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PRESS RELEASE

USS ALABAMA Living History Crew To Drill This Weekend

Mobile, Alabama, September 21, 2017 – Now hear this! The USS ALABAMA Living History Crew will be aboard ship on Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8 for their quarterly Drill. The Living History Crew is made up of historical reenactors who demonstrate life aboard the USS ALABAMA during World War II.

“Pick up any publication in the South, and you will probably see a short blurb about the USS ALABAMA’s Living History Crew,” stated Janet L. Cobb, executive director. “If you want to see a superb World War II on-deck reenactment, come see this dedicated group of men bring history to life.”

Among the activities scheduled for the weekend will be a weapons briefing that will explain the types of weapons used aboard the Battleship. Guests will witness a general quarters rush to battle stations as “enemy” aircraft simulate an air attack at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday by vintage airplanes, weather permitting. Sailors will man the guns and repel the assault. Among the weapons demonstrated will be the firing of the restored twin 40MM Bofor pompom guns mounted on the rear of the ship and the 20mm guns on the main deck. Damage Control teams will perform a fire suppression drill as Corpsmen evacuate “wounded” sailors. There will also be displays of memorabilia from WWII on deck.

The Deep South Amateur Radio Club will be broadcasting live from CPO Mess on the Red Tour Route aboard ship. These ham radio operators will be happy to share information on how sailors broadcast to other ships during the war.

USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park is located at 2703 Battleship Memorial Parkway. Our hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily, with the last ticket of the day sold at 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6 to 11, and complimentary for children up to 5 years of age. Active military personnel are admitted free of charge. There is a \$2 per car park entry fee.

For more information on the USS ALABAMA Living History Crew please call Tony Watson, (256)630-9634 or Chip Dobson, (251)476-3448.

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