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PRESS RELEASE

History Comes Alive in WWII Holiday Style

Mobile, Alabama, November 21, 2017 – Now Hear This! Saturday, December 2, Battleship Memorial Park will come alive as our living history crews come aboard the USS ALABAMA and the USS DRUM. These WWII historical reenactors will demonstrate what life was like during WWII, complete with a call to battle stations and emergency drills. Along with the reenactments, we will be ushering in the holiday season with several activities, including celebrating Operation Gratitude.

Here's an outline of the day's events:

8:00 a.m. – Raising of the Colors, Fantail

9:00 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of the USS ALABAMA's newly restored Post Office. Visitors will be able to tour this compartment and mail cards and letters for Operation Gratitude.

9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. - Operation Gratitude. Our lovely USS ALABAMA Crewmates will be manning our Operation Gratitude art station, helping children create Christmas cards and write letters to our troops stationed overseas. These cards and letters will be included in the gift boxes shipped to our active duty military personnel as part of Operation Gratitude.

Noon - 2017 Battleship Memorial Park Christmas Card Unveiling. This year's artwork will feature the USS ALABAMA as part of the ship's 75th anniversary celebration. Students from Mobile and Baldwin county elementary schools were invited to submit artwork for the cover of this year's card. The 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place winners will be announced and their artwork unveiled on the decks of the ALABAMA.

1:00 p.m. – Call To Battle Stations. Our WWII reenactors will defend the USS ALABAMA as vintage airplanes attack the ship. The living history crew sailors will fire our 20mm and 40mm guns as they repel the diving air attacks.

Battleship Memorial Park will be accepting donations to the William F. Greene State Veterans Home. Those donating items will receive a \$2 discounted admission. Items requested for donation

include non-skid slippers, diabetic socks, small flashlights with batteries, puzzles, long sleeve t-shirts, large wall calendars, packages snacks and anything patriotic.

Battleship Memorial Park will open at 8:00 a.m. with our ticket office closing at 4:00 p.m. and the park at 5:00 p.m. For more information on our hours of operation and admission, please visit www.ussalabama.com or follow us on Facebook at USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park.

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