

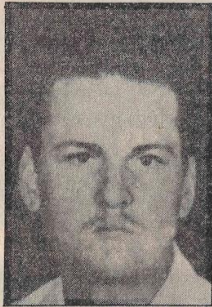
THE USS STARK — IN MEMORIAM



Ronnie George Lockett

HOME: Bessemer, Ala.
AGE: 30
RANK: Petty officer 2nd class
JOB: Signalman
NAVAL SERVICE: 10 years
MARITAL STATUS: Married, one child
HOBBIES: Football, basketball, baseball

"He came in and said he wanted to go places and see things. He said, 'I'd like to see the world.' I said I was glad as long as the Navy kept him off the streets. I never thought anything would happen to him. I never thought about missiles." — Eldora Lockett, mother.



Thomas J. MacMullen

HOME: Darby, Pa.
AGE: 30
RANK: Petty officer 1st class
JOB: Gunner's mate — missiles
NAVAL SERVICE: 10 years
MARITAL STATUS: Married, two children
HOBBIES: Swimming, four-wheel driving

He had planned to leave the Navy in March and move his family back to Philadelphia. — Diane MacMullen, wife.

“Yes, they were heroes. And because they were heroes, let us not forget this: That for all the lovely spring and summer days we will never share with them again, for every Thanksgiving and Christmas that will seem empty without them, there will be other moments, too; moments when we see the light of discovery in young eyes, eyes that see for the first time the world around them and know the sweep of history and wonder: 'Why is there such a place as America? And how is it that such a precious gift is mine?' ”

— President Reagan, speaking at Mayport ceremonies honoring the 37 crewmen who died aboard the USS Stark



Charles Thomas Moller

HOME: Columbus, Ga.
AGE: 27
RANK: Petty officer 3rd class
JOB: Electronic warfare specialist
NAVAL SERVICE: Four years
MARITAL STATUS: Married, one child
HOBBIES: Fishing, golf

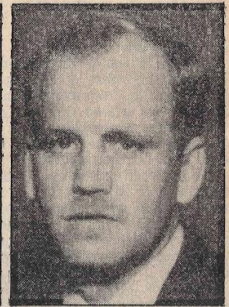
"Iran may be dumb enough to fire a missile at China [referring to an earlier incident], but Iran is not dumb enough to fire on one of our ships. Neither is Iraq." — Ella Mae Moller, mother.



Jeffrey Lee Phelps

HOME: Locust Grove, Va.
AGE: 21
RANK: Seaman recruit
NAVAL SERVICE: One year
MARITAL STATUS: Single
HOBBIES: Welding

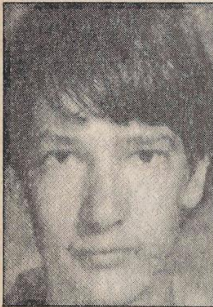
"He was a very likable, easy-going person with a warm, friendly smile. He had a nice sense of humor." — Ann Leahy, high school guidance counselor.



Randy Eugene Pierce

HOME: Choctaw, Okla.
AGE: 28
RANK: Petty officer 1st class
JOB: Data systems technician
NAVAL SERVICE: 9½ years
MARITAL STATUS: Married, two children
HOBBIES: Gardening, fishing

"When he left February 5, it was like a regular working day. He said he had duty. He said he wasn't going to die on a ship." — Diana Pierce, wife.



James Plonsky

HOME: Van Nuys, Calif.
AGE: 22
RANK: Petty officer 3rd class
JOB: Gunner's mate
NAVAL SERVICE: Two years
MARITAL STATUS: Single
HOBBIES: Softball, basketball

Albert Plonsky, James' adoptive father, described his son as a quiet, shy and devoted Mormon who quit school in the 10th grade and later studied television repair.



Kelly Robert Quick

HOME: Linden, Mich.
AGE: 20
RANK: Petty officer 3rd class
JOB: Electronics technician
NAVAL SERVICE: 2½ years
MARITAL STATUS: Single
HOBBIES: Cars, baseball

"He said he planned to continue his education. He wanted to go to college." — Robert Quick, father.



Earl Patton Ryals

HOME: Jacksonville
AGE: 25
RANK: Seaman
JOB: Signalman
NAVAL SERVICE: 1½ years
MARITAL STATUS: Married
HOBBIES: Football, racketball, biking, Frisbee

"We said goodbye in the car. When I looked at him walking away I got this feeling like I hope nothing happened to him. What would I do if he never came back? He said: 'Well I gotta go. Don't worry, nobody's going to shoot at us.'" — Susan Ryals, wife.



Robert Laurence Shippee

HOME: Adams Center, N.Y.
AGE: 35
RANK: Senior chief petty officer
JOB: Senior chief fire control technician
NAVAL SERVICE: 17 years
MARITAL STATUS: Married 13 years, three children
HOBBIES: Spending time with his family

"He liked to spend time with his kids. He was at sea a lot, so when he came home, he wanted to play with his kids. I know how it is, I was in [the Navy] for six years." — Peter Maffucci, brother-in-law.



Jeffrey Curtis Sibley

HOME: Metairie, La.
AGE: 21
RANK: Seaman apprentice
JOB: Signalman
NAVAL SERVICE: Two years
MARITAL STATUS: Single
HOBBIES: Drums

"He wanted to be a Jefferson Parish sheriff's deputy after his enlistment was up." — Gloria Sibley, mother.



Lee Stephens

HOME: Pemberton, Ohio
AGE: 23
MARITAL STATUS: Single
RANK: Petty officer 1st class
JOB: Operations specialist
NAVAL SERVICE: Four years
HOBBIES: Woodwork, camping, hunting, fishing

"I have no resentment toward the Navy, but I do Iraq," — Judy Stephens, mother.



James Russell Stevens

HOME: Visalia, Calif.
AGE: 27
RANK: Petty officer 2nd class
JOB: Torpedoman
NAVAL SERVICE: 5½ years
MARITAL STATUS: Single
HOBBIES: Star Trek buff

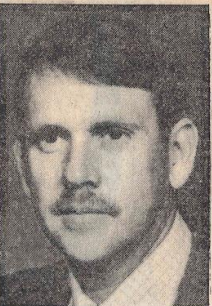
"We were like brothers. He was a loyal and dependable friend, he could pick you up when you were down. He had a great sense of humor." — Mark Grevais, friend.



Martin Supple

HOME: North Olmsted, Ohio
AGE: 27
RANK: Petty officer 3rd class
JOB: Electronics technician
NAVAL SERVICE: Three years
MARITAL STATUS: Married
HOBBIES: Music, football

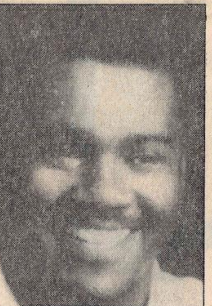
"Three more years was it, he was coming out after this enlistment. He didn't like the separation. His letters told of the pain of separation." — Karen Supple, wife.



Gregory Lee Tweedy

HOME: Paxton, Ill.
AGE: 36
RANK: Petty officer 1st class
JOB: Fire control technician
NAVAL SERVICE: 16 years
MARITAL STATUS: Married, one child
HOBBIES: Fishing, basketball

The son of a Navy veteran, Tweedy joined the Navy after graduating from Paxton High School in Illinois.



Vincent L. Ulmer

HOME: Bay Minette, Ala.
AGE: 21
RANK: Seaman
JOB: Boatswain's mate
NAVAL SERVICE: Two years
MARITAL STATUS: Married
HOBBIES: Football, basketball

"He said he wanted to make a career of the Navy." — Renee Poole Ulmer, wife.



Joseph Pearce Watson

HOME: Ferndale, Mich.
AGE: 25
RANK: Petty officer
JOB: Sonar technician
NAVAL SERVICE: Three years
MARITAL STATUS: Married
HOBBIES: Swimming, chess

"I know he's in God's hands, but I miss my baby. Why didn't He take me instead?" — Thelma Watson, mother.



Wayne Richard Weaver II

HOME: New Bethlehem, Pa.
AGE: 22
RANK: Petty officer 3rd class
JOB: Electronics technician
NAVAL SERVICE: Four years
MARITAL STATUS: Married
HOBBIES: Electronics

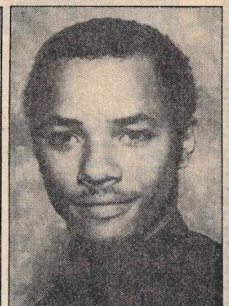
"He was well-liked by fellow students. Employers [in his work-study program] found him hard-working, dependable, and quick to learn." — Richard Slack, high school principal.



Terance Donald Weldon

HOME: Coram, N.Y.
AGE: 20
RANK: Seaman 1st class
JOB: Operations specialist
NAVAL SERVICE: 1½ years
MARITAL STATUS: Married
HOBBIES: Data processing

"The last we heard from him was a phone call on Mother's Day." — Donald Weldon, father.



Lloyd Anthony Wilson

HOME: Charleston, S.C.
AGE: 24
RANK: Petty officer 3rd class
JOB: Interior communications technician
NAVAL SERVICE: Five years
MARITAL STATUS: Single
HOBBIES: Drawing, science

"He was a very intelligent man, he had a lot of foresight. He was very articulate and a very good artist." — Joseph E. Wilson, father.