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# NAS Pensacola Weekend Public Access May 4-7 and 11-14

Areas of Public Interest Open Include Pensacola Lighthouse, Aviation Museum and Fort Barrancas

NAVAL AIR STATION PENSACOLA, Fla. — Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola will allow a weekend of public access to the installation May 4 through May 7 as well as May 11 through May 14.

Public access to the air station May 4 through 7 and May 11 through 14 will be available from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. through the West Gate only, located at the south end of Blue Angel Parkway. Areas of public interest onboard NAS Pensacola include the Pensacola Lighthouse and Maritime Museum, the National Naval Aviation Museum (NNAM) and Fort Barrancas. Access to Barrancas National Cemetery is always available to anyone with family interred at the cemetery through the Visitor Control Center at the Main Gate.

"We're thrilled to be able to provide our community with the opportunity to visit the areas of public interest onboard NAS Pensacola while ensuring the safety of our service members, civilian employees and their families," said Capt. Terry Shashaty, NAS Pensacola commanding officer.

All U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals 18 and older visiting the air station must have a Real ID or passport. The Department of Defense (DoD) and the Navy require any identification card used for base access to be compliant with the Real ID Act of 2005. Real ID-compliant identification cards are marked by a star on the upper right of the card. If you do not have a Real ID-compliant identification, you may present an original or certified true copy of a birth certificate bearing a raised seal, social security card, and driver's license issued by a state, territory, possession, or District of Columbia that is not Real ID-compliant. All three documents must bear the same name, or a former name as documented on an acceptable name change documentation such as a court order, marriage certificate, or divorce decree.

#### Foreign nationals will not be allowed access.

# Non-DoD identification card holders operating vehicles with trailers will not be allowed access to the air station.

Access will be available dependent on available parking at the National Naval Aviation Museum (NNAM) and Pensacola Lighthouse. Once parking is full, public access will be halted until more parking becomes available. Temporary traffic control points will be located on base to prevent public access to other areas of the installation.

The following restrictions will apply:

- No weapons (firearms/knives) allowed (to include Concealed Weapon Permit holders)
- No backpacks/coolers allowed (diaper bags or medically required bags are acceptable and subject to search)
- No alcoholic beverages allowed
- No drones allowed (countermeasures will be taken)
- Persons with felony convictions are not authorized base access
- No visitors with boats and boat trailers
- All vehicles and personnel are subject to security searches and background checks

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