



OUR COUNTRY'S FINEST

SN Doran Bolduc	BM1 Bradley Brown
FC3 Jeffery Calkins	SN Mark Caouette
BM3 John Ciletta, Jr.	SN Brian Clinefelter
OS3 Antonio Daniels	ET2 Chris DeAngelis
IC3 James Dunlap	STGSN Steven Erwin
RM2 Jerry Farr	QMCS Vernon Foster
RMSA Dexter Grisset	FC3 William Hansen
GMG2 Daniel Homicki	OSSN Kenneth Janusik
OS1 Steven Kendall	EMCS Stephen Kiser
SM1 Ronnie Lockett	GM1 Thomas MacMullen
EW3 Charles Moller	SA Jeffrey Phelps
DS1 Randy Pierce	GMG3 James Plonsky
ET3 Kelly Quick	SMSN Earl Ryals
FCCS Robert Shippee	SMSN Jeffrey Sibley
OS3 Lee Stephens	TM2 James Stevens
ET3 Martin Supple	FC1 Gregory Tweady
SN Vincent Ulmer	EW3 Joseph Watson
ET3 Wayne Weaver II	OSSN Terance Weldon
IC3 Lloyd Wilson	

SHIPMATES FOREVER

USS STARK (FFG 31)

Remembering Shipmates Who Gave Their Lives on
17 May 1987



Memorial Park
Naval Station, Mayport, Florida
15 May 2015



Naval Station, Mayport



Naval Order of
the United States



United We Stand

Second Class Petty
Officers' Association

Memorial Order of Service

****Parade the Colors.....Color Guard**
Naval Station Mayport

****National AnthemNavy Band**
Navy Region Southeast

****Retire the Colors.....Color Guard**
Naval Station Mayport

***Invocation.....LCDR Karen Rector, CHC, USN**
Naval Station Mayport

Welcome.....CAPT Wesley McCall, USN
Commanding Officer, Naval Station Mayport

Congressman Andrew Crenshaw Florida 4th District letter..... Jackie Smith
District Director

Scripture Reading.....Mrs. Ernestine Foster
Widow of QMCS Vernon Foster, killed May 17, 1987

Scripture ReadingMr. Bernard Martin
GMM3, USS STARK [FFG 31] 1987

Patriotic MusicFinnegan Elementary School, Mayport

Scripture Reading.....Mr. Larance Barrow
OSC, USS STARK[FFG31] 1987

USS STARK on May 17, 1987..... Mr. Timothy Martineau
MR3[DV], USS STARK [FFG 31] 1987

Introduction of Speaker.....CAPT Robert Whitkop, USN (Ret)
Commander, Naval Order of the United States, First Coast Commandery

RemarksCAPT John Mitchell, USN [Ret]
Commanding Officer, Naval Station, Mayport 1987

CMC: Ship's Ensign Mounted on Bell.....CMDM Ross Cramer
Command Master Chief NAVSTA Mayport

****Tolling the Bell..... Mr. Timothy Martineau**
MR3[DV], USS STARK [FFG 31] 1987
Mr. Bernard Martin
GMM3, USS STARK [FFG 31] 1987

***Wreath Laying.....Families & CAPT Matthew E. Schellhorn, USN (Ret)**
OIC, HSL 32, DET 3, Embarked USS STARK [FFG 31] 1987
CAPT Peter Wynkoop, USN (Ret)
Commanding Officer, USS STARK [FFG 31] 1992-1994

***Navy Hymn**

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep,
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea!*

*Eternal Father, guard our dead,
For whom their comrades bow their heads.
Receive them now their labor cease,
And grant them your Eternal peace.
Oh hear us as we lift our prayer,
And keep them in your loving care.*

*And when at length her course is run,
Her work for home and country done,
Of all the souls that in her sailed
Let not one life in thee have failed;
But hear from heaven our sailor's cry,
And grant eternal life on high!*

****Rifle Salute.....Honors Detail**
Naval Station Mayport

****Taps.....Navy Band**
Navy Region Southeast

***Benediction.....CDR Jay Cayangyang, CHC, USN (USNR)**
Naval Order of the United States

* Please Stand
** Military Salute



CAPTAIN JOHN B. MITCHELL, JR., USN (Ret.)

Captain Mitchell is a 1965 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. After commissioning, he served early sea tours in three destroyers and commanded a minesweeper -- USS ENGAGE (MSO 433). Early shore tours included Aide to the Commander, Naval Electronic Systems, and as a student at the Naval Postgraduate School, where he earned a Master of Science Degree in ASW Systems Technology. After a tour in the Pentagon (OP 39), Captain Mitchell returned to sea as Executive Officer, USS BENJAMIN STODDERT (DDG 22). He then served as Surface ASW Officer on the staff of Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet. In 1983, Captain Mitchell assumed command of USS FAHRION (FFG 22), beginning the first of five consecutive tours in Mayport. Subsequent tours included Chief Staff Officer, Destroyer Squadron Eight; Commanding Officer, Naval Station Mayport (during which the attack on USS STARK occurred); Commander, Destroyer Squadron Twelve; and Chief of Staff, Commander Carrier Group Six. Captain Mitchell retired in 1995 after completing his final tour as Head, Surface Trials Board, Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV).

Captain Mitchell then spent six years with Bath Iron Works, opening the shipbuilder's Mayport Field Office, before moving to his final employer prior to full retirement, Delex Systems, Inc., headquartered in Vienna, Virginia. He is married to the former Rachel Marcus, and they have four sons.