

USS WALDRON 2023 REUNION EVENTS

Pensacola, Florida May 8 - May 12, 2023

Monday May 8

Group Welcome Buffet at the Homewood Suites Pensacola – Airport Cordova Mall Hotel

Enjoy a delicious Florida style Bar-B-Que Buffet with brisket, pulled chicken and pulled pork. Come and visit with your old shipmates and have a lot of laughs retelling numerous war stories!

Tuesday, May 9

National Aviation Museum



We board a trolley and travel to the National Aviation Museum for a guided tour. More than 150 aircraft and spacecraft are on display, including four former Blue Angels A-4 Skyhawks, the Curtiss NC-4 (the first aircraft to cross the Atlantic), U.S. Coast Guard helicopters, biplanes, and a K-47 Airship control gondola and tail fin. Historic and one-of-a-kind aircraft are displayed inside the museum's 300,000 square feet of exhibit space and outside on its 37-acre grounds.

Blue Angels



After the museum we go to the Blue Angel's practice show. The **Blue Angels** is a flight demonstration squadron of the United States Navy. Formed in 1946, the unit is the second oldest formal aerobatic team in the world. Since 1946, the Blue Angels have flown for more than 505 million spectators.

Lunch is at the Cubi Bar Cafe



The cafe opened in 1966 and its decor and layout duplicates the bar area of the famous Cubi Point Officers Club that was a major source of enjoyment for Navy and Marine Corps squadrons, ships and units as they passed into the Western Pacific.

National Flight Academy



We take a tour of the National Flight Academy if classes are not in session. Children experience one of the most exciting and immersive learning adventures in the world aboard the world's largest simulated aircraft carrier. An experience for rising 7-12th graders that inspires interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Tuesday's Dinner will be on your own. Transportation will be available to the nearby Mall..

Wednesday, May 10

Dolphin Cruise



We head to the Marina to board a cruise boat and watch the dolphins in the harbor. Dolphins are undeniably captivating. These intelligent, majestic creatures are always a spectacle to see. Their playful and happy nature is contagious. Dolphins are often seen leaping from waves behind the wake of a boat or coming up to check out boat passengers, it's always thrilling to experience them in person. If lucky we may be able to see the Blue Angel practicing on our boat.

Picnic lunch at the Marina

Wednesday's Dinner will be on your own. Transportation will be available to the nearby Mall.

Thursday, May 11

Guided Tour of Pensacola

We board our bus for a narrated tour of Historic Downtown Pensacola. The tour may include a stop at the Pensacola Visitor's Center and the Veteran's Memorial Park

Lunch at McGuire's Irish Pub



Inside the pub you'll find a turn-of-the-century, New York Irish Saloon themed 615-seat restaurant. More than One Million signed dollar bills are hanging from the ceilings and walls of the Pub.

Memorial Service

The Memorial Service will be held at [**Veteran's Memorial Park**](#).

Business Meeting

The meeting will be in the hotel's Hospitality Suite.

Banquet Dinner and the 7th Annual Waldron's Got Talent

The concluding buffet banquet dinner this year will include Greek style baked chicken, braised beef tips, or sun dried tomato grouper with a house salad and dessert. Following the banquet it's the **Waldron's Got Talent** show that has been such a success the last six reunions with cash prizes for the winners. Come and show off your talents in singing, dancing, comedy skits, jokes, magic, etc. Amaze your shipmates and surprise yourself. A cash award and a second career may be waiting for you! Of course, it doesn't matter whether you win or not. The real fun is participating in the activities.

Friday, May 12

Goodbye until we meet again at the USS Waldron's Annual Reunion in Nashville in 2024!