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### **Dedication of the Five Flags Memorial at Plaza de Luna**

**Pensacola, Fla. (June 5, 2012)** The Fiesta of Five Flags Association will host a dedication of the Five Flags Memorial at Plaza de Luna. Five bronze reliefs, each containing a brief history of each of the five flags that have governed over Pensacola, will be unveiled on Friday, June 8 at noon in Plaza de Luna at Palafox Pier. The public is invited to attend.

The bronze reliefs will be placed on the base of the conquistador memorial statue at Plaza de Luna. Local sculptor Bob Rasmussen created the life-size bronze conquistador memorial statue in celebration of the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Pensacola in 2009. The 6-foot 2-inch statue portrays a conquistador standing upright, holding the flag of the king of Spain. Rasmussen donated his sculpting work for each of the five bronze reliefs that will be unveiled Friday.

Dignitaries will help unveil each of the five bronze reliefs at the base of the statue. Those in attendance will be City of Pensacola Mayor Ashton Hayward, Escambia County Commission Chair Wilson Robertson, Representative Clay Ingram, Sheilah Bowman, representing Congressman Jeff Miller, and DeLuna LXIII and his queen. President Dr. Judy Bense of the University of West Florida will be the master of ceremonies. Bense will give a brief history of each of the five flags and when those countries governed over Pensacola.

Surrounding the statue are personalized granite pavers purchased by those that wanted to leave a permanent reminder in place for future generations.

For more information about Fiesta of Five Flags please visit [www.fiestaoffiveflags.org](http://www.fiestaoffiveflags.org) or call (850) 433-6512.

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#### About Fiesta of Five Flags

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.