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THE ALLIANCE CALLS ON PORT OF MOBILE TO ACHIEVE TRANSPACIFIC TRADE ROUTE

The Alabama State Port Authority (ASPA) and APM Terminals (APMT) welcomed THE Alliance carrier Ocean Network (ONE) MODERN into the Mobile Bay on June 18, 2021. The bright pink ONE vessel was hard to miss, sailing into the port at 302 meters long and weighing more than 75,000 tons. ONE, a Japanese conglomerate, is part of THE Alliance steamship carriers that enter the Port of Mobile each week.

The Port of Mobile sought a North Europe service to join the existing one operated by 2M Alliance partners Maersk Line and Mediterranean Shipping Co. Looking to balance the port's expanding Asian business, THE Alliance added Mobile to its service rotation in December 2020.

ONE is the sixth largest container carrier globally and offers an expeditious and reliable network across all major trade lanes. Founded in 2018 with its headquarters in Singapore, ONE has a global fleet of more than 250 vessels with a strong international trading presence. Ports of call include Asia, Korea, China, travels through the Panama Canal before heading to Houston, Mobile and New Orleans. With nine vessels equally spread out across the trade lane, APMT provides consistent weekly carrier service for THE Alliance.

Managing director of APMT Mobile, Brian Harold, noted that the opportunity for transpacific trade coming into the Gulf of Mexico drove conversations about working with THE Alliance to ensure their goals of providing "competitive transit times and comprehensive port coverage." APMT and ASPA credit the port's trucking community's superior flexibility, record productivity, tailored customer services and the Class I railroad system — one of two U.S. ports to provide this service — as critical attractions for THE Alliance to the Port of Mobile.

This partnership brings additional vessel capacity to the port, giving Alabama shippers substantial opportunity to expand their businesses, enhance customer service and strengthen Alabama's competitive advantage in various industries. In addition, Harold believes the weekly service will bring opportunities for additional distribution centers and supply chain logistics hubs to Mobile and throughout the state.

"We want to continue to grow the port in two ways; first, attract new businesses to Alabama and second, position Mobile as a necessary gateway to the Midwest's large population centers," Harold stated. Operating in Mobile since 2008, APMT offers a comprehensive option in the U.S. Gulf for reaching Midwest and rapidly growing Southeast markets.

APMT's rollout of real-time digital tools such as track & trace and container status notifications, APIs and terminal alerts uniquely positions the company in supporting customers to improve supply chain efficacy, flexibility and dependability. Additionally, the terminal can handle vessels up to 14,000 TEU capacity and operates



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THE Alliance is the fifth weekly transpacific vessel call attracted to the Port of Mobile. The port's current shipping channel expansion will allow larger vessels, in addition to those like ONE, to enter the Mobile Bay. Furthermore, the increased water depth will tremendously increase the

number of cargo opportunities for import and export, which will create numerous jobs.

The partnership between APMT, ASPA and THE Alliance is a powerful reminder of the port's growth and increased attraction in recent years. The Port of Mobile is a vital part of carriers' transpacific trade that brings copious opportunities for economic development to the state.

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USS MOBILE (LCS 26) COMMISSIONED AT ALABAMA STATE PORT AUTHORITY

After months of anticipation, and last-minute adjustments due to Department of Defense pandemic policies, the USS MOBILE was commissioned in an historic ceremony at the Alabama State Port Authority's Pier 2.

Attended by Navy brass, industry leaders and members of the crew's families, the May 22 commissioning featured a 19-gun salute by the Alabama National Guard, a military aircraft flyover, and music by the U.S. Navy Band Southeast.

The Port Authority coordinated closely with the Navy in all aspects of logistics and security planning, ensuring the pier would be available to accommodate the ship and ceremony. Cargo was positioned so that neither port operations nor the Navy would experience any interruptions.

"It is a true honor to host the U.S. Navy and the men and women who proudly defend and serve our country," said John C. Driscoll, director and chief executive officer for the Alabama State Port Authority. "It is even more meaningful to do so for the commissioning of a vessel that will carry the name of our port city."

The traditional ceremony, which marked the ship's entry into active service with the Navy, was "the largest, in-person commissioning ceremony the Navy has participated in in a year," according to Vice Admiral John Mustin, chief of Navy Reserve. "To do so in her namesake city where she's built will help form an indelible bond between the city, each and every Mobilian, and this warship," Mustin told the audience.

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey said, "It's truly a rare thing for a U.S. ship to be designed, built and commissioned in the same city for which she is named." The MOBILE became only the second ship on active service with the U.S. Navy to have been built and commissioned in its namesake city. Mustin suggested that, "this could be the first time that we celebrate such a ship's entry into the fleet in their namesake city and in the location where they were built." The MOBILE's commanding officer, Commander Christopher Wolff, agreed, saying that the other ship, USS NEW ORLEANS (LPD 18), wasn't actually built in New Orleans but in a nearby community.

U.S. Sen. Tommy Tuberville paid homage to the skilled Alabama workforce that built the technologically innovative warship that he described as "the envy of the world," adding, "Today, we face a dangerous world. Our job is to remind friends and foes alike that the United States Navy is the most powerful on the seas." Tuberville predicted, "A long time from now, Mobilians will say that ship wasn't just named after us, it was part of us because her citizens put their sweat and love into this ship behind me."

U.S. Rep. Jerry Carl similarly highlighted Mobile's long history of shipbuilding, including both cargo vessels and warships built for the war effort in the 1940s. "The same pride we put into ships in World War II, we put into this ship," Carl said. "Some Mobile pride goes into everything we build."

Mayor of Mobile Sandy Stimpson agreed, noting that the Littoral Combat Ship "was built by proud and skilled Mobilians. As such, she is a symbol of the city's spirit."



Rebecca Byrne serves as the ship's sponsor, which she described as "the honor of a lifetime." As such, she has been a part of the ship's history since its inception, engraving her name on the ship's keel on December 14, 2018, christening the ship by breaking the traditional bottle of champagne against the warship's bow on December 7, 2019, and building enduring friendships with the MOBILE's officers, crews and their families. Byrne said that the spirit of Mobile "will carry this beloved ship and its crew to victory. We will always be with you," she said. "No matter where you are, no matter what you do."

Rusty Murdaugh, CFO and interim president of Austal USA, told those gathered, "We have built you a great ship, and we could not be more proud to see you and your crew sail her away to protect the seas."

Resplendent in his medal-spangled dress white uniform and naval officer's sword, Cmdr. Wolff said, "The city of Mobile is born to celebrate, and we will celebrate our victories as a team. And every success MOBILE makes, there will be those whose efforts go above and beyond. Seek them out, thank them, and know that your recognition of this win will continue to bring us together."

Acting Under Secretary of the Navy James F. "Hondo" Geurts officially commissioned the ship, saying, "For the secretary of the Navy, and on behalf of the president of the United States, I hereby place the United States Ship MOBILE in commission. May God bless and guide this warship and all who sail in her."

Ship's Sponsor Byrne returned to the podium and gave the order, "And now, for the big moment. Officers and crew, man our ship and bring her to life!"

The crew responded with an enthusiastic, "Aye, aye, ma'am!"

With that, the Navy Band struck up a jaunty version of "Anchors Aweigh," and scores of crew members in their crisp summer white "crackerjacks" ran on board the ship, hands holding their medals closely to their chests to prevent their bouncing. As the crew manned the rails, the ship "came to life,"

sounding her collision horn, alarms and whistles, rotating her guns and switching on the vessel's various systems.

With his crew lining the rails of the ship, Wolff said to the audience, "I thank you for your support and pledge that the MOBILE will always be ready to answer the call and make you proud with victories and perseverance." The ship's motto is "Victory through Perseverance."

The commissioning was the most significant held in Mobile since the January 2010 commissioning of USS INDEPENDENCE (LCS 2), the very first Independence-variant Littoral Combat Ship built in Mobile, and before that, the February 1987 commissioning of the guided missile cruiser USS MOBILE BAY (CG 53).

To celebrate the historic nature of the event and the rarity of having a ship built, christened and commissioned in her namesake city, the City of Mobile and the USS MOBILE (LCS 26) commissioning committee spared no effort to make the crew feel at home in Mobile and to celebrate the occasion in true Mobile style.

"This is indeed a rare occasion and a great reason to celebrate the ship and crew, its builder, and the special relationship that the people of Mobile will have with USS MOBILE for the life of the ship," said retired Navy Captain Bill Pfister, president of the Mobile Council of the Navy League of the United States. Pfister worked for months with other members of the commissioning committee, planning events leading up to the actual commissioning.

During commissioning week, the commissioning committee worked with the ship and the city to organize a picnic for crew family members; free admission to GulfQuest National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico, and other events for the crew, their families and the citizens of Mobile. With the celebration of Mardi Gras cancelled earlier in the year due to health concerns, a Mardi Gras-style parade held to celebrate the commissioning of USS MOBILE generated enthusiasm throughout the community. Described as the largest single night-time parade





in Mobile's storied history, the 36-unit parade was broadcast live and attended by an estimated 64,000 people who thronged the streets of downtown Mobile on the eve of the commissioning. The night was capped by a 25-minute fireworks display over the Mobile River.

"We wanted to give our guests a taste of true Mobile hospitality," said retired Navy Commander Pete Riehm, co-vice chair of the commissioning committee. He noted that visitors coming for the official ceremony not only experienced "a first class Navy commissioning in our beautiful city," they also had the opportunity to enjoy local seafood, real Southern barbeque, a Mardi Gras-style parade and spectacular fireworks display.

Due to limited in-person attendance at the commissioning ceremony mandated by the Navy, the commissioning committee scrambled and, in cooperation with the City of Mobile, held a "watch party" which livestreamed the event onto three huge screens set up in Cooper Riverside Park, followed by a reception for crew members and their families, sponsors and guests. The reception featured musical entertainment by Mardi Gras favorite, the Excelsior Band, along with a seafood spread. Mobile's goodwill ambassadors, the Azalea Trail Maids, along with the USS ALABAMA crewmates, were on hand to assist guests.

On the morning that the ship departed the Port City bound for her home port of San Diego, Mobilians turned out at Cooper Riverside Park again to show their support for their ship by waving small U.S. flags and banners that read, "Fair winds and following seas." Mayor Sandy Stimpson, USS ALABAMA Crewmates and Azalea Trail Maids were there once more to lend an air of festivity to the MOBILE's departure. In the distance, the ex-USS ALABAMA sounded its horn in tribute to the warship.

USS MOBILE (LCS 26) is the fifth U.S. Navy ship to bear the proud name MOBILE. The first, a sidewheel steamer built in 1845, served as a Confederate blockade-runner prior to being captured and pressed into service with the U.S. Navy; she participated in the capture of Forts Morgan and Gaines at the mouth of Mobile Bay during the Civil War. The second ship originally was a German passenger liner: the U.S. Navy put her to use after the war, bringing home more than 21,000 American troops in nine transatlantic crossings. The third USS MOBILE (CL 63), a light cruiser, became the most famous ship to bear the name, as she earned 11 battle stars during World War II. The fourth was the amphibious cargo ship USS MOBILE (LKA 115). Launched in October 1969, LKA 115 served from the end of the Vietnam War through the first Gulf War. She assisted in evacuating Americans and South Vietnamese from Vietnam as that country was overrun by communists in the mid-1970s. She also participated in the largest amphibious task force since the Korean War during Operation Desert Storm in 1991. Littoral Combat Ships are designed to address and defeat growing littoral threats and provide access and dominance along coastal waters. A fast, maneuverable, and networked surface-combatant, LCS provides the required war-fighting capabilities and operational flexibility to conduct focused missions including surface warfare, mine warfare and anti-submarine warfare.

REN SEAFOODS PLANS PROCESSING FACILITY AND DISTRIBUTION HUB IN MOBILE

Ren Seafoods announced earlier this year plans to open a seafood processing facility and distribution hub in Mobile as part of a \$12.4 million growth project that will create 54 jobs. While most national seafood companies are concentrated in areas such as New England, Miami and Seattle, Ren Seafoods CEO Javier Infante said his company is pursuing a different strategy.

Infante said a partnership with MTC Logistics led Ren Seafoods to Mobile. MTC Logistics completed and began operations of its new 12-million-cubic-foot facility in April, with new intermodal cold cargo distribution center located just outside the gates of APM Terminals Mobile.

"We are creating a hub for seafood distribution covering the Southeast region," said Infante. "We are following their path, and its vicinity allows us to combine product

deliveries to have a unique logistics operation. In addition, there is high-quality, local seafood in this region that we will be able to access for our customer base."

Brooks Royster, vice president of international supply chain solutions for MTC Logistics, said Ren Seafoods is the first customer to come to Mobile to be near this facility.

"It is further testament to Mobile being successful as a logistics hub and able to attract new international players," said Royster.

Ren Seafoods is affiliated with Pennsylvania-based The Fishin' Co., a privately held company selling 150 million pounds of seafood annually to retailers and food service distributors.

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ALABAMA STATE PORT AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES WETLAND CREATION PLANNING NOW UNDERWAY

Planning is underway for the creation of 1,200 acres of wetlands in the Upper Mobile Bay through the beneficial use of dredged sediments. The project, known as the Upper Mobile Bay Beneficial Use Wetland Creation Site (Planning) Project, considers an area in the bay about 1.5 to 2.5 miles south of the causeway and I-10.

The \$2.5 million planning project is funded by the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies (RESTORE) of the Gulf States Act — Bucket 2. It is a Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council-approved project and is sponsored and directed by the Alabama State Port Authority.

John C. Driscoll, director and chief executive officer for the Alabama State Port Authority, noted “This transformative project will deliver protective wetlands and habitat for the bay’s ecosystem and recreational users alike, while generating cost efficiencies for state and federal dredging programs.”

Planning activities are expected to be complete by the end of 2021. Members of the Moffatt & Nichol project team, which include local coastal engineers and scientists, will perform investigations, studies and engineering design work for meeting all federal and state compliance requirements. Work to define the exact location of the wetland site and identify sources of material for construction will be part of the planning process. The Port Authority also applied for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ construction permit.

Each year, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Alabama State Port Authority remove approximately six million cubic yards of sediment from Alabama’s Mobile Harbor federal navigation channel and adjacent public berths. Current practices place dredged materials in permitted open-water or upland management areas. These valuable sediments can be used to create wetlands and habitat. By constructing these wetlands in the upper bay, the project delivers several benefits, including improved water quality, habitat for coastal and marine organisms and increased resiliency against storm surge.

Upon completion of the planning phase at the end of 2021, the Port Authority anticipates requesting construction funds for the first 100 acres of wetlands from the RESTORE Council in 2022. It is anticipated that an additional 1,100 acres of wetlands will be created over the next 10-20 years. Additional information may be found at uppermobaywetlands.com.



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MV JARED PHILLIPS AND PARKER TOWING

In Spring 2021, the MV JARED PHILLIPS made its way through the Harvey Canal and down the Mississippi River in Louisiana, through the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal and to the Intracoastal Waterway. The 4,200-horsepower towboat built for Parker Towing at the FMT Shipyard made its way east to Mobile, Alabama, and then north to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where it entered service on the Black Warrior Tombigbee Waterway. The MV JARED PHILLIPS was later christened at Parker Towing’s dock on the right descending bank of the Black Warrior River in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on July 23, 2021.



The MV JARED PHILLIPS is a twin-screw towboat measuring 128 feet in length and 34 feet in width. It was designed by FMT Shipyard in consultation with John Gilbert of Gilbert Associates of Hingham, Maine, and modified for Parker Towing Company.

The MV JARED PHILLIPS has accommodations for nine crew members across six state rooms. The vessel is captained by Larry “Bobo” Norris, who has close to 25 years of service with Parker Towing, with Brandon Beatty serving as relief captain and Randal Handley serving as pilot. It primarily works on the Black Warrior-Tombigbee Waterway but can also work on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, and the Tennessee, Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

The vessel is named in honor of Jared Phillips, director of business operations for Parker Towing Company, and husband of Alison Haun Phillips, granddaughter of Parker Towing founder Captain Timothy Mize Parker Sr. Phillips has served many roles while working for the company including manager of technology and operations, project management for new operations software solution and affreightment contract pricing.

The MV JARED PHILLIPS is one of Parker Towing’s newest builds in its 80-year history of serving on the Alabama waterways. Parker Towing Company is a family-owned company that manages dry bulk and liquid marine operations, terminal divisions and machine shops.

“Our mission is to deliver the highest standard of service, safety and a commitment to protecting the environment,” said Tim Parker III, president of Parker Towing Company. “We are determined to deliver on time, and we take responsibility for the environment very seriously. We pride ourselves on moving freight faster, better and safer than any other barge line.”

Continuing the family tradition, the MV OLIVE PARKER is Parker Towing’s newest build. Designed by Parker Towing and built by C & C Marine and Repair in 2020, the vessel is named in honor of Olive Parker, daughter

of Tim Parker III, and great-granddaughter of founder Captain Tim Parker Sr. It is captained by Brandon Yarbrough, one of the youngest captains in the company, with Relief Captain Spencer Guthrie and Pilot Zach Umphrey. It is in service on the Black Warrior-Tombigbee, Tennessee-Tombigbee, and the Tennessee and Ohio rivers.

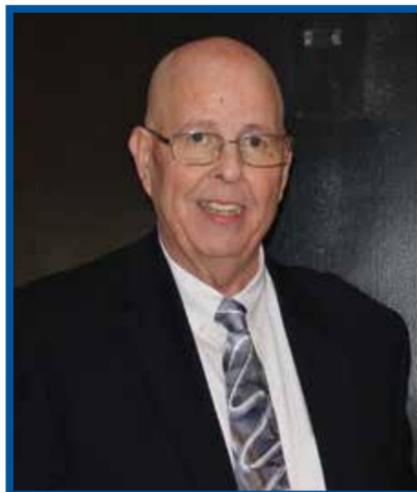
“We have several exciting projects we are currently working on,” said Parker. “We’re in the early stages of developing two new port projects that will expand our service capabilities to our current customers as well as push into new geographic footprint. Secondly, the fleet is now open in Mobile on the Mobile River. Mobile is a critical port for Parker Towing, and with all the growth the port has seen over the last several years, this fleet allows us to better serve our internal needs and gives us more flexibility to service our customers.”

In 1940, Tim Parker Sr. found more than just a job when the DeBardelaben Coal Company hired Parker and the Heloise, an old sternwheel steamboat, to push wooden barges loaded with coal from the Mulberry fork of the Warrior River to DeBardelaben’s coke plant in Holt, Alabama. Parker had found a way of life that would offer him the opportunity to raise a family and build a business.

Today, Parker Towing Company remains a family-owned business and a family-oriented company. “We want every employee that comes to work with us to have the opportunity to excel,” said Phillips, director of communications. With their commitment to hard work and understanding the needs of their customers, Parker Towing Company has grown into one of the largest barge line operators in the United States.

IN MEMORIAM: SMITTY THORNE

Horace "Smitty" Thorne III of Mobile, Alabama, passed away on April 10, 2021. Thorne spent nearly 20 years of his 52-year maritime career at the Alabama State Port Authority.



During his time with the Alabama State Port Authority, Thorne proactively engaged in the day-to-day management of the bulk, rail and general cargo operations of the port. He negotiated customer agreements to generate new cargo opportunities and jobs, negotiated collective bargaining contracts for eight organized labor unions to ensure workforce continuity without disruption to commerce, and expanded the Port Authority's human resource, safety and employee training programs for the betterment of the Alabama State Port Authority and its employees and customers.

During his career, Thorne served with distinction as he worked for notable companies such as Southern Steamship Agency, Ryan-Walsh Stevedoring Company and the Jackson Kearney Group. He joined the Alabama State Port Authority in 2000 as the manager of bulk operations overseeing the bulk material handling plant and McDuffie Coal Terminal. In July 2003, Thorne expanded his areas of responsibility to include the terminal railroad and then general cargo and intermodal divisions. He was named executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Alabama State Port Authority in June 2007, and in October 2012, Thorne became the deputy director and chief operating officer, retiring from the Alabama State Port Authority in 2019.

"When I hired Smitty at the port, we had worked together with other organizations for over 20 years. He was extremely loyal, had great knowledge of the industry and exemplary leadership skills. In his time at the port, he proved all of those many times. He was truly an indispensable member of the team," said James K. Lyons, former director and chief executive officer of the Alabama State Port Authority.

Thorne was a graduate of the University of Tennessee Executive Development Program and the Tulane Institute of Port Operations. He was honored at the end of his career as the 2017 Propeller Club Port of Mobile Maritime Person of the Year.

He served on the board of directors of the Catholic Maritime Club, board of directors for the GulfQuest National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico and on the board of the Seaman's Foundation. Thorne was a member of the Men of Saint Joseph, and served as eucharistic minister and a member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Thorne served 11 years in the United States Army Reserve from 1964 - 1975, and for the last 20 years, he called Mobile, Alabama, home.

Thorne's wife, Earline Thorne, said "Smitty loved working at the port very much. He especially loved the people there and he missed going to work each day after he retired."

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Horace S. Thorne Jr. and Martha Ellis Thorne. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 35 years, Earline Van Haelen Thorne, and children Michele Brown, James Frederick Thorne, Victoria Thorne Young, Pamela Skeath and Jeffrey Orkus.

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KEVIN HAMILTON

Earlier this year, the Alabama State Port Authority announced exciting changes and promotions in railroad management at the Terminal Railway (TASD). As part of these promotions, Rob Golden assumed the position of general manager of the Terminal Railway. Following in his father's footsteps, Golden began working in railroad management in 2000 as a train dispatcher for CSX Transportation. Golden worked his way from train dispatcher to superintendent of train operations, before assuming the position as assistant general manager of TASD at the Alabama State Port Authority in 2017.

Golden worked as the assistant general manager for three years, taking over the transportation department of the Terminal Railway. Golden stated he is excited to take on his new job as general manager, overseeing the entirety of the Terminal Railway, and is confident in his team and the bright future of the Port of Mobile.

In another move, Darryl (D.W.) Lynd has been named the assistant general manager for TASD, assuming Golden's role. Lynd graduated valedictorian of his class at the Gulf Coast Commercial Diving Academy, before pursuing a career as a carman and welder. In 2017, Lynd moved into a management position as the manager of operating administration at the Port of Mobile, before assuming his new role as assistant general

manager recently. Lynd has worked in the rail industry for nearly 20 years, evolving with the industry and learning from the bottom up.

Moving in to fill Lynd's spot, Kevin Hamilton has assumed the role of manager of operating administration. A native Mobilian, Hamilton started his first job as a welder in 1995, and later became a supervisor for nonwoven fabric at United Nonwoven in Brookley Field. Hamilton started at the Port of Mobile in 2007 as a car inspector, and after a few years was elected to be the local union representative. As part of the transition, Hamilton accepted the position of manager of operating administration, committing to furthering the growth and improvement of the Terminal Railway.

The Alabama State Port Authority's Terminal Railway is equipped with eight locomotives serving 75 miles of track in the port and 100 freight cars, including the Bascule Bridge clearance over Three Mile Creek. Five Class I and three regional railroads make the Port of Mobile one of the largest rail-served ports in North America. The cost efficiency of the port's rail network attracts importers and exporters alike.

PORT OF MOBILE HARBOR CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

DEEPENING AND WIDENING TO BE COMPLETED BY 2025

Alabama's seaport modernization program began construction to deliver a deeper and wider Mobile Ship Channel and improve the lower harbor turning basin by the year 2025. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has executed two construction contracts in a multi-phase, \$365.7 million construction program engineered and designed to deepen the existing bar, bay and river channels bar by five feet each to a project depth of 50 feet (14.24 meters), with additional depths for wave allowances, advanced maintenance and allowable over depth for dredging. The project also includes widening the bay channel by 100 feet (328.08 meters) for three nautical miles to accommodate two-way vessel traffic and other safety improvements.

"I am pleased that we have finally begun construction to deepen and widen the Port of Mobile, something I am confident will drastically improve our state and local economy for generations to come. This is great news," said U.S. Sen. Richard Shelby. "The Mobile Harbor modernization project has been one of my highest priorities for a number of years, and I look forward to its completion and the resulting benefits."

The work started represents a \$53.9 million contract for dredging operations running a distance of 12 miles north of the planned widening area between Dauphin Island and south of the intersection of the channel and Theodore Industrial Canal. The contractor, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company (GLDD) will utilize hopper and mechanical (bucket) dredges during the project. GLDD is the nation's largest provider of dredging services.

GLDD was awarded both Phase 1 and Phase 3 of the Mobile Harbor deepening and widening project. Phase 1 involves dredging 2.5 million cubic yards of material from the channel with disposal at the offshore dredge material disposal site. Dredging commenced on June 5, 2021, and was completed in October.

Another construction phase is tied to an \$8.3 million contract awarded in September 2020. The contractor for this phase is also GLDD, which will dredge approximately 2.2 miles of the bar channel utilizing hopper dredges. Phase 3 involves dredging 7.6 million cubic yards of material from the channel with disposal at the offshore dredge material disposal site. Dredging for this phase began on May 5, 2021, with expectations of completing the base works before October 2022. The works involve dredging soft clay materials and transporting the material distances of over 25 miles to the disposal area. For both phases of the project, GLDD with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers coordinate with all stakeholders to ensure effective and safe performance of the project, while ensuring access to the channel is maintained.

"GLDD's large dredging fleet, along with the use of GLDD's newest and largest U.S.-based trailing suction hopper



dredger named Ellis Island, allows GLDD to continue to demonstrate the company's ability to successfully execute large, prestigious capital works projects that enhance commercial trade like this project," said Garrett Gibson, vice president and senior project manager of GLDD.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Alabama State Port Authority entered into the Project Partnership Agreement in June 2020 to allow for the contracting and construction phases to begin. The Mobile Harbor modernization program received full federal funding in February 2020, and in March 2019 the state of Alabama allocated a portion of state fuel tax proceeds to support up to \$150 million in bonds to meet the federal cost-share requirements for the harbor project.

"We are extremely excited to see material moving on this crucial project," said John C. Driscoll, director and chief executive officer for the Alabama State Port Authority. "The channel deepening and widening, along with the collaborative support of our federal and state partners, will provide our customers and our carriers the necessary infrastructure to ensure their market competitiveness."

The Mobile Harbor deepening and widening project received its Record of Decision in September 2019, following an extensive four-year environmental impact and economic feasibility study. The project leverages over \$1.3 billion in public shoreside terminals and channel investments in Alabama's only seaport to ensure economies of scale and competitive rates for the seaport's mining, manufacturing, agribusiness and retail/distribution shippers.

Along with the anticipated economic benefit of the project, Col. Sebastien P. Joly, Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, praised the collaborative relationship the federal agency has built with the Alabama State Port Authority. "The Mobile District is excited to see the start of the physical construction of the deepening of the Mobile channel," Joly said. "We have been fortunate to be part of a large federal and state team that will deliver additional capability for the city of Mobile, the state of Alabama and the entire southeast region as we ensure that the Mobile Harbor is well postured to remain competitive and relevant in the global market."



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BLAKELEY BOATWORKS

In March of 2021, Blakeley BoatWorks (BBW) delivered the nation's first linehaul towing vessel with tier 4 caterpillar high-speed engines with selective catalytic reduction. This vessel, named the MV GRETCHEN V. COOPER, is now operated by Cooper Marine and Timberlands (CMT). Both Blakeley BoatWorks and CMT are headquartered at the Port of Mobile and are wholly owned subsidiaries of Cooper/T. Smith. The MV GRETCHEN V. COOPER is named after Angus R. Cooper III's, president of Cooper/T. Smith, wife Gretchen.

Blakeley BoatWorks is a full-service shipyard that specializes in new vessel construction and vessel and barge repair. Stationed on 26 acres at the heart of the Port of Mobile, BBW has the capacity to service up to 15 towing vessels and barges simultaneously. BBW is equipped with a 1,900-ton floating dry dock, 660-ton travel lift and four covered fabrications shops.

Cooper Marine and Timberlands currently operates 20 towing vessels, over 400 hopper barges and one of the nation's largest fleets of dry bulk gantry and floating derrick cranes. CMT's marine footprint includes the Tennessee-Tombigbee River System, Ohio River, Gulf Intercoastal Waterway, Illinois River, Arkansas River, Cumberland River, Black Warrior River, Tennessee River, Tombigbee River, Mobile River and Mississippi River. The company's stevedoring operations include two deep-draft bulk cargo terminals in the Port of Mobile and several inland marine terminals through Alabama and Mississippi.

MV GRETCHEN V. COOPER is fully compliant with all United States Coast Guard regulatory requirements. The vessel has 4,000 horsepower and is 110 feet long, 33 feet wide and is the 20th vessel in CMT's fleet. Tier 4 diesel engine standards are the strictest under the United States Environmental Protection Agency's emissions requirements for new engines in inland marine vessels, and vessels that are tier 4 compliant have the capability to reduce emissions of particulate matter, black soot and nitrogen oxides to near zero levels of emissions. The engines in tier 4 vessels like the MV GRETCHEN V. COOPER save fuel and reduce emissions by more than 86%.



The vessel has the capacity of 44,200 gallons of fuel and 10,000 gallons of potable water, along with providing the maximum working draft. The MV GRETCHEN V. COOPER is outfitted with six crew staterooms housing eight crewman at a time, with four and a half baths and full galley arrangement.

"Our customers expect Blakeley BoatWorks and Cooper Marine & Timberlands to drive industry innovation, and our building and operating one of the industry's most environmentally friendly tow boats marks our unwavering commitment to always exceed their expectations," said Angus R. Cooper III. "Naming a boat after my wife Gretchen meant that we couldn't just settle for building a standard tow boat and therefore, the MV GRETCHEN V. COOPER will be one of the most powerful towing vessels operating on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway and will lead the way for a new industry standard for reduced emissions on tow boats."

The sentiments made by Cooper are echoed by James Fowler, managing director of marine and stevedoring operations for Cooper Marine and Timberlands and executive vice president for Blakeley BoatWorks, "The ongoing investments that CMT is making across our fleet best ensures that our customers will continue to receive the safest, most environmentally friendly and highest level of service in our region. As was true when BBW built some of the nation's first subchapter M new construction towing vessels and now, as we deliver a new linehaul with the latest and most advanced carbon reduction technology, BBW eagerly stands ready to deliver on our industry's newest and most challenging jobs."

The MV GRETCHEN V. COOPER is powered by two Caterpillar C3512E 2,000 horsepower each tier 4 diesel marine engines operating at 1,600 RPM and coupled to twin DISC MGX5600 gears. Thompson Caterpillar supplied electrical power with two Caterpillar C4.4 tier 3 generators with R.W. Fernstrum & Company keel coolers throughout.

A pair of Southeastern Propeller 90 x 72 x 0.85 four-blade stainless steel propeller shafts with 9-inch cutlass shaft bearings are installed on the vessel. Gulf Coast Air and Hydraulics supplied the steering system for the two, 9-inch main rudders and four, 8-inch flanking rudders. The propulsion arrangement will allow

the MV GRETCHEN V. COOPER to push up to eight barge tows during high water, which will in turn enable the delivery of significant quantities of dry cargo to customers year-round. This is an improvement over the other vessels owned by CMT and cuts down on the need for an increased number of sailings.

Hydra Force LLC provided a pair of Quincy reciprocating air compressors with ventilation fans provided by Donovan Marine. In addition, Donovan Marine supplied a pair of Patterson 40-ton deck winches. Schuyler Marine, LLC supplied varying sizes of rubber fendering around the perimeter of the vessel and push knees. Stone Construction provided a Mitsubishi mini-split HVAC system in the interior spaces with BBW providing all custom woodworks and interior finishes. Bozant supplied aluminum and rubber-framed windows. BBW installed all electronics, communications and an alarm system.

"Our team is proud to be part of the construction of the MV GRETCHEN V. COOPER," said Swathin Kannalath, managing director of Blakeley BoatWorks. "Delivering one of the first tier 4 linehaul vessels in the country presented an exciting challenge for the Blakeley team and we delivered with this vessel, meeting not only the highest industry standards, but also exceeding our customer's expectations."

The MV GRETCHEN V. COOPER has already begun operating on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, the 234-mile river system connecting the Tennessee River with the Black Warrior River in Alabama.

PORT CALLS: ALABAMA'S FINEST IN FALL FOLIAGE



» Autumn is a spectacular time to visit DeSoto Falls to see both the water flow and fall foliage at its peaks. Photo credit: Brett Goodwin

Say goodbye to hot, humid days and hello to crisp autumn air. Alabama's glittering scarlet dogwoods, orange maples, yellow poplars and golden hickories make nature spots around the state must-see destinations during the fall months. Fall foliage occurs when the right combination of sunny days and cool nights work together in harmony to create beautiful warm hues in the trees. Speaks of autumn begin to appear in the mountains of North Alabama in early October and sweep across the region in the following weeks, reaching its peak from late October to early November.

At the top of the state, Huntsville's Monte Sano State Park's colorful leaves are uncovered first. The 2,140-acre park is known for its easy access — by car or on foot — to its winding trails and spectacular mountain vistas where guests can see fall foliage in all its splendor. The park, whose name comes from the Spanish word of "mountain of health," has more than 22 miles of scenic hiking and biking trails for visitors to enjoy color-changing leaves with daily usage fees of five dollars for 12 and older and two dollars for ages four to 11 and 62 and older. The North and South Plateau Loop trails guide hikers on a scenic path perfect for viewing the color-drenched southern red and white oak trees. The three-mile South Plateau Loop is the more challenging trail but leads to O'Shaughnessy Point, where viewers are met with a stunning panoramic view of fall foliage from the rock outcropping into Big Cover Valley below. For a more laid-back excursion, take

the two-mile North Plateau Loop. This loop is perfect for all ages and takes hikers to two impressive overlooks while walking along the leaf-crunching pathway.

Heading southeast to Fort Payne, visitors can find over 30 miles of hiking trails through colorful forests of dogwood, poplar, hickory and maple trees at Desoto State Park. In addition to vibrant fall foliage, paths are lined with an array of fall wildflowers and berries, including winged sumac and red meadow berries. Late fall is one of the best times to visit Desoto State Park's famous waterfalls. Surrounded by nature's towering trees, water flow is at its peak during autumn, making DeSoto Falls a worthwhile fall activity. While there are no wrong views of the falls, the park has two designated look-out points for visitors that are accessible by both foot and car. In addition, the Desoto Falls picnic area is a great place to enjoy where the sounds of the water meet the rustling leaves of the vibrant scenery. For those looking for additional fall adventures, Desoto State Park offers kayaking, fishing, rappelling, bouldering and wildflower expeditions for visitors.

Autumn is a great time to visit Guntersville State Park and take in the scenic landscapes of the colorful Appalachian Mountain treetops. Guntersville State Park offers many activities for families to enjoy brisk weather, including bird watching, fishing, boating, golfing, zip lining, hiking, biking and horseback riding. Thanks to conservation efforts, it is not uncommon to spot one of

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the area's bald eagles flying over the warm-toned trees. Taking fall foliage watching to the next level, visitors can reach new heights on the Screaming Eagle Zip Lining tour. With over 15 zip lines and eight suspension bridges, with lengths up to 2,000 feet and heights up to 250 feet, adventurers can get a breathtaking view of the color heavy tree branches high above Taylor Mountain treetops. The Benny Bobo Multi-Use Trail is an ADA-accessible trail that includes two benches on the path to a stunning view of Lake Guntersville at Mabrey Overlook. Enjoy nature's harvest smells and autumn weather at the park's 6,000 acres of natural woodlands, or check out the 39 miles of hiking, biking and horse trails.

Heading east to Little River Canyon Natural Preserve, visitors can overlook colorful winding landscapes through the canyon's deep gorge. Located atop Lookout Mountain, this location is one of Alabama's most picturesque areas year-round, especially in the fall. Little River Canyon is the deepest canyon east of the Mississippi, providing ample opportunities to view nature's finest fall foliage and views along the preserve's Canyon Rim Drive. Also known as Alabama State Road 176, the 11-mile drive hugs the canyon's western rim and has numerous overlooks of the canyon floor framed with autumn colors. Visitors can start or end the eye-catching drive at Little River Canyon Center, where viewers can peek at the spectacular Little River Falls. In addition to Little River Falls, the

preserve has two other waterfalls — Graces High and Little Falls — for visitors to explore. Autumn is an excellent time to capture magnificent photographs of the waterfalls and bright, colorful trees at their peaks. With over 26 miles of trails and 20 miles of backcountry roads for hikers, bikers and explorers, Little River Canyon has courses ranging from gentle strolls along the river to strenuous pathways down into the canyon. Views of fall foliage from water level are just as astonishing and can provide a different



» Easley Bridge was constructed in the 1930s and is the oldest covered bridge in Blount County. Step back in time and visit Alabama's historic bridges by foot or by car this fall. Photo credit: Scott Baker, courtesy of Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association

» One of the most picturesque points in Alabama, Little River Canyon is the deepest canyon east of the Mississippi and has numerous overlooks perfect for viewing fall foliage. Photo credit: Nat Smith



perspective of wilting leaves. Surrounded by 600-foot sandstone cliffs full of fall colors, Little River Canyon Natural Preserve offers kayaking or paddling experiences for guests. The park is ready for visitors from around the country with its 100-car parking lot that includes spaces for RVs, buses and other large vehicles.

Bankhead National Forest's sprawling 180,000 acres of forest and wilderness is a glorious place to soak up fall's beauty. One of Alabama's four national

forests, Bankhead's northwest forest offers various recreation activities such as fishing, camping and hiking that are perfect for taking in the yellow birch, red maple and white oaks. Hikers and bikers can find magnificent fall views of the forest's waterfalls with a spectrum of autumn colors as its backdrop on the national forest's 90 miles of recreational trails and numerous forest roads. While there are hundreds of spectacular waterfalls tucked away in the colorful forest, Caney Creek Fall, Kinlock Falls and Turkey Foot Falls are the most popular to visit. For those looking for a full day's hike, take the 25-mile Owl Creek Non-Motorized Trail in the northeastern portion of the forest. Along the leaf-carpeted trail, travelers will see sketched sandstone cliffs, deep gorges, majestic hardwood trees, wildflowers and an abundance of animals and birds. For the more adventurous, Bankhead National Forest even has specific trails designated for horses and horseback riding!

Step back in time and travel east to the three covered bridges in Blount County. The Swann, Horton Mill and Easley Covered Bridges are all located within 20 miles of each other and are worthy of a road trip during the fall season. The bridges' nostalgic backdrops are only enhanced when framed with nature's stunning colors, making it the perfect fall adventure for those unable to participate in outdoor recreational activities. Swann Bridge is found off Alabama Highway 231 in Cleveland and offers gorgeous views of Locust Fork; Horton Mill in Oneonta

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is one of the highest covered bridges in the country, standing 70 feet above the Black Warrior River in Oneonta; Easley, a 1930s era structure, is the oldest of the three bridges and is located five miles from Oneonta in Rosa, Alabama. Take in the idyllic fall landscape and enjoy Alabama's rich history at Oneonta's Covered Bridge Festival each fall.

Traveling a few miles southwest, Palisades Park is a fall bucket list favorite for many Alabamians looking for relaxation. Located at the foothills of the Southern Appalachians, the park covers approximately 100 acres in Blount County. Palisades Park is known for its scenic autumn views atop Ebell Mountain and is popular among rock climbers, nature lovers and sightseers. Flood the senses with vivid tree and wildflower colors and absorb the sound of crunching footsteps through the park's eight nature trails. Along the way, visitors are sure to encounter the park's beautifully restored historic buildings, including a 1904 schoolhouse, rustic barn and meditation lodge. At a 1,300-foot elevation over limestone bluffs, The Rocky Ridge is the highest point for miles in any direction and is a perfect place to experience a stunning autumn sunset. Finally, take in all of Palisades Park's fall landscape and journey up to the top of Sand Mountain Fire Tower to view the rolling hills and plateaus of North Alabama.

Continue seeking the harvested heights to view the state's fantastic fall foliage at Cheaha State Park, the highest point in Alabama. Located a short drive from Anniston, the park is breathtaking during the autumn months and the journey into the summit is unforgettable. There are several vantage points to take in the bountiful colors of the oldest and one of the most diverse state parks. Cheaha is surrounded by Talladega National Forest, which means that when fall foliage in Alabama is in full bloom, you won't want to miss it. Most of the park's hiking trails are under a mile and range in difficulty, so everyone has a path. First, a quarter-mile and moderately complex Pulpit Rock Trail leads hikers to a rock outcropping that hangs precariously in the air, conjuring a 180-degree image of fall below. Next, follow the ADA-accessible Doug Ghee Boardwalk along the Cheaha mountain ridge to a beautiful vista from Bald Rock. Then, inhale crisp air and swish through fallen leaves on the 2.1-mile hike to Cheaha Falls. There are plenty of picnic spots throughout the state park where family and friends can enjoy warm drinks and delicious packed lunches under Alabama's fall foliage.

Heading closer to the center of the state, Birmingham Botanical Gardens is Alabama's largest living museum and a unique place to experience nature's glorious fall wonders. Free of charge and open 365 days a year, the garden's gorgeous fall foliage makes autumn the best time to visit its 67.5 acres and 30 thematic gardens. When entering the garden, make sure to stop at Sonat



» Cheaha State Park's Doug Ghee Boardwalk offers scenic autumn strolls on its ADA-accessible pathway. Take in the views and sounds of fall along the park's famous mountain ridge. Photo credit: Steve Bower

Lake. Visitors get a harvested view of the formal garden and conservatory through the Queen's Gates and are met with colorful reflections on the lake's surface. Three massive water oaks provide shade for visitors and are a popular spot for families looking to have fall's captivating colors in the background of their portraits.

With nearly 10,000 acres, Oak Mountain State Park is Alabama's largest state park and is an excellent place for exploring on an autumn day. Drive into the park along the seven-mile John Findley Drive lined with fiery colors of chestnut, cherry and whitebark red oak trees. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon and stroll around the banks of Double Oak and Tranquility Lakes, where colorful trees reflect in the lakes' calm waters. Absorb the sounds of footsteps through the park's 25 miles of hiking trails. Ranging in difficulty, hikers are guaranteed a magnificent view of the autumn rustling landscape. For the adventurous visitors, Oak Mountain State Park offers mountain biking, boating, fishing, horseback riding and golf, but it is most known for its wildlife center. Bird watchers flock to the state park to watch birds cared for at the center soar among the Alabama fall foliage on the Tree Top Nature Trail.

From spectacular autumn views atop the highest peaks to serene sounds at the base of the state's numerous waterfalls, Alabama's natural wonders are in fluorescent beauty during fall foliage. When planning your fall activities, take a trip and envelop yourself in the breathtaking colors of Alabama's falling trees and vivid scenery.



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SUZANO AND CLEARWATER PAPER TOUR THE PORT



» Pictured left to right: Nicolas Vinales, Suzano; Juliana Vizintim, Suzano; Traci Greco, Clearwater Paper; Dale Bartlett, Clearwater Paper; Terry Borden, Clearwater Paper; Ray Medley, Suzano; Brian Frennea, SSA Marine; and Doug French, SSA Marine.

Representatives from Suzano and Clearwater Paper toured the Alabama State Port Authority in July. Recognized for innovation and a pioneering spirit for more than 90 years, Suzano is a Brazilian company globally recognized in the development of products made from planted eucalyptus forests, and one of the largest vertically integrated producers of eucalyptus pulp and paper in Latin America. Suzano's product portfolio includes coated and uncoated printing and writing paper, paperboard, tissue paper, market pulp and fluff pulp. A forestry-based publicly held company controlled by Suzano Holding and a part of Group Suzano, Clearwater Paper is a premier supplier of private brand tissue to major retailers including grocery, drug, mass merchants and discount stores. In addition, the company produces bleached paperboard used by quality-conscious printers and packaging converters and offers services that include custom sheeting, slitting and cutting.

FRENCH HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL VISITS PORT

The French consul general visited the Port in May. From left to right are Maxanna Nichols-Lefebvre, honorary consul general to France; Port of Mobile Consular Corps Jonathon Gilad, counselor for ecology, sustainable development, energy and transport at the Embassy of France in the United States; Beth Branch, chief commercial officer, Alabama State Port Authority; Consul General Vincent Hommeril, Embassy of France in Atlanta, Georgia; Parrish Lawler, director of trade and development, Alabama State Port Authority; and Judith Adams, vice president of internal/external affairs, Alabama State Port Authority.



» Pictured left to right: Adam Graddick, Alabama State Port Authority; Christopher Mayfield, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce; Christina Stimpson, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce; Bradley Cassidy, PowerSouth Energy cooperative intern; Kayla Byrne, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce intern; Jakayla Ford, Economic Development Partnership of Alabama intern; and Connor Bradford, Spire Energy intern.

SUMMER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERNS HOSTED AT PORT

In June, the Alabama State Port Authority hosted interns from the Economic Development Association of Alabama's Economic Development Intern Program. The program consists of a summer internship available to college juniors and seniors enrolled at Alabama colleges through host businesses.



ALABAMA FORESTRY YOUNG LEADERS VISIT PORT

Young professionals participating in the Alabama Forestry Young Leaders Program toured the Port of Mobile in late June. The Alabama Forestry Young Leaders Program is an exclusive professional development and networking program sponsored by the Alabama Forestry Association specifically providing young professionals with the opportunity

to learn more about Alabama's sustainable forest industry, connect with peers and mentors, and grow professionally. Professionals participated in four sessions with topics including communications, public relations, government, law and forest products manufacturing.

STACKPOLE RECEIVES EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE YEAR AWARD AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

A tenacious trade advocate counted on by many Alabama businesses expanding their trade opportunities, Robert Stackpole, director of the Alabama District Office of the U.S. Commercial Service, was named 2021 Executive Secretary of the Year. Shawn Levsen, National Association of District Export Councils (NADEC) chair, presented Stackpole with the award during the NADEC Annual Export Conference held virtually in late May.



The U.S. Commercial Service, a part of the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration, offers companies a full range of expertise in international trade. As the sole representative in Alabama for the U.S. Commercial Service throughout the pandemic year of 2020, Stackpole handled queries and requests from more than 3,500 exporting firms while also supporting the needs and operations of the Alabama District Export Council (DEC). Almost overnight and lasting well into 2020 came cries for help regarding lost and delayed cargo, delinquent payments, closed markets and stranded employees in foreign locales.

Stackpole has been instrumental in his technical input and leadership in developing innovative ways to pivot the state of Alabama's SBA State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) from mainly an underwriter

of new-to-export companies' participation in foreign trade shows into a broader and timely use of STEP funding to provide a targeted set of services relevant to successfully operating in the COVID-19 environment. The new focus has included training and technical assistance for Alabama companies to connect globally by facilitating cross-border selling through e-commerce and website globalization. He also proactively organized a joint meeting between the Georgia and Alabama DEC's to share information, best practices and to expand the network to the regional export community.

Additionally, Stackpole has strategically positioned the Alabama DEC to take a leading role in two pivotal areas, trade policy and export mentoring, which has been key to addressing many trade issues by building on the expertise of the Alabama trade team, also known as the Export Alabama Alliance.

A true trade team leader, Stackpole works cooperatively across the state to identify resources and meet the needs of the export community. His leadership in addressing trade issues and concerns during this unprecedented time have proved essential in staying the course.

NOWOWIEJSKI TRANSPORTS TUG, CREW BOAT AND YACHT

The NOWOWIEJSKI arrived at the Port of Mobile from Santo Tomas, Guatemala in late March. The ship was loaded with three vessels and departed for Port Everglades. The DR. RAY, the tug boat shown in the water beneath the NOWOWIEJSKI, arrived under its own power from New Orleans, Louisiana, and was discharged in Ensenada, Mexico. The RIP TIDE, a crew boat shown already loaded onto the vessel, came to the Port of Mobile under its own power from Venice, Louisiana, discharged in Victoria, Canada. LA VIE, a yacht shown being loaded to the NOWOWIEJSKI, came under its own power from Pensacola, Florida, and was also discharged in Ensenada, Mexico. The agent was Host Agency, and the stevedore was Tri-State Maritime Services.



POWERSOUTH HEAVY LIFT CARGO MOVES THROUGH THE PORT

In May, several heavy lift cargo pieces were shipped through the port for the PowerSouth Lowman project in Leroy, Alabama. The first shipment of power plant equipment originated from Kobe, Japan, and arrived in early May on the BBC ST. PETERSBURG. The cargo was loaded direct to rail and traveled to Leroy. The agent was Nord Sud, and the rail provider was BNSF Logistics. The shipping line was dship Americas. In late May, another shipment of heavy lift cargo arrived from Thailand on the MV FRAUKE and was discharged and transported by truck by ATS Inc. to Leroy. The agent was Biehl & Co., and the stevedore was Richardson Stevedoring & Logistics.



GP CELLULOSE TOURS PORT

Representatives from Georgia-Pacific Cellulose toured the port in July. GP Cellulose operates four world-class, non-integrated wood pulp mills, one cotton linters pulp mill and one cotton converting plant, all in the Southeastern United States. The company's portfolio of pulp products include its Golden Isles® Fluff Pulp and CelluFLEX® and paper pulp, as well as specialty cellulose and customized fibers.

From left to right are Jason Dolbear, GP Cellulose Leaf River; Adam Graddick, Alabama State Port Authority; Anna Ward, Alabama State Port Authority; Bill Inge, Alabama State Port Authority; and Jacob Cripps, GP Cellulose Leaf River.



AKER SOLUTIONS ADOPTS A MILE

Following an application review and approval process in Spring 2020, Aker Solutions became part of the state of Alabama's Adopt-a-Mile program. This spring, the company installed its signs signifying the start of its commitment to the program. Aker Solutions' area is located on Middle Bay Road, a one-mile stretch from Dauphin Island Parkway to the main entrance at the company's facility and the Port of Mobile.

"We became involved in the Adopt-a-Mile program because we are committed to the communities where we do business," said James Altieri, Subsea US HSSE manager for Aker Solutions. "Participating in this program is a great way to positively impact the community and the environment, provides a source of civic pride to our personnel, serves as a reminder to care for our land and waterways by not littering and allows us to showcase a beautiful stretch of road to our clients and other visitors."

Biweekly, a group of employees spends a few hours to safely gather and properly dispose of trash and other debris from the area. The inaugural cleanup activity, held in late April, resulted in the company's employees collectively gathering 117 pounds of trash. By keeping the area clean and naturally beautiful, Aker Solutions hopes to reduce the amount of litter that could potentially end up in our waterways or negatively affect local wildlife.

Adopt-a-Mile is one of several environmental programs on-site at Aker Solutions' facility, including a robust



recycling program where more than 90% of the waste materials from its production processes is recycled through various outlets in Mobile County. These recyclables include steel, copper, wood, plastic, cardboard, used oil, batteries and other materials.

"The company's employees are supportive of the initiative and are eager to participate in cleanup activities," Altieri said. "These types of environmental programs are a natural extension of the shared health, safety, security and environmental culture we have across our global locations. We

start off each clean-up with a safety moment to make sure everyone participating has the right safety gear and is ready for the task ahead. It has also been fun getting outside of our regular workspaces and spending informal time together while positively impacting the community and environment."

Since 1988, the Alabama Department of Transportation has coordinated and implemented the Alabama Adopt-a-Mile Program in partnership with Alabama PALS, which has approximately 860 miles of state, county and federal highways that are adopted and maintained by volunteer groups statewide. These groups range from nonprofit organizations to for-profit businesses to government agencies who work together to create and maintain programs that not only keep our roads and highways clean and litter free, but also enhance the beauty of Alabama while having a positive economic impact on the state.

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPRESENTATIVES VISIT PORT

In June, representatives from the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries visited the Port of Mobile.

From left to right are Judith Adams, vice president, internal/external affairs, Alabama State Port Authority; Graham Haney, Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries Trade; Tami Culver, deputy commissioner, Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries; Bob Plaster, assistant commissioner, Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries; and Rick Clark, deputy director and chief operating officer, Alabama State Port Authority.





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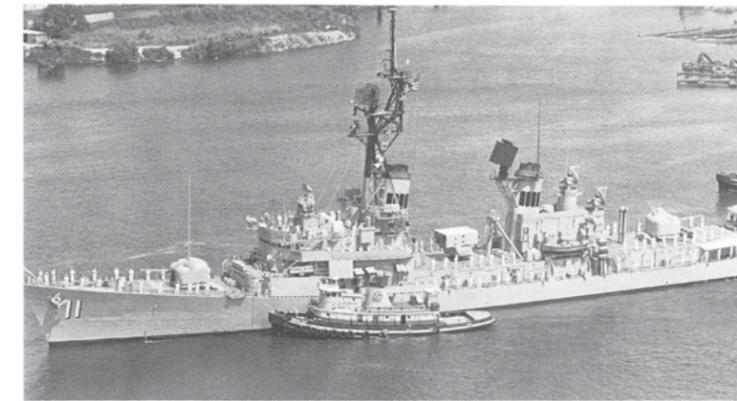


Secretary Ball had high words of praise for Congressman Callahan's efforts to restore homeport funding.

the wholesale sector and \$29 million each year for ship operations and repair. Some \$75 million will be invested in building the base. Construction is to begin immediately, with completion scheduled for 1991. The ships will arrive on station in 1991 and 1992.

The groundbreaking for Naval Station Mobile is the latest indicator of an economic upswing at Alabama's seaport. As reported in recent issues, the Alabama State Docks is handling record amounts of general cargo and near-record tonnages of coal. The first two phases of the Docks' new Forest Products Terminal have now been completed, which should mean additional business in port. On the drawing board are plans for a Steel and Heavy Lift Operations Berth that would make the Port of Mobile the premiere load center on the U.S. Gulf for steel and iron cargoes.

On another sweltering August day, 124 years ago, Admiral David Farragut steamed into Mobile Bay, uttering the legendary words, "Full speed ahead." Today, those words come back to us as Alabama's seaport moves ahead toward a prosperous future.



The sleek warship made a stirring sight as she entered Mobile's harbor.

Thousands Visit USS SELLERS at State Docks

The guided missile destroyer USS SELLERS received a warm and colorful welcome at the Alabama State Docks.



Perfect summer weather welcomed the officers and crew of the guided-missile destroyer USS SELLERS (DDG-11) as she arrived at the Alabama State Docks to participate in groundbreaking ceremonies for Naval Station Mobile.

On hand at the Docks' Pier 5 to greet the ship were the lovely Azalea Trail Maids, city officials and a crowd of well-wishers. Commander Robert J. Shade, ship's captain, exchanged plaques with Theresa Dixon of the Mobile Jaycees. Commander Shade said, "This marks the beginning of a close association between Mobile and the Navy. We are proud and very thankful that the city invited us and the SELLERS to participate in this moment!"

Later, on board the SELLERS, Commander Shade told us that he was very impressed by the welcome the ship had received from the Alabama State Docks. "Everyone has been terrific," he said. "It's one of the friendliest welcomes we've ever had. The State Docks has been very accommodating and helpful."

Thousands of people toured the vessel during the two days that she was open to the public, underscoring Mobilians' enthusiasm for the U.S. Navy.

The men of the sleek warship had a busy schedule of events during their weekend stay. Besides giving free tours of the destroyer while berthed at the State Docks, the officers and men also were treated to a picnic by the USS

ALABAMA Commission and participated in a basketball tournament with personnel from the USS LEXINGTON and USS WISCONSIN at the University of South Alabama. The aircraft carrier LEXINGTON is in port for repairs, and the battleship WISCONSIN will be re-commissioned next month in nearby Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Commissioned in 1961, the 437-foot-long USS SELLERS is powered by a 70,000 horsepower powerplant and is able to sprint at speeds in excess of 30 knots. She is armed with Harpoon and Standard missiles, eight anti-submarine rockets, two five-inch .54 caliber rapid fire guns and two triple torpedo tubes. Homeported in Charleston, S.C., the ship has a complement of 351.



Commander Robert J. Shade expressed his satisfaction with the welcome the crew of the SELLERS received at Alabama's seaport.

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The USS SELLERS is welcomed to the Port of Mobile in September 1988.



THE MIGHTY MOBILE, WORLD WAR II STALWART

When the latest ship to bear the name USS MOBILE was commissioned at the Alabama State Port Authority, she was taking on more than just the proud name of a Port City with a rich maritime history. The newest USS MOBILE was also inheriting the legacy of four previous U.S. Navy ships named MOBILE spanning more than a century and a half, from the U.S. Civil War through the Gulf War.

None had a more distinguished record of service than the World War II light cruiser, USS MOBILE (CL 63).

The ship was laid down April 14, 1941, at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., and was launched on May 15 of the following year. Her sponsor was the wife of former City Commissioner and Mayor of Mobile, Harry T. Hartwell. With war raging around the globe, the MOBILE was commissioned March 24, 1943, with Captain Charles J. Wheeler in command.

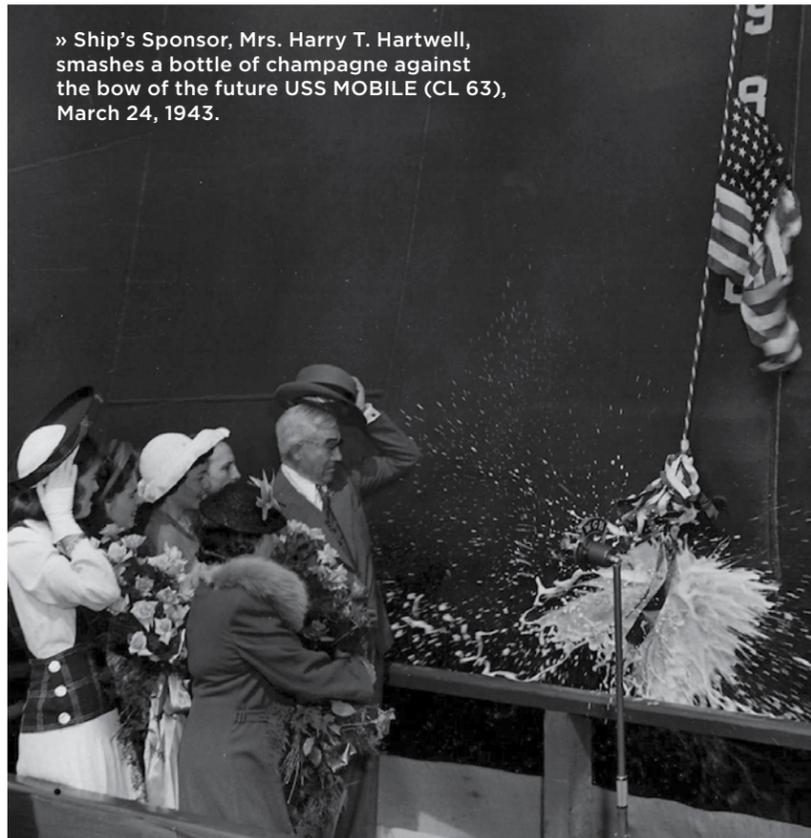
Following a shakedown cruise in the Chesapeake and a truncated training cruise up the East Coast to Casco Bay, Maine, MOBILE departed for the Pacific. She stopped at Mare Island for 10 days before proceeding to Pearl Harbor. Arriving on July 23, the ship and crew underwent a month of additional training. On August 22, the cruiser departed Hawaii and joined Task Force 15 the following day. Her crew saw action for the first time during a carrier air strike on Marcus Island on the last day of August.

The MOBILE participated in two more carrier raids from Hawaii before joining the 5th Fleet for the Gilberts campaign. She screened the ships of Task Force 15 during operations at Tarawa on September 18, and she screened the ships of Task Force 14 when they struck Wake Island on October 5 and 6. Two weeks later, USS MOBILE sailed west again, this time as part of Task Group 53.3.

On November 8, she was off the island of Bougainville and covering reinforcement landings. The group came under heavy enemy attack from the air, with MOBILE serving as the radar reporting ship for the Task Group. Of the 10 enemy aircraft shot down that night, MOBILE

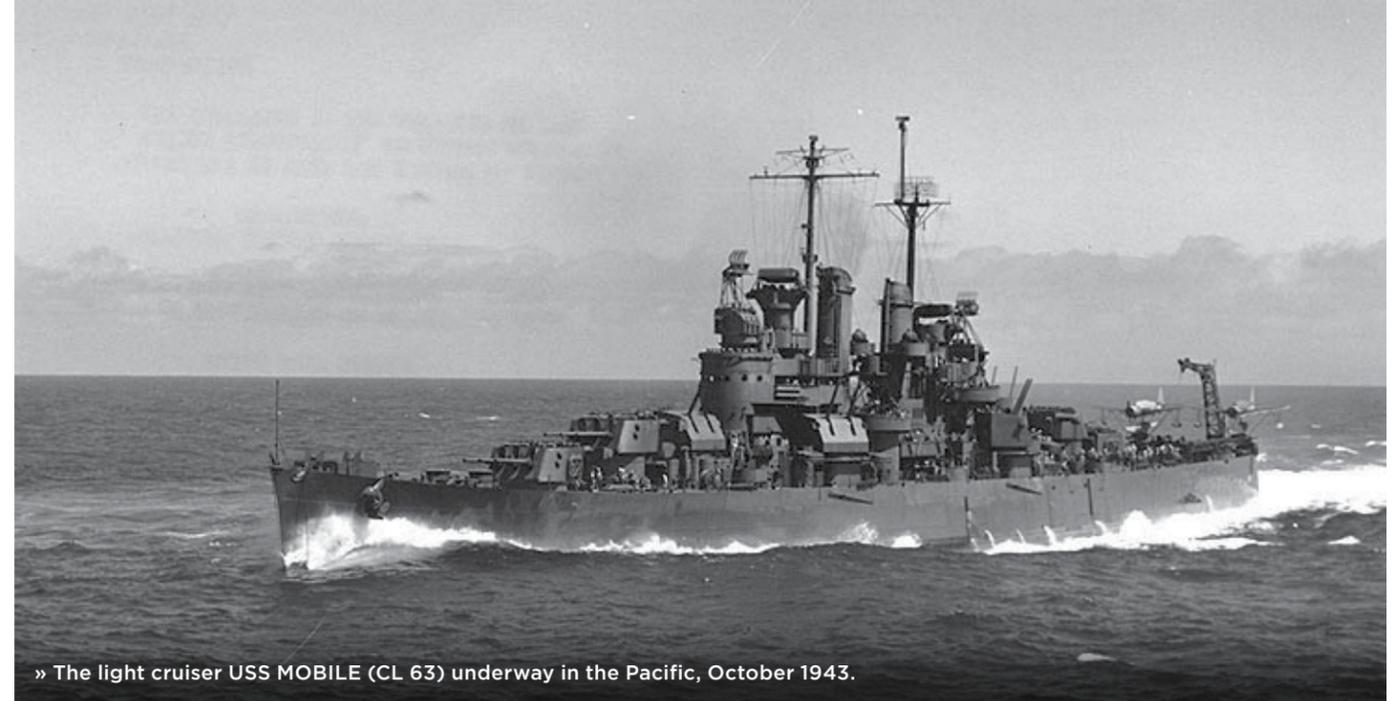
was credited with splashing one and assisting in the downing of two others.

Afterward, the cruiser steamed to Espiritu Santo, where she joined Task Group 53.7 for the assault and occupation of Tarawa, serving as fire support ship and shelling the island. Following the landings at Betio during the week of November 20, the MOBILE remained in the area in support of the Marine assault forces, which encountered stiff opposition to their amphibious landing.



» Ship's Sponsor, Mrs. Harry T. Hartwell, smashes a bottle of champagne against the bow of the future USS MOBILE (CL 63), March 24, 1943.

MOBILE was reassigned to Task Force 50 (Fast Carrier Forces, Pacific Fleet) on December 1, 1943. The task force now steamed north to conduct air operations against enemy forces on Kwajalein and Wotje in the Marshall Islands. The force came under air attack as it retired, and gun crews on the MOBILE assisted in shooting down one enemy plane. After a stop in Pearl,



» The light cruiser USS MOBILE (CL 63) underway in the Pacific, October 1943.

the MOBILE sailed on to San Diego, where she arrived on December 29 and reported for escort duty with Amphibious Forces, 5th Fleet.

In mid-January 1944, the cruiser made once more for the Marshalls. On January 29, the MOBILE joined other ships from Cruiser Division 13 in shelling Wotje before rejoining her task force for the assault and occupation of Kwajalein Atoll. She performed fire support and carrier screening duties off Roi and Namur until February 6 and then made for Majuro, where she joined Task Force 58 six days later. Allied ships entered the lagoon at the atoll for the first time.

The task force now steamed to the Carolines, and on February 16 and 17 pounded the island of Truk, which had served as the regional fleet anchorage for the Japanese, as well as the center for air and sea communications between Japan and the Bismarck Archipelago. Task Force 58 followed up with strikes on Saipan, Tinian, and Guam. On the night of February 21 and morning of February 22, the force was hit by numerous air strikes by torpedo and dive bombers. MOBILE's anti-aircraft gun crews responded heroically, shooting down two enemy planes and assisting with shooting down two more. MOBILE now returned sailed to Espiritu Santo, where the ships of Task Group 58.1 were reorganized as Task Group 36.1. On March 15, the group steamed northwest to cover Marine forces landing on Emirau.

By the first anniversary of MOBILE's commissioning, she had steamed more than 70,000 miles and participated in 11 operations against the enemy. On March 27, her group was designated once more as Task Group 58.1. Between March 29 and April 3, the group conducted attacks at the Palaus, Yap, and Woleai, returning to Majuro on April 5. Task Group 58.1 supported Allied landings at Aitape, Humboldt Bay and Tanah Merah Bay in New Guinea, and pummeled Wake Island and Sawar Airfield, on April 21 and 22. Afterward, the group

returned to the Carolines, conducting air strikes on Truk and shelling Satawan on the last two days of April, bombed Ponape on May 1, and returned to Majuro to take on ammunition and supplies ahead of the Marianas campaign. The crew got a little much-needed rest as the ship lay at anchor for most of the month, even as preparations were being made for the coming action.

The ships sallied forth on June 6, reaching the Marianas five days later, where they conducted attacks on Saipan, Tinian, Guam, and Rota. For a week, the carrier force's aircraft and ships covered the area from the Volcano and Bonin Islands to the southernmost Marianas supporting the assault on Saipan and preventing Japanese reinforcements from reaching either Saipan or Guam. On June 19, the Battle of the Philippine Sea began with a Japanese



» Preparing to launch a Vought OS2U Kingfisher floatplane from her port catapult, during the October 1943 raid on Marcus Island.



» USS MOBILE photographed during combat operations in the Pacific with an SBD aircraft flying overhead.

carrier-based aircraft attack on the ships covering the Saipan assault. In the ensuing battle, MOBILE continued screening the carriers, launching her Kingfisher airplanes on antisubmarine and search and rescue missions, while carrier-based aircraft planes engaged their Japanese counterparts and sank enemy carrier HIYO on June 20.

As part of the carrier force, MOBILE proceeded to Pagan Island on June 23, ahead of attacks on the island the following day. The ships continued on to Eniwetok, departing on June 30 for additional strikes on the Bonin and Volcano Islands on the Fourth of July before turning south once more to continue coverage of the Marianas campaign. The carrier force began daily strikes on Guam and Rota two days later and remained in the area until after the landings on Guam. On July 23, Task Group 58.1 steamed southwest to conduct raids in the western Carolines, with USS MOBILE positioned in the inner protective ring. Three days later they bombarded Yap, Ulithi, and Fais, while Task Group 58.2 and Task Group 58.3 shelled the Palaus. Task Force 58 departed for Saipan on July 30, arriving on August 2.

Returning to the Bonin and Volcano Islands, USS MOBILE was detached with Cruiser Division 13 and Destroyer Division 46 to sweep the seas of enemy combatants in the Chichi Jima area. On August 4, MOBILE assisted in the destruction of a Japanese destroyer and an enemy cargo vessel. The following day she participated in the bombardment of Chichi Jima, and then made for Eniwetok.

During the month of September 1944, the cruiser's fast carrier group, now designated Task Group 38.3, conducted strikes on the Palaus, Mindanao and the Visayas. Mid-month, the group returned to the Palaus to cover the landings on Peleliu and Angaur. The task group returned to the Philippines, striking targets in the Manila area, and hit the Visayas again on September 24.

Steaming from Ulithi on October 6, the group's planes struck enemy installations in the Ryukyus, after which MOBILE was detached with the destroyers GATLING (DD 671) and COTTEN (DD 669) to seek out and destroy two enemy ships 30 miles distant from the force. Arriving at the rendezvous point, they discovered that one of the two ships had already been sunk by carrier aircraft. The three ships proceeded to sink the large Japanese merchant vessel they located and rejoined Task Force 38 for attacks on Formosa and the Pescadores.

On October 13, MOBILE detached with other ships from her division to form a protective screen around the damaged cruisers CANBERRA (CA 70) and HOUSTON (CL 81). The hope was that MOBILE and the other ships — apparently wounded and limping away — would lure Japanese ships into a trap, but enemy scout planes discovered the ruse. MOBILE rejoined Task Group 38.3 on October 17.



» The MOBILE fires at the Japanese destroyer HATSUZUKI on the evening of October 25, 1944, during the Battle of Leyte Gulf.



» Seen here in 1945, USS MOBILE (CL 63) accrued an enviable war-time record, receiving 11 battle stars and credited with sinking two enemy merchant vessels and assisting in the sinking of an aircraft carrier, a light cruiser, a destroyer and a submarine. She also shot down or assisting in the shooting down of a total of 20 enemy aircraft.

The task force now steamed to the east of the northern Philippines and on October 20 guarded the northern air approaches to Leyte as U.S. forces went ashore. On October 24, the task force came under attack by aircraft from Vice Admiral Jisaburō Ozawa's Mobile Fleet. Task Force 38.3 fought in the Battle for Leyte Gulf off Cape Engaño on October 25, then steamed in pursuit the Mobile Fleet. Tasked with searching for and destroying damaged enemy ships and their escorts, MOBILE assisted in sinking the carrier CHIYODA and destroyer HATSUZUKI, before turning south to rejoin the main body of Task Force 38.

For the next two months the cruiser continued to operate in support of the Philippine campaign, screening the carriers as they launched aircraft to cover Allied assault forces in the Visayas and on Mindoro. On December 26, MOBILE departed Ulithi for the West Coast, arriving two weeks later at Terminal Island, Calif., for overhaul and alterations.

Back at Ulithi by March 29, 1945, MOBILE continued on to Okinawa, arriving April 3, two days after the initial attacks on the island. Assigned to Task Force 51, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet, for the next two months, the cruiser provided fire support, served on anti-aircraft and antisubmarine patrols and saw duty as a unit of the so-called "flycatcher" groups assigned to detect and destroy Japanese suicide boats. At the end of May, she arrived at Leyte, where she joined Task Group 95.7, Philippine Training Group, with which she operated for the remainder of the war.

On August 20, she steamed north toward Okinawa and Japan for duty supporting the occupation. During September she conducted several cruises between Japan and Okinawa, transporting liberated American Prisoners of War on the first leg of their return to the United States. The following month she cruised in

the Sasebo area, and on November 18, with 812 Navy and Marine Corps personnel embarked, she departed for San Diego. After arriving on December 2, where she was met by a brass band and a cheering crowd, MOBILE turned around and conducted one more run, bringing some 1,200 personnel from the Pacific Theater back to the United States.

The MOBILE was decommissioned on May 9, 1947, and struck from the Naval Register on March 1, 1959.

USS MOBILE (CL 63) achieved an enviable record of service during her career, receiving 11 battle stars for almost continuous combat action over a two-year period. During her wartime service, the cruiser was credited with sinking two enemy merchant vessels on her own and assisting in the sinking of an aircraft carrier, a light cruiser, a destroyer and a submarine. She was credited with shooting down or assisting in the shooting down of a total of 20 enemy aircraft. The MOBILE was not immune to the ravages of war: her own casualties included eight dead and 53 wounded in action. Awards to ship's personnel included a Silver Star, a Legion of Merit, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, 10 Navy and Marine Corps Medals, 30 Purple Hearts, five Air Medals and 11 Letters of Commendation.

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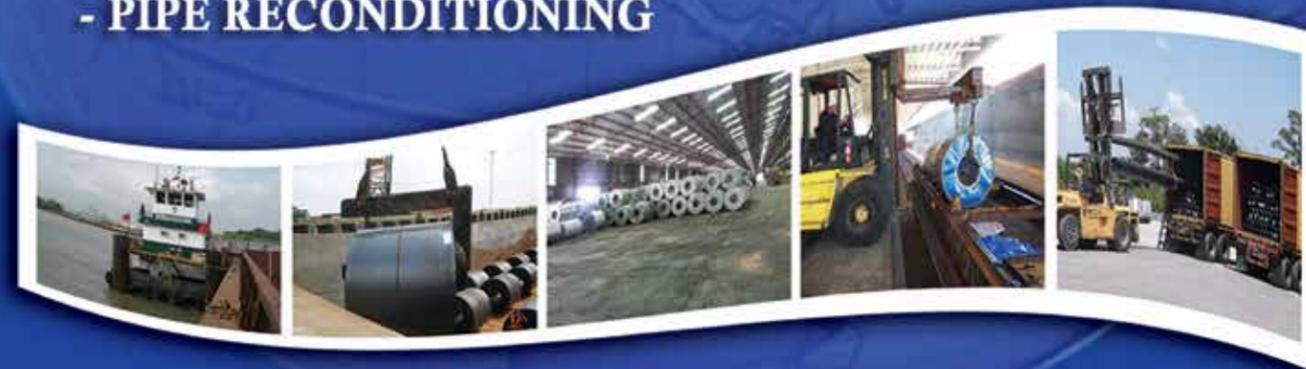
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