

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY®
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PRE CONVENTION TOUR: The "A POTTER, A PAINTER & A PRESIDENT" tour begins with a "hard hat" tour of the site of the **Ohr-O'Keefe Museum** in Biloxi. Designed by world renowned architect Frank Gehry (designed the Guggenheim Museum), this museum will feature the works of the "Mad Potter of Biloxi", George Ohr. Then, it's on to Ocean Springs, for some time at the **Walter Anderson Museum of Art**. Anderson, known nationally for his water colors, block prints and murals, was a local artist and naturalist. We will enjoy a box lunch, book signing and private showing of Davis family items at the **Episcopal Church of the Redeemer** (attended by the Davis family). The architects who oversaw the restoration of Beauvoir will present a power point slide show and lecture on the restoration of the Davis home. The remainder of the afternoon will be spent at Beauvoir.

MAGAZINE LUNCHEON: The Magazine Luncheon honoring Real Daughters will also feature Mississippi's literary heritage. An address by Gulfport author **Thomas E. Simmons** will highlight the event. Simmons grew up in Mississippi and, among other degrees, has a BA in Literature. After serving overseas as an artillery officer, Simmons became involved in the hospitality industry on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and has served as captain of a seventy foot commercial sailing vessel. A frequent lecturer on World War II, Simmons is the author of three published books. His address weaves together the War Between the States and World War II in a riveting manner.

FRIDAY MORNING TOUR: The Mississippi Gulf Coast has a long history of boat building: from shrimp boats and schooners to battleships and destroyers. On our "ANCHORS AWEIGH" Tour to **Trinity Yachts** we will have a chance to visit the Coast's newest type of boat building. Trinity Yachts is one of the world's leaders in the construction of luxury super yachts. Not open to the public, Trinity is opening its doors to some of our convention attendees – this is a once in a lifetime opportunity! A very limited number of tickets will be sold on a first come/first served basis.

WELCOME AND HISTORICAL EVENING: The University of Southern Mississippi's **TRUMPETS** offers a diverse repertoire of original music and transcriptions, including new works, for the traditional ensemble, mixed ensembles and jazz arrangements. Students are encouraged to compose or arrange music for the group and many such compositions have been performed over the years. The group performs concerts and off-campus engagements in a variety of venues. **Major General Harold A. Cross**, immediate past Adjutant General of Mississippi, will be our featured speaker. Following his graduation from Mississippi State University, he entered the US Air Force and served as a pilot with the Tactical Air Command until 1972 when he joined the Mississippi National Guard. As Commander of the Military Department of Mississippi, General Cross organized and trained more than 12,000 soldiers and airmen of the Mississippi National Guard for federal and state missions. A published author of the War Between the States, he is a highly requested motivational and patriotic speaker.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: The Memorial Service is at the historic **Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, the cathedral of the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi. Ample on-site parking is available at or near the church if you desire to drive your private vehicle. Or, you may purchase a ticket for the "UDC Taxi", our Memorial Service bus transportation. Walking is not recommended.

FRIENDSHIP EVENING: "All Things Mississippi" will be the fare ranging from our own "**Catfish Festival**" to entertainment featuring Mississippi's talent. Celebrate the rich legacy of **Mississippi Music** in an unforgettable evening featuring the talents of Buddy Dubourg, jazz/blues pianist extraordinaire, and Joseph Williams, blues guitarist, along with other special guests that will perform the music of Faith Hill, Cassandra Wilson, Jimmy Buffet, and B.B. King. There is even a rumor that the other King, Elvis, may make an appearance as well! Casual dress is requested.

POST CONVENTION TOUR: Our President General's theme comes to life on the "PRESERVE – PROTECT – PROMOTE" Tour. In 1977, the UDC's General Organization placed bronze plaques in Fort Massachusetts on **Ship Island**, located in the Gulf of Mexico off the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The plaques, refurbished post-Katrina, will be rededicated by the UDC during the Post Convention Tour. We will depart the hotel and board, in the Gulfport Small Craft Harbor, the **Captain Pete**, a Ship Island excursion boat, for the 12 mile ride south to Ship Island. After touring the Fort and re-dedicating the plaques, we return to the "mainland" for a full buffet lunch at the **Gulfport Yacht Club**. Jefferson Davis returns to the forefront as we complete the tour at **St. Mark's Episcopal Church** (attended by the Davis family) where we will hear a bit about Davis' life on the Coast.

SILENT AUCTION: Bring items for the silent auction that will benefit a fund for a new roof on the Memorial Building. And, come prepared with your check book to purchase the special items that will be available.