



## MOBILE WELCOMES ITS 2016 MARDI GRAS SHIP USS FARRAGUT TO BERTH AT THE ALABAMA STATE PORT AUTHORITY'S PIER C

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**February 3, 2016 (Mobile, Ala.)** – The Alabama State Port Authority and the Mobile Council of the Navy League jointly announce that the U.S. Navy warship, USS FARRAGUT (DDG 99) will call on the Port of Mobile in celebration of Mardi Gras. The ship will arrive on or about 11:30 am, CST, on Friday, February 5, 2016, at the Alabama State Port Authority's South C terminal located on the main port complex. Mayor Sandy Stimpson will present the City of Mobile Proclamation at the Welcoming ceremony scheduled to begin at 11:45 a.m., CST. The ship will remain in port until the morning of February 10<sup>th</sup>. To ensure our service men and women receive a chance to take part in Mardi Gras festivities and due to security restrictions, the ship will not be open to the public.

The USS FARRAGUT (DDG 99) is an Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer and the fifth ship to bear the name of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, the colorful naval commander famous for leading the 1864 Union victory at The Battle of Mobile Bay. The 509-foot guided-missile destroyer was commissioned on June 10, 2006 and was deployed for active duty in May 2008. She currently is homeported at Naval Station Mayport, Florida. The USS FARRAGUT serves a multi-mission platform that operates either independently or as part of surface, expeditionary or aircraft carrier strike groups in air, surface, and undersea threat environments.

The USS FARRAGUT and her crew are led by Cmdr. Cory R. Applebee, a graduate of the University of Kansas and the Naval Reserve Officer's Training Program. Prior to his current assignment, Commander Applebee completed sea tours aboard USS MOUNT HOOD (AE 29), USS SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON (FFG 13), USS SIMPSON (FFG 56), USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64), and USS UNDERWOOD (FFG 36) and has earned several awards, including the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

The Alabama State Port Authority staff will be available to escort media into the restricted facilities starting at 10:30 a.m., CST, Friday, February 5. Media attending the event should arrive at the International Trade Center, 250 N. Water Street, Mobile, not later than 11:00 a.m. to ensure adequate time to receive credentials and transition to Pier C South. The ship will be available for media interviews following Friday morning's events by coordinating with the ship's PAO.

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