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Pensacola Navy League Invites the entire Community to Welcome the Navy's Pelican back to his Perch at corner of Garden and Palafox.

(Pensacola, FL – August 2021) The Pensacola Navy League invites the community to the Re-Installation Ceremony for "Blue 1," the U. S. Navy's Pelican. "BLUE 1" is returning to his post on Palafox after vandalism required months of repairs. The ceremony will be held at Palafox and Garden on Friday, September 17th at 5:00 p.m.

The Pensacola News Journal began a Pelicans in Paradise public art project in 2004 with sponsors to support their Newspapers in Education literacy program. While the Program has ended our wonderful Pelicans remain and continue to be an attraction for the local area. Unfortunately, the U.S. Navy's "BLUE 1" was severely damaged due to vandalism and the original sponsors for the Pelican were no longer available. The Pensacola Navy League however stepped in to assist by adopting the Navy Pelican – and now, "BLUE 1" is back – better than ever.

Thanks to Dave Richards at Blue Coral Fiberglass for refurbishing "BLUE 1" and to the U.S. Navy Blue Angel's Corrosion Control Team's repainting efforts, the U.S. Navy's Pelican, "BLUE 1," has been restored to his former glory following months of repair and will return to Sentry Duty at the hub of downtown Pensacola.

The Pensacola Navy League is honored to host this community event as "BLUE 1" is caravanned aboard a Fiesta Pensacola Float containing the Commanding Officer of NASP, CAPT Kinsella USN, and members of the famed Blue Angels as it transits from South Palafox to his post at Palafox and Garden Streets. The official Ceremony will begin at 5:00 p.m. when Mayor Grover Robinson IV and Navy League President Dan McCort will greet and receive "Blue 1" from CAPT Kinsella and the Blue Angels in order to re-install "Blue 1" to his rightful Perch.

Pensacola Navy League President, Dan McCort, comments, "The Pensacola Navy League proudly adopted the Navy's Pelican which was out of commission for more than a year due to vandalism. Our adoption will ensure that "BLUE 1" remains protected and the Navy will once again be properly represented on Palafox along with the other military services."

For information about the Re-Installation Ceremony, please visit the Pensacola Navy League's website at (www.pensacolanavyleague.org).

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About the Navy League of the United States:

The Navy League of the United States was founded in 1902 with the encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt. We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) educational and advocacy organization that supports America's sea services — the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine. For more information about the Pensacola Navy League and its activities, visit pensacolanavyleague.org.