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### *WWII Submarine USS DRUM Crew In Mobile*

**Mobile, Alabama, June 8, 2016** - The former crew of the highly decorated World War II Submarine USS DRUM (SS-228) will be in Mobile for their annual reunion Friday and Saturday, June 16 and 17. The hotel base for the crew while in Mobile will be the Hampton Inn in Daphne.

Submarine DRUM won 12 Battle Stars during WWII. Commissioned on November 1, 1941, she was the first new construction submarine to make it to Pearl Harbor in Spring 1942 after the horrific enemy sneak attack on the American Fleet on December 7, 1941. It is the oldest existing WWII submarine on display in America.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 20, at USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park honoring those Submariners "still on patrol" as well as those former DRUM crewmen who aren't able to attend this year's event. A barbecue lunch for the crew will be hosted by the USS ALABAMA Battleship Commission after the service.

Although fewer in number each year, the DRUM crew epitomizes the bravery of the Silent Service. Theirs and millions of other American and Allied soldiers and sailors sacrificed all so our great nation can be free.

