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*Aura J. "Bucky" Miller
1917-2002*

AURA J. "BUCKY" MILLER, *A Legacy Of Hospitality*

Bucky Miller began his career at the Grand Hotel on April 18, 1941 – the first day the “new” hotel reopened – and quickly become a fixture at the resort, where he greeted guests with a hearty, booming welcome. He developed a renowned ability to remember names, and regularly surprised guests with a personalized greeting upon their return.

Bucky served as a bartender and server for the majority of his career in the Birdcage Lounge. He spent his last twelve years at The Grand Hotel as the hotel’s Hospitality Ambassador and won many awards throughout his career.

In May 2005 the statue of Bucky Miller was unveiled and the lounge was named “Bucky’s” to honor his years of service and the tradition of Southern Hospitality.

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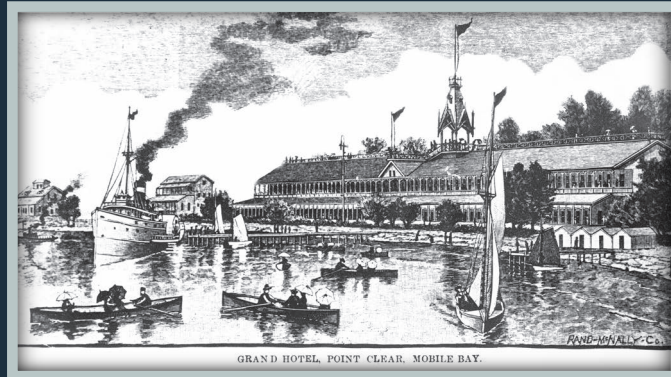
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GRAND HOTEL GOLF RESORT & SPA

*HISTORY
with TIME LINE*



The Grand 1884



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POINT CLEAR CEMETERY



Location: One mile east of Grand Hotel on Pinegrove Drive, adjacent to Azalea Golf Course and across from Lakewood Golf Club's driving range, the Experience.

The historic Point Clear Cemetery is privately owned by the Point Clear Cemetery Association. The date of origin of the cemetery is unknown, but the Civil War section began in 1863, when the Grand Hotel and Gunnison House served as hospitals, receiving many wounded and sick from the Battle of Vicksburg, Mississippi. Those who died here are buried in Point Clear Cemetery, but most names have been lost to time. Although patient records were kept, a fire in 1869 destroyed most of the hotel, including the hospital's records. The Point Clear Hotel was rebuilt in the early 1870s. In an effort to identify those soldiers buried there, members of SCV contracted a ground-penetrating radar team in 1999 to scan Point Clear Cemetery for unmarked graves. During their search, three previously unknown parallel burial trenches were discovered, believed to hold 138-263 Civil War soldiers. Forty-six soldiers have been identified through arduous research, and appropriate markers have been placed and dedicated.

The total restoration of Point Clear Cemetery, along with the project of identifying veterans buried there, was undertaken by the Admiral Buchanan Camp of the SCV. They added decorative cannons, placed headstones, and replaced the chain around the perimeter of the grounds.

Historic marker at the cemetery was placed by the Alabama Historical Association in 1997.



READY, AIM, FIRE!



A daily patriotic military salute and cannon firing began in 2008.

Each afternoon a cannon is fired to salute today's military and honor those who have passed through the historic Grand Hotel over the years. The Civil War replica cannon is similar to the ones used across the country when the Grand Hotel first opened in 1847.

Honoring its ties to American freedom, the Grand's unique history is celebrated each day, beginning with a procession around the historic Grand Hotel grounds. The event starts at 3:45 p.m. at the Main Lobby fireplace and continues with our *Grandeur, Grit and Glory: Since 1847* presentation at Cannon Park, concluding with the firing of the cannon at approximately 4:00 p.m.

This event is followed by the tradition of a complimentary afternoon “lagniappe,” or little bite, in the Grand Hall.



