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A HEROES' *Salute*

NAVAL STATION MAYPORT
AUGUST 8, 1987

WELCOME HOME

U.S.S. STARK

U.S.S.
STEPHEN W. GROVES



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

THOMAS L. HAZOURI JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
MAYOR 32202

Welcome Home!

As Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to the crews of the USS STARK and the USS STEPHEN W GROVES as they return to their homeport of Mayport.

As you can see by the yellow ribbons displayed throughout the community, Jacksonville loves the Navy and its families. And we appreciate the service personnel who put their lives on the line for our country.

We're excited that you're home, and honored to show the world the Pride of Jacksonville!

With best wishes and warmest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas L. Hazouri
THOMAS L. HAZOURI



Commander
Cruiser Destroyer Group Twelve
FPO Miami 33099-1705

8 August 1987

To my fine crews of USS STEPHEN W GROVES and USS STARK:

Welcome home to my "Bosky Warriors". I commend you for your superb performance during a difficult and challenging deployment. By your determination and devotion to your mission you overcame many arduous circumstances. You stood your ground, you brought your ships home, you kept the peace.

You continue to be a source of great pride to all those standing behind you in Mayport. God bless you for your tenacity.

Respectfully,

M. P. Kalleres
M. P. KALLERES
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON EIGHT
FPO MIAMI 34099-4711

To the crews of USS STARK (FFG 31) and USS STEPHEN W GROVES (FFG 29):

Welcome Home! Today's program is the culmination of a joyous week for the City of Jacksonville, the Beaches and the Navy community. Our purpose is to recognize your superb performance of duty and completion of a tremendously arduous and challenging deployment. You have truly upheld the "Count On Us" tradition of Destroyer Squadron EIGHT. Well done to all of you!

God Bless You All,

T. O. Gabriel
T. O. Gabriel, Captain, U.S. Navy
Commander Destroyer Squadron EIGHT



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

U.S. NAVAL STATION
MAYPORT, FLORIDA 32228-9000

The joyful welcome we express today in your homecoming is a small measure of the pride the Navy, the City of Jacksonville, and the Jacksonville Beaches Communities feel in your accomplishments during your recent deployment. We hope that this celebration, made possible by the help of so very many, indicates the true measure of appreciation for your sacrifices felt by your shipmates and your neighbors in the greater Jacksonville area.

To the men and families of USS STARK and USS STEPHEN W GROVES -- Welcome Home and Well Done!

John B. Mitchell, Jr.
JOHN B. MITCHELL, JR.
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER

PROGRAM

- 4:00 p.m. "A Heroes' Salute
- 4:05 p.m. Allyz
- 5:00 p.m. Mike Shackelford & Justin
- 6:00 p.m. Michelle Lynn
- 6:45 p.m. Remarks – NFL Players
- 7:00 p.m. Official Navy Welcome Aboard
Commander
Cruiser Destroyer Group Twelve
Rear Admiral M. P. Kalleres
U. S. Navy
Commander
Destroyer Squadron Eight
Captain T. O. Gabriel
U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer
Naval Station Mayport
Captain John B. Mitchell, Jr.
U. S. Navy
- 7:15 p.m. Remarks
Honorable Thomas L. Hazouri
Mayor City of Jacksonville
- 7:30 p.m. Miss America
- 8:00 p.m. The Commodores
- 9:30 p.m. Fireworks Finale