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PRESS RELEASE

Applications Now Open for 2018-2019 USS ALABAMA Crewmate Program

Mobile, Alabama, January 31, 2018 – Now hear this! Battleship Memorial Park has opened the application process for the 2018-2019 USS ALABAMA Crewmate Program. Applications are available for pick up at Battleship Memorial Park Gift Shop, 2703 Battleship Parkway, or to download from our website at www.ussalabama.com beginning Thursday, February 1. Deadline for application submission is Monday, February 26, 4:00 p.m.

The USS ALABAMA Crewmate Program is open to young women who will reach their 19th birthday by March 27 and 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. A complete list of qualifications and requirements are included in the application packet.

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The USS ALABAMA Crewmates serve as ambassadors for Battleship Memorial Park and the State of Alabama, promoting the park and tourism in Alabama at a variety of events and public appearances throughout their year of service. The Crewmates serve as official hostesses for our annual USS ALABAMA and USS DRUM Crewmen's Association Reunions, they welcome dignitaries and special guests to the park, and are on-hand during all of our annual events. They participate in the Senior Bowl day activities, help welcome visiting naval ships to Mobile during Mardi Gras, assist during America's Distinguished Young Women finals week, and participate in Mobile's Veterans Day Parade and other military-related events across Alabama. This year's Crewmates will serve as the 51st crew to participate in the program.

The 2018-2019 USS ALABAMA Crewmates will be selected on Thursday, March 21. A panel of independent judges will select the Crewmates based on their application, letters of recommendation, and interview. Six young women will be selected to serve as Crewmates. Each Crewmate selected will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship, payable to the college or university of their choice. In addition, the lucky Crewmate selected to serve as Miss USS ALABAMA will receive an additional \$1,000.00 scholarship and Miss USS DRUM will receive an additional \$500.00 scholarship.

No entry fee or sponsorship is required to enter the contest. All uniforms and accessories worn during the 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 appearances 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

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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. Battleship Memorial Park is in our 53rd year of operation.

For more information on the USS ALABAMA Crewmate Program, please call Lynne Price at 251-438-2834.

For information on Battleship Memorial Park, please visit our website at www.ussalabama.com or follow us on facebook at USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park.

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