

# ALL ABOARD

## Sailing the Great Lakes . . . Red, White and You September 14 - 17, 2017



Come aboard we're expecting you. The U.S.S. GFWC Great Lakes is set to dock at Port Doubletree in Oakbrook, Illinois on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

A send-off reception Thursday evening will begin our voyage, an event you won't want to miss. Come join us for a "Whodunit at Sea". Everyone has a part and everyone is a suspect. You might even be the Victim! If you're still alive on Friday you might enjoy an excursion across the street to the Oak Brook Shopping Mall or any number of the other nearby attractions.

Friday afternoon we reach our first Port of Call, the beautiful **St. Jude's Island of Hope**, we will go ashore and participate in a Service Project for the ALSAC (the fundraising and awareness organization for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital). Itinerary and details will be shared in June at the GLR meeting at the GFWC Convention in California.

After re-boarding we are off to the next stop on our journey, **Port Illinois State Night** to recognize the Great Lakes Naval Base, home of the United States Navy's only boot camp. Please join us at the Captain's Dinner where Admiral Wilken, Captain Skubic, First Mate Miss Jeanette, and all the crewmembers of Illinois, will salute the Great Lakes Naval Base. Nautical and R-W-B attire optional.

It's **All Hands on Deck** early Saturday morning while we are docked there will be several informative excursions disguised as workshops. Get all the current information so you can take it back to your Districts and Clubs. . . Souvenirs for them from you. Admiral Wilken will be at the helm of our business portion of our trip. We did tell you it was a working cruise, didn't we?

And now the event you have all been waiting for . . . Saturday night's **Admiral's Ball**. Put on your Cocktail Bling and meet and greet Admiral Wilken and her honored GFWC guests: President Sheila Shea, President Elect Mary Ellen Brock and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Deb Strahanoski, as we celebrate "**The Great Lakes Region, the Heartbeat of GFWC**",

Sunday morning, before we pull up anchor and set sail back home, please join us as we enjoy breakfast together and tackle a few items left on our ship's manifest, including the invitation to the 2018 Conference by GFWC Indiana. There will be hugs for all as we disembark and head to our home port.

Don't miss the boat! Send in your reservations now and get ready for a trip filled with lots of GLR memories. You know the kind you never forget!

*Bon Voyage!*

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