

Landrum Middle School dedicates gym to memory of sailor with ties to school

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On Friday, Nov. 6, Landrum Middle School dedicated its school gymnasium to Robert Shippee.

Shippee's widow, Carol McCormick is Landrum's guidance secretary. Shippee's son, Brian Shippee, a clerk at PVPV Rawlings Elementary School, also attended the dedication.

Shippee was one of 37 USS Stark crew members killed in a May 1987 attack by an Iraqi jet during the Iraq-Iran War.

Landrum students and faculty created a commemorative wall at the school by posting photos of relatives who are either currently serving or



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The Nease High School Navy Junior ROTC provided a color guard for

the dedication and a flag service held outdoors by the flagpole.

"Freedom is not free", said Nease ROTC in-



Carol McCormick and son, Brian Shippee, pose with the plaque presented to them after the dedication of the Landrum gymnasium to Robert Shippee.

structor Capt. Robert Young. He then asked the students to remember to thank those who served for the number of choices in their daily lives.

The Landrum Band performed at both services and Wyatt Clough and Hannah Nichols sang the National Anthem.

Teachers at Landrum who had served in the military were also recognized. Teacher Diane Ousley closed the service by singing "America the Beautiful."



Nease NJROTC Color Guard