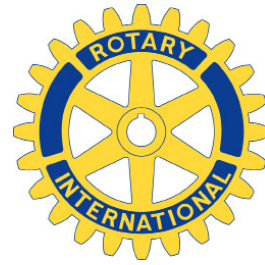


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This Week — May 23rd, 2017

Major General Janet Cobb, Ret. *Executive Director, USS Alabama Battleship*



Janet Cobb became the eighth executive director of the USS Alabama Battleship Commission and Battleship Memorial Park on December 14, 2015 at the close of the park's 50th anniversary year.

She enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1974 and was commissioned as an officer in May 1978 from the University of Alabama ROTC program.

She commanded at the detachment, battalion, brigade, directorate, brigadier

general and major general levels. Her deployments include post-Desert Storm operations at the Ports of Al Jubayl and Ab Dammam, Saudi Arabia (1991); Operation Iraqi Freedom port operations, Port of Ash Shuyabah, Kuwait (2002-2003); Commander of the 598th Transportation Group (Terminal), the Netherlands (2007), with oversight of military ports in Europe and Africa; and Director, Central Command Deployment & Distribution Operations Center, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait (2011). She was mobilized and served in the Pentagon on the Army Staff as Deputy G-4 (2012).

Her last assignment was Commanding General, 81st Regional Support Command, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. On August 15, 2016 she retired after 42 years in uniform.

Janet Cobb holds an Alabama real estate license (inactive) and worked at Kaiser Realty in Gulf Shores, Alabama from 2005 – 2015 in the real estate development and property management divisions. She is the past Director of Marketing & Public Relations for the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama in Mobile and is a former radio news director. She is a member of the Navy League (Mobile Council), American Legion Post 99 in Foley and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5658 in Elberta, as well as numerous other organizations.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 30th

Walter Maddox
Mayor of Tuscaloosa

June 6th

TBD

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Announcements:

- ADDITION - Debbi Besant was also recognized last week with a Paul Harris +1. Her name got left off by mistake. If you see her or any other Paul Harris Fellows - tell them thank you!! THANK YOU ROTARIANS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
- Bill Petty, District Governor for 2019-2020, told of his recent trip to India to immunize children so that Polio continues to be eradicated. He is interested in getting together another trip with Rotarians from our district. The trip would take place later this year in the October/November time frame. If you are interested, let Bill or our club president know.
- Ryan Stallings presented a Rotary Scholarship to student Tanner Bramlett
- Nancy Jones saluted Rotarians celebrating birthdays this month.
- Our club has a long-time tradition of presenting a single perfect rose to honor an unsung hero in our community. Jackie Wuska made the presentation of the J. Clemson Duckworth Rotary Rose to Judy Tanner at our last meeting. Judy has been the assistant to the University of Alabama Athletic Director for a number of years. She was honored for her dedication to the University, its athletic department and the community in general.

Speaker Notes:

- Greg Byrne, UA's new Director of Athletics told Rotarians that the University has a "national brand" and that its sports programs are known throughout the nation. And, he said, because we are living in an uncommon time in the University's history, we often do not grasp the national effect of UA's football program. Byrne said that it is the Athletic Department's job to make sure student athletes are prepared with life skills so they can succeed after their sports days are over



Athletic Director Greg Byrne speaking at our lunch club last Tuesday, May 16th, 2017.



The 2017 Recipient for the Rotary Rose is Judy Tanner last Tuesday, May 16th, 2017. Pictured is Rotarian Jackie Wuska, Judy Tanner, and Rotary President Alan Hartley.



At the head table

Invocation - Kate Hancock, **Pledge of Allegiance** - Bob Helm, **Introduction of Guests** - Mark Nelson, **Introduction of Speaker** - Wade Drinkard.

Guests

Tanner Bramlett, Shelby Cole, Kathryn Wilkerson, & Glenisha Windham - Guests of Ryan Stallings, **Bill Battle, Judy Tanner, & Jason Patton** - Guests of Jackie Wuska, **Chris Darling & Garrett Powe** - Guests of Thomas Powe, **Ryan Bradley & Tyler Nix** - Guests of Chris McCune, **Bill Gosselin** - Guest of Wade Drinkard, **Brett Laney** - Guest of Rufus Lewis, **Debbie Lane** - Guest of Karen Baldwin, **Stuart Hartley** - Guest of Alan Hartley, **Dr. Amy Traylor** - Guest of Vikki Vandiver.

This Day in History - May 23rd

- 1430 - Joan of Arc was captured by Burgundians. She was then sold to the English.
- 1533 - Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon was declared null and void.
- 1618 - The Thirty Years War began when three opponents of the Reformation were thrown through a window.
- 1701 - In London, Captain William Kidd was hanged after being convicted of murder and piracy.
- 1785 - Benjamin Franklin wrote in a letter that he had invented bifocals.
- 1827 - The first nursery school in the U.S. was established in New York City.
- 1846 - Arabella Mansfield (Belle Aurelia Babb) was born. She was the first woman in the U.S. to pass the bar exam, though she never used her law degree.
- 1876 - Boston's Joe Borden pitched the very first no-hitter in the history of the National League.
- 1879 - The first U.S. veterinary school was established by Iowa State University.
- 1900 - Civil War hero Sgt. William H. Carney became the first African American to receive the Medal of Honor, 37 years after the Battle of Fort Wagner.
- 1915 - During World War I, Italy joined the Allies as they declared war on Austria-Hungary.
- 1938 - "LIFE" magazine's cover pictured Errol Flynn as a glamour boy.
- 1945 - In Luneburg Germany, Heinrich Himmler, the head of the Nazi Gestapo, committed suicide while imprisoned by the Allied forces.
- 1960 - Israel announced the capture of Nazi Adolf Eichmann in Argentina.
- 1962 - The National Basketball Association (NBA) agreed to transfer the Philadelphia Warriors to San Francisco, CA. The team became the San Francisco Warriors (and later the Golden State Warriors).
- 1962 - Joe Pepitone of the New York Yankees set a major league baseball record by hitting two home runs in one inning.
- 1981 - In Barcelona, Spain, gunmen seized control of the Central Bank and took 200 hostages.
- 1985 - Thomas Patrick Cavanagh was sentenced to life in prison for trying to sell Stealth bomber secrets to the Soviet Union.
- 1994 - "Pulp Fiction" won the "Golden Palm" for best film at the 47th Cannes Film Festival.
- 1995 - The Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was demolished.
- 1998 - British Protestants and Irish Catholics of Northern Ireland approved a peace accord.
- 1999 - Gerry Bloch, at age 81, became the oldest climber to scale El Capitan in Yosemite National Park. He broke his own record that he set in 1986 when he was 68 years old.
- 2013 - Google acquired Makani Power for use for its Project Wing.



ABSENT? MAKING UP ATTENDANCE IS EASY

- Visit with the Morning Rotary Club every Thursday at 7 a.m. at Indian Hills Country Club
- Attend another club's meeting within two weeks before or after an absence.
- Participate in a Rotary event, such as a committee meeting, social function, interactive event, etc.
- Make up at E-club online: www.rotaryclubone.org.

Report makeups to secretary Caroline Williams at caroline.williams@bbva.com.

