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Blue Wahoos Hosting ‘Salute to Service’ Night Aug. 18 With NAS Pensacola Jerseys, Call Signs *Ted Williams Bobblehead Giveaways for first 1,000 Entrants to Game*

PENSACOLA, Fla. – The Pensacola Blue Wahoos are scheduled to host the ‘Salute to Service’ game with players wearing Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola-themed jerseys Aug. 18 against the Montgomery Biscuits at Adm. Fetterman Field in Pensacola, Florida’s Community Maritime Park.

The Naval Aviation Museum (NAM) Foundation is the presenting sponsor for the game.

The Wahoos ‘Salute to Service’ game, designed to honor and celebrate the thousands of service members from each branch of the armed forces in the Pensacola, Florida, area, additionally keys on Major League Baseball (MLB) legend Ted Williams’ service and ties to NAS Pensacola. The Wahoos designed a Ted Williams bobblehead with a Bronson Bombers jersey – the U.S. Navy team on which Williams played while assigned to NAS Pensacola – as a game day giveaway to the first 1,000 entrants to the 6:35 p.m. game.

“[Williams] had his fame and bright future in baseball, but left it behind to serve our great nation during World War II,” said NAS Pensacola Commanding Officer Capt. Terry ‘Village’ Shashaty. “He could have accepted an easier assignment but he chose to become an aviator. We thank him and honor him for his military service and remember his connection to the world’s greatest Navy and the great American sport of baseball.”

Shashaty is scheduled to throw out one of the ceremonial first pitches at the start of the game, preceded by recognition of some of NAS Pensacola tenant command leadership on the field during the pre-game ceremony.

In addition to the NAS Pensacola logo featured on their game uniforms, players will have a ‘call sign’ instead of their names on the back of the jersey. Call signs are a U.S. Navy aviation tradition designed to instill pride in an organization or team.

“The Wahoos are an outstanding organization and sharing the naval aviation tradition of giving out call signs reinforces the close ties we share with our community,” he said. “Call signs are a longstanding tradition in the military as a way to identify and communicate with aviators over radios. There’s often a light-hearted story behind a call-sign, and sharing this tradition with the Blue Wahoos demonstrates the long history the base shares with this great community.”

Media interested in covering the pre-game ceremony and first pitch are encouraged to contact bruce.a.cummins2.civ@us.navy.mil or at 850-418-5185 no later than Thursday, Aug. 17.

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