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New Exhibit Opening March 4 at Battleship Memorial Park

February 27, 2017, Mobile, Alabama – Battleship Memorial Park will have a new exhibit opening honoring the centennial anniversary of WWI. "The Great War" will open on Saturday, March 4, 11:00 a.m., in the Aircraft Pavilion. This exhibit will showcase uniforms from all major fighting forces, historical artifacts, and a diorama of a wartime trench, giving visitors a glimpse into the battle conditions soldiers experienced during WWI. For our female visitors there will be a collection of women's items displayed that includes a nurse's uniform, a female munitions worker smock, and an array of items used and worn by females. The exhibit also highlights items from local veterans who served in Alabama regiments.

"WWI has often been regarded as the forgotten war," explained Shea McLean, curator of Battleship Memorial Park. "This is largely due to the fact that there are no WWI veterans alive to remember and share their story. We want to take this opportunity to remember those who served and sacrificed."

"Our new WWI exhibit is part of fulfilling our mission statement: to honor and remember all Alabama citizens who have worn the uniform of every branch of the U. S. Armed Forces, and to educate the public on the sacrifices these heroes have made on their behalf," stated Janet Cobb, executive director. "The State of Alabama has a unique connection to that conflict, with the 167th Infantry Regiment of the 42nd Infantry Division made up primarily of Alabamians. We don't need to let this important era of history pass unnoticed one hundred years later."

"The Great War" exhibit is included in the regular admission price to Battleship Memorial Park. The park is open daily from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For more information please call 251-433-2703 or visit our facebook page at USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park.

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