



USS STARK (FFG-31)
MEMORIAL DINNER CEREMONY
Wednesday, 16 May 2012



The USS STARK was deployed to the Middle East Force in 1984 and 1987. Captain Glenn R. Brindel was the commanding officer during the 1987 deployment. The ship was struck on May, 17 1987, by two Exocet anti ship missiles fired from an Iraqi F-1 Mirage plane during the Iran-Iraq War.

The plane had taken off from Shaibah at 20:00 and had flew south into the Persian Gulf. The fighter fired the first Exocet missile from a range of 22.5 nautical miles, and the second from 15.5 nautical miles, at about the time the fighter was given a routine radio warning by the Stark.

The frigate did not detect the missiles with radar and was by the lookout only moments before the missiles struck. The first penetrated the port-side hull ; it failed to detonate, but spewed flaming rocket fuel in its path. The second entered at almost the same point, and left a 3-by-4-meter gash---then exploded in crew quarters.

37 Sailors were killed and 21 were injured

On this forth night of the 25th Anniversary we gather to pay tribute and honor 37 Patriot Shipmates who were in harms way 2112, 17 May 1987 scarifying the ultimate price in the defense of Freedom for our Nation and Humanity..

COMMITTED TO NEVER FORGET 2112, 17 MAY 1987

TIME: 1630 - 2100
DATE: Wednesday, 16 May 2012
PLACE: Ocean Breeze Naval Station Mayport

1615 Doors Open.

1630 Welcome Aboard

1700 STARK Memorial Service

Parade the Colors - Plague Alliance

Mrs. Barbara Kiser reads opening scripture.

Captain Matt Schellhorn, USN (Ret) Narrates
POW/MIA and Ship's Roll Call Ceremony

Mrs. Barbara Kiser reads a closing scripture.

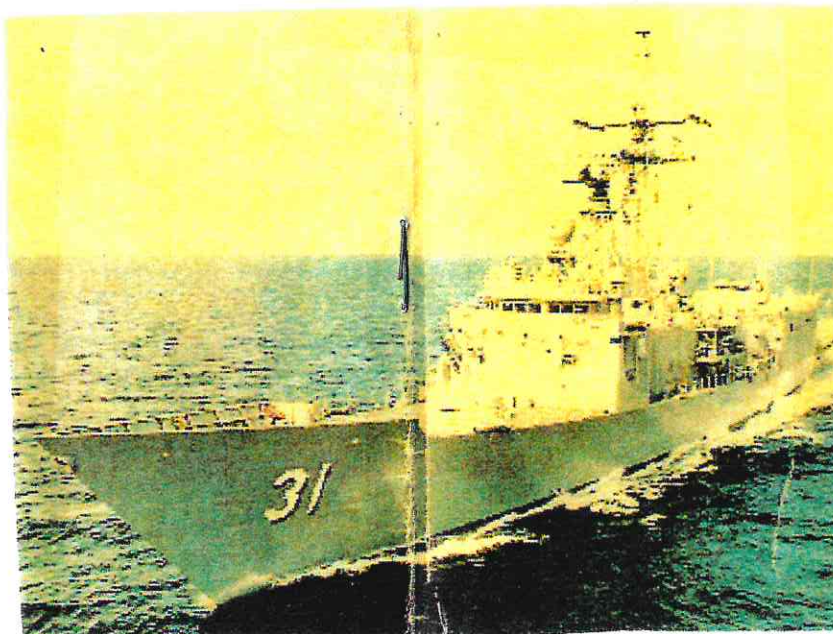
1830 Commence Social Hour

1900 Commence Evening Meal

2100 Secure - 25th STARK Memorial Dinner Ceremony

NOTE: USS John L. Hall (FFG-32) Chief Petty Officers Mess
Ceremony Honor Guard





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ALABAMA

BM1 Braddi O. BROWN
Home Town: Calera
SM1 Ronnie G. LOCKETT
SN Vincent L. ULMER
Home Town: Bay Minette

CALIFORNIA

BM2 James R. STEVENS
Home Town: Visalia
SR Brain M. CLINEFELTER
Home Town: San Bernardino
GM3 James PLONSKY
Home Town: Van Nuys

FLORDIA

OSSN Kenneth D. JANUSIK, Jr.
Home Town: Clearwater
ET3 Martin D. SUPPLE
Home Town: Jacksonville
OMCS Vernon T. FOSTER
Home Town: Jacksonville
SMSN Earl P. RYALS
Home Town: Boca Raton

GEORGIA

RMSN Dexter D. GRISSETT
Home Town: Macon
EW3 Charles T. MOLLER
Home Town: Columbus

HAWAII

OS1 Steven E. KENDALL
Home Town: Honolulu

ILLINOIS

FC1 Gregory L. TWEADY
Home Town: Champaign

INDIANA

EMCS Stephen KESIER
Home Town: Elkhart

LOUISIANA

SMSA Jeffrey C. SIBLEY
Home Town: Metairie

MASSACHUSETTS

FC3 William R. HANSEN
Home Town: Reading
SN Mark R. CAOQUETTE
Home Town: Fitchburg

MICHIGAN

ET3 Kelly R. QUICK
Home Town: Linen
EM3 Joseph P. WATSON
Home Town: Ferndale
STGSN Steven T. ERWIN
Home Town: Troy

NEW JERSEY

GMC# Daniel HOMICKI
Home Town: Elizabeth
SN John A. CILETTA, Jr.
Home Town: Brigantine
ET3 Christopher De ANGELIS
Home Town: Dumont

NEW YORK

FCCS Robert L. SHIPPEE
Home Town: Locust Grove
FC3 Jeffrey L. CALHINS
Home Town: Richfield Springs
OSSN Terrance WELDON
Home Town: Coram

OHIO

OS3 Lee STEPHENS
Home Town: Pemberton

OKLAHOMA

DS1 Randy F. PIERCE
Home Town: Choctaw

PENNEYLVANIA

GMM1 Thomas J. Mac MULLEN
Home Town: Darby
IC3 James S. DUNLAP
Home Town: Osceola Mills
ET3 Wayne R. WEAVER, II
Home Town: New Bethlehem

SOUTH CAROLINE

OS3 Antonio A. DANIELS
Home Town: Greeley Ville
RM2 Jerry Boyd FARR
Home Town: Charleston
IC2 Lloyd A. WILSON
Home Town: Summerville

VIRGINIA

SA Jeffrei PHELPS
Home Town: Locust Grove

WASHINGTON

SN Doran H. BOLDUC
Home Town: Lacey



USS STARK (FFG-31) CPO METAL ANCHOR CLOCK

This metal clock was displayed in Chief Petty Officer Mess on board STARK. The clock's time reflects the second, minute and hour first Exocet missile penetrated the port-side hull; it failed to detonate, but spewed flaming rocket fuel in its path. The second entered at almost the same point, and a 3-by-4-meter gash --then exploded in crew quarters.

When our STARK decommission on 7 May 1999, members of CPO Mess presented their clock to Mayport CPOA, requesting it be displayed in a prominence area for reorganization and in Honor of their fallen Shipmates;

OMCS Vernon T. Foster - EMCS Stephen Kiser - FCCS Robert L. Shipper

The STARK CPO clock is now displayed on the wall to your right, as you pass through entranceway to main dining area of our only "Re-Activated" Chief Petty Officers Club in today's new Navy. (23 January 1998)



USS STARK (FFG-31) MEMORIAL BELL STAND

The Mayport CPOA requested Director, Museum and Archive Division, Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington Navy Yard, D.C. for USS STARK (FFG-31) Commissioning Ship's Bell. CPO's were informed the STARK bell was scheduled to be sent to the "Cold War Museum" Patriots Point, South Carolina.

This response did not discourage our Chiefs but only stimulated them to approach another route to accomplish their goal of honoring (37) STARK crew members. A retired Chief approach Admiral Kalleres, Type Commander for STARK in Persian Gulf during Iran -Iraq War.

Admiral Killers call a friend to have the STARK ship's bell sent to Mayport. A STARK ship's bell arrived our Chief inquired who was his friend? Admiral Kalleres's response with a smile; "Chief of Naval Operations Clark". That works! But the bell was not STARK's commissioning ship's bell. To everyone's pleasure, it was ship's quarterdeck bell with no clapper.

CPOA's design a Memorial Bell stand that would appropriately honor our (37) STARK Sailors. Captain Jim Holland, CO, SIMA was approach on the idea of SIMA Sailors building Memorial Bell Stand no problem! But you shall need a requisition from somebody. Captain Matt Schellhorn, CO, Naval Station Mayport, Helo Det Officer aboard STARK was approach for \$500.00 requisition be submitted to SIMA for construct of STARK Memorial Bell Stand.

Upon completion of Memorial Bell Stand, Captain Matt Schellhorn designated Mayport CPO Club as custodian of Bell stand. STARK Bell stand is presently located to your left as you pass through entranceway to main dining area of our only "Re-Activated" Chief Petty Officers Club in today's Navy. (23 January 1998)

**Chief Petty Officers Association (Active/Retired)
Of Naval Station Mayport wish to express a sincere
appreciation to our committed contributors and
Sponsors without their generous donations honoring
Our STARK (37) Sailors 25th anniversary Memorial
Dinner ceremony remembering 2112, 17 May 1987
would never have been possible.**

A traditional Navy BRAVO ZULU to all!

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