

USS WALDRON 2023 Annual Reunion in Pensacola, FL
May 8 – May 12, 2023
Hosted by Paul Weekley

Pensacola is the western-most city in the Florida Panhandle. As of the 2020 United States census, Pensacola's population was 54,312, with the total Pensacola Metropolitan area being around 500,000.

Pensacola is the site of the first Spanish settlement within the borders of the continental United States in 1559. Pensacola is a seaport on Pensacola Bay, which is protected by the barrier island of Santa Rosa and connects to the Gulf of Mexico. A large United States Naval Air Station, the first in the United States, is located southwest of Pensacola near Warrington; it is the base of the Blue Angels flight demonstration team and the National Naval Aviation Museum.

It is nicknamed "The City of Five Flags", due to the five governments that have ruled it during its history - the flags of Spain, France, Great Britain, and the Confederate States of America, and the United States of America. Other nicknames include "World's Whitest Beaches", "Cradle of Naval Aviation", "Western Gate to the Sunshine State", "America's First Settlement", "Emerald Coast", "Red Snapper Capital of the World", and "P-Cola".

Pensacola's average high temperature in May is 85 degrees and an average low of 67.

Homewood Suites by Hilton Pensacola – Airport Hotel (Cordova Mall Area)



The reunion officially runs from Monday, May 8 until Thursday, May 12, and we will be staying at the Homewood Suites by Hilton Pensacola Airport Hotel (Cordova Mall Area).

850-474-3777

Homewood Suites offers **free shuttle service** to/from the Pensacola International Airport and the Cordova Mall. Their free shuttle also covers nearby areas. The rate is \$179/night plus tax, and is good 2 nights before and 2 nights after based on availability.

A Hot Breakfast, WiFi, Parking, Pool, and Fitness Center are all **included** in the rate.

Mention that you are with the **USS WALDRON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** to assure you are associated with our group. It is always best to make your reservation directly with the hotel (850-474-3777) and not a central hotel-chain call center. They will ask you for a deposit or credit card number to guarantee your room reservation.

The **cutoff date** for hotel reservations at the special rate is **March 1**.

If you encounter any problems please contact this year's reunion coordinator:

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