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PRESS RELEASE

BATTLESHIP MEMORIAL PARK TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR 2017-2018 CREWMATES – THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CREW

Mobile, Alabama, January 5, 2017 – Now hear this! Battleship Memorial Park’s upcoming 2017-2018 USS ALABAMA Crewmate application process is now open. Applications are available now and deadline for submission is February 27, 4:00 p.m. Applications can be picked up at the Ship’s Store, 2703 Battleship Parkway, or can be requested through email at info@ussalabama.com. This is the 50th anniversary year for the Crewmate program and will be an exceptional year for those young ladies selected to serve.

The USS ALBAMA Crewmate Program is open to young women who will reach their 19th birthday by March 25, 2017 and will not have reached their 22nd birthday by the same date. All interested applicants must reside in Mobile or Baldwin county during the time of application, and if selected, during their year of service as a Crewmate.

The USS ALABAMA Crewmates represent Battleship Memorial Park and the State of Alabama as ambassadors, promoting the Park and tourism in Alabama at a variety of events and public appearances

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throughout the year. The Crewmates serve as official hostesses during our Crewmen Association Reunions, they welcome dignitaries and special guests to the Park, and are on-hand during our annual events. The Crewmates participate in Veterans Day events, Distinguished Young Women Finals Week, regional parades, military-related events, and a host of tourism events along the Gulf Coast and across the state.

The 2017-2018 USS ALABAMA Crewmates will be selected on March 23. A panel of independent judges will select the Crewmates based on application, letters of recommendation, and interviews. Six young women will be selected to serve as Crewmates. Miss USS ALABAMA receives a \$2,000 scholarship, Miss USS DRUM receives a \$1,500, and the remaining four Crewmates receive a \$1,000 scholarship, payable to the college or university of their choice.

No entry fee or sponsorship is required to enter the contest. All uniforms and accessories worn during official functions are provided, at no cost to the Crewmates, by the Battleship Commission. Travel expenses for out-of-town activities are also provided. All functions are fully chaperoned by officials of Battleship Memorial Park.

The USS ALABAMA Crewmate program was founded in 1967 as an ambassador program for the newly created USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park. The program has offered more than 250 young ladies the opportunity to serve in this position and to receive scholarship funds to the college of their choice. The Crewmates have dedicated thousands of hours in community service to both Battleship Memorial Park and the State of Alabama.

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