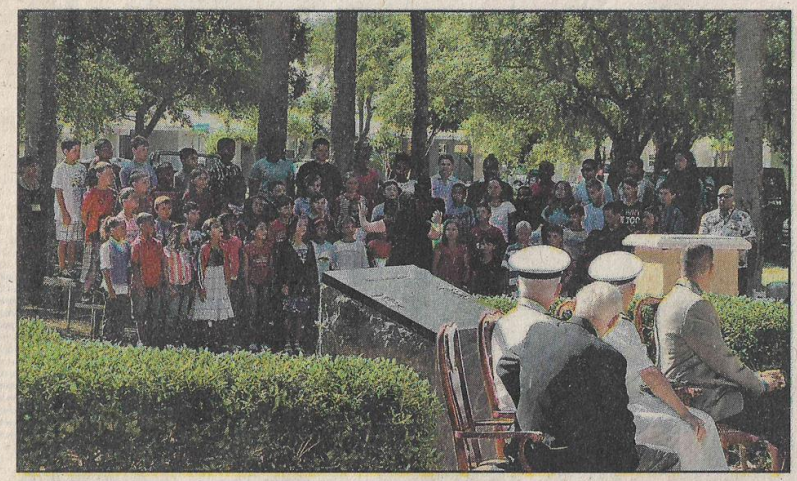


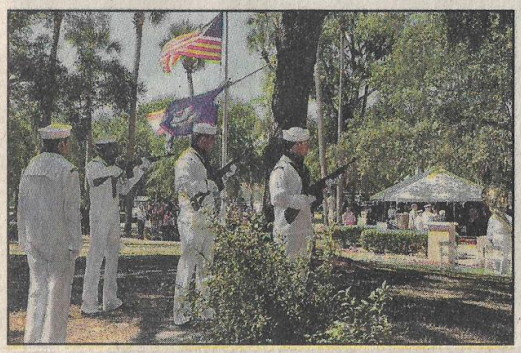
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The student choir at Finegan Elementary performs patriotic songs in memory of the Stark tragedy at the May 17 memorial service.



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Former Stark crewmembers and famlies lay wreaths in remembrance of their fallen shipmates.



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Mayport's Honors Detail performs a 21-gun salute.



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Katy Stark, the grandniece of Admiral Harold R. Stark, USS Stark's namesake, talks about the ship's coat of arms.



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Peter Weber, former crewmember of USS Stark, reads the names of his fallen shipmates as the ship's bell tolls in remembrance.

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were read aloud by a fellow shipmate and a bell tolled for each one; 37 strikes of a bell and a 21-gun salute honored the Sailors who lost their lives.

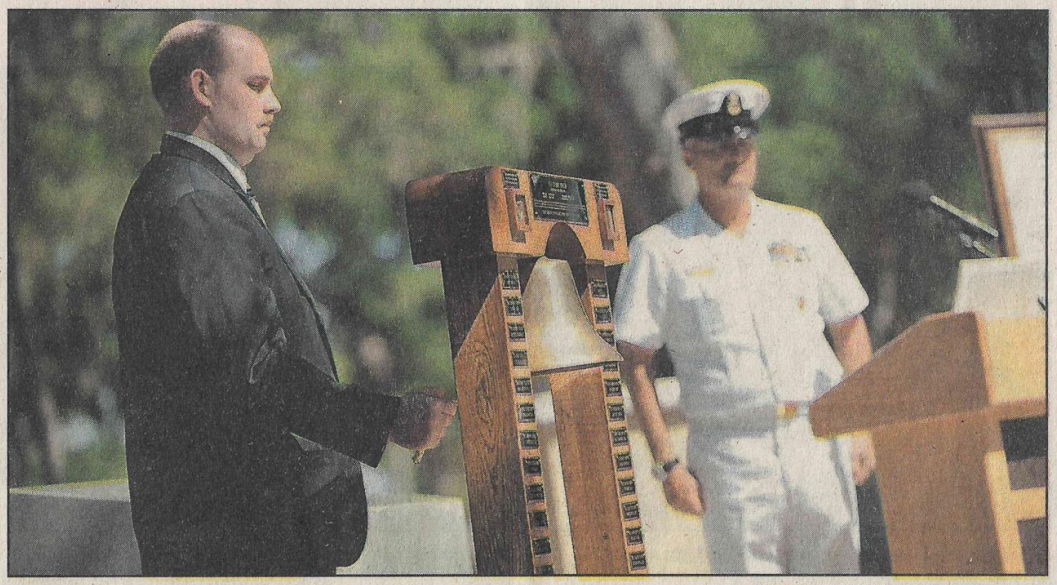
Survivors of the attack are still emotional after all these years.

"We are here today so that the memory of all the men you were killed on board USS Stark doesn't fade away. We want to honor them and to remember them," said Larence Barrow, Chief Operations Specialist on Stark during the attack. "I always thought the morale on the ship was great. Everyone had their own personalities and when I look back to remember their faces, I envision them always smiling. It's hard emotionally to come out but it is also a cleansing."

Stark was decommissioned at Mayport in 1999. In order to preserve the tradition once the ship was retired, the Naval Order of the United States, North Florida Commandery, assumed sponsorship for the memorial service.

Mayport's Memorial Park was established Aug. 1, 1987, with the dedication of the Stark monument.

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John Kiser, son of the late EMCS Stephen Kiser, rings a bell as the name of each fallen crewmember is read out loud at the memorial ceremony.