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Blue Angels Honored as Grand Marshal in Pen Air Federal Credit Union Fiesta Day Parade

Pensacola, Fla. (May 21, 2013) Organizers of the Pen Air Federal Credit Union Fiesta Day Parade are excited to announce the Blue Angels as Grand Marshal for the event on Thursday, June 6 at in downtown Pensacola. The elite naval flight demonstration team, which was grounded for the rest of 2013 as a result of federal sequestration, will be recognized during the parade beginning at 6:30 p.m.

"The Blue Angels are very excited to participate in this year's Pen Air Federal Credit Union Fiesta Day Parade," said Blue Angels Commanding Officer, CDR Tom Frosch. "Due to the cancelation of our 2013 air show season, the Blue Angels have taken this opportunity to step up our community outreach focus and increase our interaction with the local community on a level we haven't had the opportunity to do so in the past. Part of that is partaking in community events, such as the parade." CDR Frosch, a Michigan native, came to Naval Air Station Pensacola in 1993 and became CO of the Blues in November of 2012.

Frosch, the pilots and 75 crew members will lead the parade that begins at Garden and Spring Streets and will travel east on Garden to Palafox St. The route will continue until Wright St., where it will turn south onto Palafox St., ending at Bayfront Pkwy. Bring the entire family to one of Pensacola's favorite Fiesta events. In addition to the dozens of local krewes who participate in the parade, appearances will be made by a masked DeLuna LXIV, his queen and their court.

"For the past 67 years, the Blue Angels have proudly represented the pride and professionalism of naval aviation and the naval services and maintained that legacy, which continues to inspire and motivate those serving today," said Frosch. "The same can be said for the culture and history of Pensacola, America's oldest city. The Fiesta of Five Flags is a salute to Pensacola's history and its cultural diversity, a benefit gained from the five flags of government under which this city has grown - making it the great city it is today."

For more information about the parade please call the Fiesta of Five Flags at (850) 433-6512 or visit www.fiestaoffiveflags.org/parade.

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