on Aug. 15.) All live media trucks and other large commercial vehicles must be inspected at Halawa Gate prior to entering Ford Island. On Aug. 14-15, Halawa Gate will open from 5:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., so media with live trucks should plan accordingly. All other media vehicles may enter Ford Island using their base credentials.

Media Credentials Pickup: Approved media may pick up their credentials at the Pass & ID office parking lot located outside Nimitz Gate at the following dates & times: Wednesday, Aug. 12, between 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or Thursday, Aug. 13, between 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you will be unable to pick up your credentials at the designated times, contact Navy Public Affairs below to make other arrangements.

Driving directions: From H-1 freeway, head toward the Airport to “Joint Base PHH” exit. As you approach Joint Base, stay on your far right lane to Pearl Harbor. Turn right into the parking lot (do not enter through the gates).

Questions: For questions contact Navy Public Affairs personnel at 473-0660, 473-2926. Media cell: (808) 590-8363. Email: 70yearsofpeace@gmail.com.

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