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Sailors escort family and former crew members of the guided-missile frigate USS Stark (FFG 31) as they lay a wreath on Stark memorial plaque during a remembrance ceremony at Naval Station Mayport. On May 17, 1987, while on a routine patrol in the Persian Gulf, USS Stark was struck by two Iraqi missiles killing 37 Sailors. Despite the damage inflicted, the efforts of the Stark's crew saved the ship. Stark was later decommissioned in 1999.