

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Oct. 26, 2023

2023 NAS Pensacola Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show Media Schedule of Events

PENSACOLA, Fla. — The 2023 Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola Blue Angels Homecoming Airshow is scheduled Nov. 3-4 at the air station in Pensacola, Florida.

Of particular note, the following is something NAS Pensacola wishes to stress:

- Both the Main Gate, at the south end of Navy Blvd., and the West Gate, at the south end of Blue Angel Parkway, will open at 8 a.m. both days. The airshow is scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m.
- Airshow visitors should observe all local traffic regulations. Parking along the side of roads entering the installation is prohibited.
- General admission to the event is free, although <u>premium preferred seating tickets</u> are available for purchase.
- Prohibited Items:
 - All weapons (regardless of permit) including: fire arms, knives (including pocket knives and multi-tools), replica or toy weapons, pepper spray, stun guns, walking sticks (except for handicap use)
 - Outside food or drink, including alcoholic beverages (individuals may bring an empty water bottle)
 - o Bikes, roller blades, razor scooters, etc.
 - Pets (not including service animals)
 - Drones
 - o Coolers or backpacks besides small purses, diaper bags, and small camera bags
 - o Alcoholic beverages, unless purchased from approved vendors
 - Ice chests or coolers

Numerous media opportunities are available during the week of the airshow, providing outlets opportunities to see and interact with event organizers as well as airshow favorites, the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels.

It is imperative to coordinate with the NAS Pensacola Public Affairs Office to arrange coverage of any of the events outlined below:

Wednesday, Nov. 1

- Pioneering women of Naval Aviation are participating in the Commander, Naval Air Forces (CNAF) LEGACY Summit at the National Naval Aviation Museum.

Thursday, Nov. 2

- Blue Angels Media Day. Media outlets interested in participating in Blue Angels Media Day will need to meet at the NAS Pensacola Main Gate at 7:45 a.m., Nov. 2. We will then transit to the Blue Angels area as a group and receive a brief from their representative. Interviews are scheduled to begin at 10:20 a.m. and finish at 10:40 a.m. *Media outlets interested in participating in this event need to contact the NAS Pensacola Public Affairs Officer at 850-418-5185 by Wednesday, Nov. 1, no later than noon.*
- Additional media opportunities with groups visiting NAS Pensacola that day exist following Blue Angels Media Day.
 - o Rally for Cancer Gulf Coast
 - o Escambia County Schools
 - o Some of the first U.S. Navy women aviators may have availability for interviews

Friday, Nov. 3

 Historically, some outlets have provided live coverage during their morning and/or evening broadcasts. This is available to interested media outlets and can be arranged by contacting the NAS Pensacola Public Affairs Officer at 850-418-5185. Additional potential media availabilities with visitors to the 2023 NAS Pensacola Blue Angels Homecoming Airshow might be arranged that day.

Saturday, Nov. 4

Potential live coverage during morning and/or evening broadcasts can be made available.
Interested media outlets can contact the NAS Pensacola Public Affairs Officer at 850-418-5185. Additional potential media availabilities with visitors to the 2023 NAS Pensacola Blue Angels Homecoming Airshow might be arranged that day.

Themed *Women in Naval Aviation*, the 2023 NAS Pensacola Blue Angels Homecoming Airshow is designed to honor and recognize the significant contributions women have made to naval aviation since the enactment of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, which removed restrictions prohibiting women from serving in combat-related roles and ultimately opened the door for women to pursue careers as naval aviators. The first class of female naval aviators began training in 1973 at NAS Pensacola.

The 2023 NAS Pensacola Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show is one of Pensacola's largest tourist attractions, drawing more than 220,000 spectators during the two-day event.

For a complete list of performers and other information about the NAS Pensacola Blue Angels Homecoming Airshow, individuals are encouraged to visit the <u>NAS Pensacola Blue Angles Homecoming Airshow</u> page. (<u>www.naspensacolaairshow.com</u>)

For media inquiries, please contact the NAS Pensacola Public Affairs Officer at 850-418-5185.