



News Release

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Fiesta of Five Flags Celebration Schedule of Events: May 31 – June 9

Pensacola, Fla. (May 22, 2012) The Fiesta of Five Flags is the annual celebration of the founding of Pensacola by the Spanish conquistador Don Tristan de Luna in 1559. DeLuna established Pensacola as the first European settlement in the United States and since that time five different flags have flown over the city: Spanish, French, British, Confederate and American. This celebration is one of the oldest and largest heritage festivals in the state of Florida. The Fiesta of Five Flags 63rd anniversary celebration will take place May 31 through June 9.

Emmanuel Sheppard and Condon Fiesta Days Celebration – Thursday, May 31

Time: 7 to 10 p.m.

Location: Seville Quarter

Cost: \$30 per person

Historic Seville Quarter comes alive with entertainment, decorations and delicious food in five rooms, each saluting our history of the flags of the five governments that have flown over Pensacola. With each ticket, guests receive access to the five rooms, two beverage tickets, an original custom designed 63rd annual commemorative pin and live entertainment throughout the venue.

Surrender of the City will take place at 7:15 p.m. in Phineas Phoggs. Local dignitaries such as Mayor Ashton Hayward, Police Chief Chip Simmons, Supervisor of Elections David Stafford and Pensacola Naval Air Station Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Plummer are captured by the Fiesta Forces and surrender the City of Pensacola and its citizens to DeLuna, his queen, and the Fiesta Forces for the Fiesta season.

Fiesta Prayer Service – Saturday, June 2

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Christ Church – Wright and Palafox Streets

FREE!

Begin the Fiesta celebration with the traditional ecumenical service. The public is invited to attend.

Centennial Imports Fiesta Boat Parade- Saturday, June 2

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: Pensacola Bay

FREE!

Decorate your boat and come be a part of one of the largest boat parades on Pensacola Bay. Yachts from Marine Max lead the parade departing from the mouth of Bayou Chico.

DeLuna Landing Ceremony - Saturday, June 2

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Quietwater Amphitheater, Pensacola Beach

FREE!

Under orders from King Phillip II of Spain more than 450 years ago, Conquistador Don Tristan de Luna sailed into the beautiful waters surrounding what is now Pensacola, Fla. He claimed the land he found in the name of Spain, and Pensacola became the first European settlement in the United States. The DeLuna Landing Ceremony is a light hearted reenactment of the conquistadors landing.

Vince Whibbs Automotive Fiesta All Krewe Ball – Wednesday, June 6

Time: 7 to 11 p.m.

Location: Hadji Shrine Temple

Cost: \$35 per person

Krewe costume attire (masks encouraged)

The Vince Whibbs Automotive Fiesta All Krewe Ball is a gala affair honoring Mardi Gras and Fiesta monarchs as they, in turn, honor DeLuna LXIII. The festivities include a masquerade theme with live music from Naked Eskimos, Krewe skits, table decorating competition and a presentation of Krewe royalty. Ticket includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and may be purchased at the Fiesta office.

Pen Air Federal Credit Union Fiesta Day Parade - Thursday, June 7

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Downtown Pensacola

FREE!

Come catch some beads and enjoy the beautiful floats parade through downtown Pensacola. Special appearances will be made by DeLuna LXIII, his queen, their court, and our parade Grand Marshal Rear Adm. Donald P. Quinn, Commander, Naval Education and Training Command at NAS Pensacola. Join the merriment and celebrate Pensacola's rich heritage with this festive parade.

Fiesta of Five Flags McLaughlan Southeastern Model Airplane Championship - Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Navy Helicopter Field Site 8A off 9 Mile Rd.

FREE!

For more information contact Paul Grabski at (850) 475-2297 or grab3939@cox.net

For more information about these or other upcoming Fiesta events, call the Fiesta of Five Flags office at (850) 433-6512 or go online to www.FiestaofFiveFlags.org.

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The mission of the Fiesta of Five Flags is to celebrate our heritage, promote tourism, and build pride in Pensacola through festive activities which enhance the quality of life in our Community.