

USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION 16TH NATIONAL REUNION JUNE 02-04, 2013 MOBILE, AL

The Admiral Semmes Hotel in Downtown Mobile

The room rate (king or two queens) is \$89 per night plus tax (currently 14%). This rate does NOT include meals. There is breakfast and lunch available at the Adm. Semmes and dinner available at the Holiday Inn next door.

For booking a reservation call **251-432-8000**. Request a **GROUP RESERVATION** and when prompted use **GROUP CODE 0601 USSCOG**. This is the direct number for the Admiral Semmes front desk. The phone will be answered by knowledgeable staff experienced with handling reservations. Any difficulty encountered by a caller will be directed to Maura Garino, VP Public Relations & Business. If Maura does not solve the problem you may be having, feel free to send me an e-mail to Secretary@usscogswell.com or call 760-889-2216.

DO NOT USE THE 877# OR THE ON-LINE BOOKING SYSTEM.

The Admiral Semmes Hotel has been one of the South's finest historic landmark hotels. Since its opening in 1940, when it is was acclaimed Mobile's only luxury hotel. The hotel has been placed on the prestigious list of historic hotels of America. It is the first Mobile hotel invited to join this prestigious organization. Some of the hotel's architectural features include expansive marble floors, stair cases, a unique oval balconied lobby, highlighted by a large central chandelier, and the original Art Deco elevator doors. The hotel offers its guests a full array of services including Oliver's Restaurant and wine cellar, The Admiral's Corner Lounge, an entire floor of conference space on the mezzanine level, a spacious outdoor pool deck with hot tub, and a covered parking garage adjacent to the hotel. (Current rate is \$7.00/day)



**MOBILE REUNION
PLAN OF THE DAY
(Tentative)**

Sunday, 02 June 2013

- 0630-1030 Oliver's Restaurant open for breakfast
0930 USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION reunion registration begins in hospitality room
1100 Snack service begins in hospitality room (snack mix, soft drinks, beer, coffee & tea) (No personal alcoholic beverages allowed in the room)
1100-2200 Admiral's Corner restaurant & Bar open—Limited food menu
1700 Reunion welcome gathering with hors d'oeuvres provided by the hotel.
1730 Remarks from our Association President Frank Wille, a representative from the Convention and Visitors Bureau & a representative from the hotel
1800 An overview of the scheduled tours and the other activities during the reunion.
1815 (Approximate) Cogswell Association business meeting and election of new committee members
2400 Doors close to hospitality room.

Monday, 03 June 2013

- 0630-1000 Oliver's Restaurant open for breakfast
0800 Doors open to hospitality room.
0830 Bus leaves for Battleship Park and Fort Gaines—boarded by registration priority
1100 Snack service begins in hospitality room (snack mix, soft drinks, beer, coffee & tea) (No personal alcoholic beverages allowed in the room)
1100-1400 Oliver's Restaurant lunch buffet open
1100-2200 Admiral's Corner Restaurant & Bar open —Limited food menu
1630 (Approximate) Bus returns from Battleship Park/Ft Gaines
2400 Doors close to hospitality room.

Tuesday, 04 June 2013

- 0630-1000 Oliver's Restaurant open for breakfast
0800 Doors open to hospitality room.
0800 Bus leaves hotel for Bellingrath Gardens —boarded by registration priority
1100 Snack service begins in hospitality room (snack mix, soft drinks, beer, coffee & tea) (No personal alcoholic beverages allowed in the room)
1100-1400 Oliver's Restaurant lunch buffet open
1100-2200 Admiral's Corner Restaurant & Bar open —Limited food menu
1430 (Approximate) Bus returns from Bellingrath Gardens
1700 Photo taking begins in designated area (all hands on deck, purchase of photo book optional)
1800 Banquet room opens—full cash bar available
1830 Banquet program begins with announcements from Association President Frank Wille
1845 Invocation, and Necrology
1900 Food service
1900 Mobile Mystery Dinner Theater begins
2130 Benediction
2400 Doors close to hospitality room

Wednesday, 05 June 2013

- 0630-1000 Oliver's Restaurant open for breakfast
Final farewells in breakfast area or lobby as the USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION REUNION IS CLOSED and we look forward to our next reunion somewhere in the Pacific Time Zone.

Motorcoach and Tours

We have contracted with the Colonial Trailways Charters & Tours company to provide our bus transportation.

Tours are being planned independently of the bus company.

The initial contract is for the large, 55 passenger, deluxe motorcoach. Additional transportation options are available if required and scheduled early enough.

So, make sure you get the registration forms back to us as soon as possible. Each of the two tour days will include the cost of bus transportation and driver gratuity. The stops/activities scheduled with each tour are priced as a package and not as individual activities as with the last reunion.

Our tours will begin on Monday with a trip to USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park and the Fort Gaines Historical Site. On Wednesday we will visit Bellingrath Gardens and Home along with a boat trip up the Fowl River. Please review the following pages to get a complete description of the tours.



Airport Transportation

Although the hotel does have airport transportation, airline flight crews have first priority for use of the shuttle. This service may not be available when needed. Therefore, local former crewmember Clyde Beck (RD 61-62) has four "folks" who will be happy to help with shuttle service for anyone arriving at a reasonable time of day. Anyone wanting one of Clyde's working team to pick them up at the airport is required to call Clyde directly at 251-666-1266. He will need details of flight #'s, time of arrival, # of people, etc. Don't miss a chance to ride in Clyde's stretch limousine.



Monday, June 03– Morning

On Monday morning we will be leaving the hotel as scheduled in the POD. The trip to the USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park will be short as it's not far from the hotel. Once we reach the Park, approximately 0900, and clear the entrance gate, individuals will be on their own until 1130. At 1130 a BBQ lunch consisting of:

BBQ chicken pieces
BBQ brisket
Homemade Cole Slaw
Gourmet potato salad
Peach Cobbler
Ice tea and dinner rolls



will be served in the Officers Wardroom aboard the USS ALABAMA. If available we will be eating off the old stainless steel food trays—officers included! Some of the enlisted folks can help train the officers on how to handle the trays.

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USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park has been open to the public for tours since 1965. In those years, over 13 million visitors have experienced the heroism that spans over seven decades. You will walk the decks of the might WWII Battleship USS ALABAMA, recipient of nine battle stars. Explore inside and out, the Submarine USS DRUM, hero of America's "Silent

Service." Both ships are designated National Historic Landmarks. See dramatic exhibits, tanks, and 20+ aircraft on display. Imagine yourself soaring through the sky in our flight simulator. Come experience for yourself why USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park is considered one of America's finest military parks.



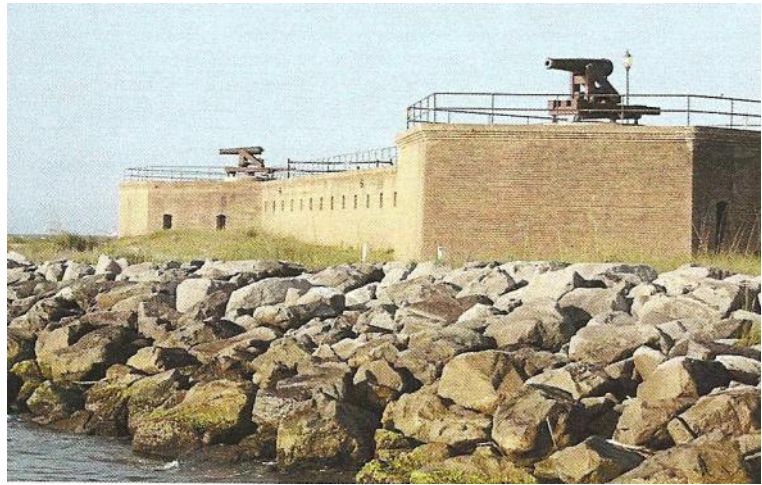
(The Cogswell entrance fee does NOT include the flight simulator.)

We will re-board the motorcoach at 1230 for our trip to Fort Gaines on Dauphin Island. The trip will take approximately one-hour. This will give everyone a chance to take a nap. However, if your air intake is at a volume which is bothering other people, we may have to ask you to exit the motorcoach and ride on the roof.

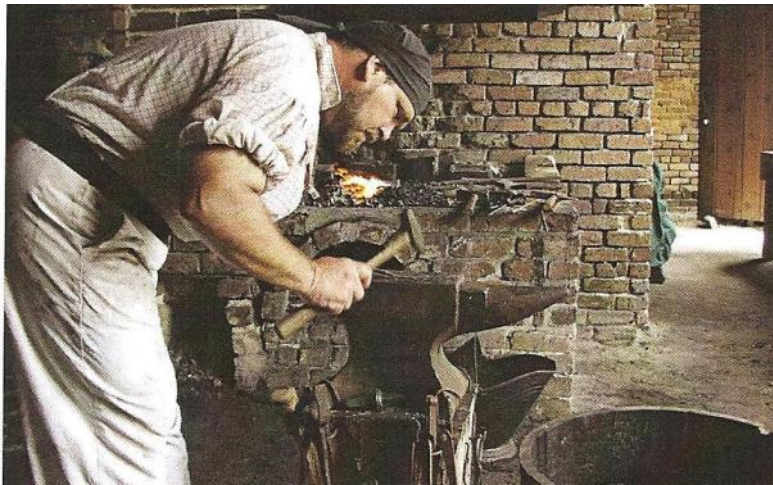
Monday, June 03—Afternoon

After leaving USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park, we will arrive at the Fort Gaines Historic Site on Dauphin Island approximately 1330. We will get some good views of the Gulf Coast area on the trip.

The well-preserved ramparts of Fort Gaines have guarded the entrance to Mobile Bay for more than 150 years. Now a fascinating historic site, the Fort stands at the eastern tip of Dauphin Island where it commands panoramic views of the bay and the Gulf of Mexico. The Fort was recently designed as one of the eleven most endangered historic sites in America due to on-going shoreline erosion. Historic Fort Gaines is one of the key sites in the famous Battle of Mobile Bay where Admiral Farragut shouted his now-famous order, "Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead!" Fort Gaines is a pre-Civil war brick fortification built within feet of the Gulf.



The Fort has original cannons, blacksmith shop, kitchens, museum, gift shop, and tunnels. Guided tours are done in period uniform which will bring history to life including cannon firing demonstration and blacksmithing.



We will leave Fort Gaines at 1530 and be back at the Admiral Semmes Hotel approximately 1630.

Tuesday, June 04

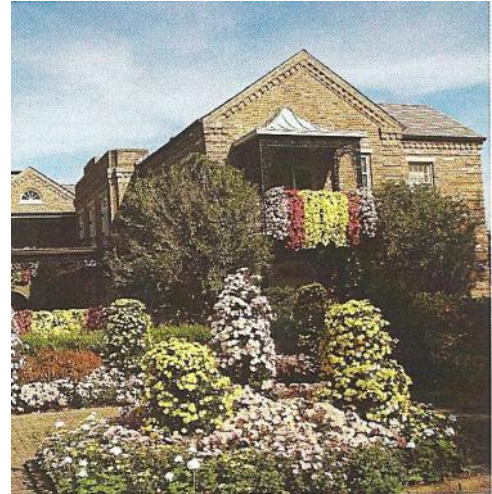
On Tuesday morning we will be leaving the Adm. Semmes Hotel on our way to Bellingrath Gardens and Home per the POD.

From the Hotel it is approximately an hour drive to the Gardens. We will tour the first part of the gardens on the way to the Bellingrath Museum Home, which the group will tour at 1000. Boarding for the cruise on the Fowl River is just beside the home so we are scheduled for the 1100 tour on the river. This tour is approximately 45 minutes long. After the river cruise everyone is on their own to for lunch at the facility and then continue to tour



the remain-
ing gardens

The motor-coach will re-board at 1330 for the trip back to the Adm. Semmes Hotel with a slightly different route which will take us by several of the old mansions on West Government Street returning to the hotel approximately 1430. This will give everyone plenty of time to refresh and get ready for the evening festivities.



Opened for public tours in 1932, guests will enjoy touring the 65 acre estate garden of Walter and Bessie Bellingrath. Features include one of America's top Rose gardens, spring azaleas, winter camellias, a fabulous outdoor fall mum display and beautiful seasonal plantings throughout the Gardens. The Bellingrath Museum Home is filled with priceless antiques and the Delchamps Gallery features the largest public collection of Boehm porcelain in the US.

Our cruises at Bellingrath Gardens and Home take you on a pleasant journey down the calm waters of the Fowl River (River of Birds.) Enjoy the sights and sounds of this beautiful estuary environment set among gracious homes and estates.



BANQUET MENU

Chicken Baton Rouge

Chicken breast with pecan crust topped with a spicy creole mustard sauce

Baked Tilapia

White mild flaky fish

Grilled Double Stuffed Pork Chops

Grilled pork chops stuffed with herb garlic borsin cheese and leek

All Entrees served with House Salad, Chef's Choice of Vegetable and Starch
Warm Rolls & Butter, Dessert
Iced Tea and Coffee

MOBILE MYSTERY THEATER

MURDER ON THE CARNIVORE CRUISE LINE

Good evening ladies and gentlemen!! Before we even had the chance to finish the maiden voyage of the Carnivore Line's newest ship, the Titanium, someone unexpectedly has shown up dead and it looks like we will have to call in ship security.

We will have to get this most unfortunate situation cleared up so that you can enjoy all of the amenities our state-of-the-art ship has to offer, including around-the-clock entertainment by the one and only, Dwayne Newt, lounge singer extraordinaire!!

Soooo, in an effort to close this matter, maybe YOU can help us get to the bottom of this quickly and help us figure out.....WHODUNIT!!!



Because of special requirements for this play, there will only be six (6) people seated per table.



Rough Seas

Photo from Richard Yarber (MM 61-64)

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