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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### *2018-2019 USS ALABAMA Crewmates Selected*

**Mobile, Alabama, March 22, 2018** – USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park is pleased to announce the selection of the 2018-2019 USS ALABAMA Crewmates. These six exceptional young women have been selected to serve as the 51<sup>st</sup> crew of ambassadors to represent Battleship Memorial Park and the state of Alabama this year.

Selected by a panel of judges, the new Crewmates are:

Lauren Wright of Semmes. Lauren is a junior attending Bishop State Community College where she is majoring in Nursing. She is the daughter of Mike and Belinda Wright.

Ashley Moss of Mobile. Ashley is a sophomore attending the University of South Alabama where she is majoring in Speech and Hearing Sciences. She is the daughter of Charles Moss and Sherry Horton.

Lexi Naughton of Mobile. Lexi is a junior attending the University of South Alabama where she is majoring in Healthcare Management and Infomatics. She is the daughter of John Naughton and Tonya Gollottee.

Barclay Weed of Mobile. Barclay is a freshman attending the University of South Alabama where she is majoring in Biomedical Sciences. She is the daughter of Andy and Beth Weed.

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Payton Sibley of Mobile. Payton is a junior attending the University of South Alabama where she is majoring in Speech and Hearing Sciences. She is the daughter of David Sibley and Wendy Sibley.

Courtney Caine of Mobile. Courtney is a junior attending the Cardiac and Vascular Institute of Ultrasound where she is majoring in Radiologic Sciences. She is the daughter of Jared and Jennifer Caine.

During the coming year, the Crewmates will make personal appearances throughout the state promoting Battleship Memorial Park. They will help welcome visitors, serve as hostesses during special events, and work with the state and local tourism offices promoting Mobile and the park. Among the annual activities they participate in is the Distinguished Young Women Finals Week, Veterans Day parade and celebrations, *Wreaths Across America* at the state Veterans Cemetery in Montevallo, the Floral Parade during Mardi Gras and our USS ALABAMA and USS DRUM Crewmen's Association Reunions.

"The USS ALABAMA Crewmate program has been active for nearly as long as the USS ALABAMA and USS DRUM have been a part of Mobile's horizon," stated Major General Janet Cobb, USA retired, executive director. "These outstanding young women are superb ambassadors for the State of Alabama and Battleship Memorial Park. We are so pleased to welcome them into the USS ALABAMA family."

Each Crewmate selected will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to college of their choice. The lucky young women selected to serve as Miss USS ALABAMA will receive an additional \$1,000 scholarship and Miss USS DRUM will receive an additional \$500 scholarship.

For more information on the USS ALABAMA Crewmate Program, please visit [www.ussalabama.com](http://www.ussalabama.com).

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PHOTO CAPTION:

USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park has selected six new young women to represent the park for 2018-2019. This year's USS ALABAMA Crewmates are from left: Lauren Wright, Ashley Moss, Lexi Naughton, Barclay Weed, Payton Sibley, and Courtney Caine.