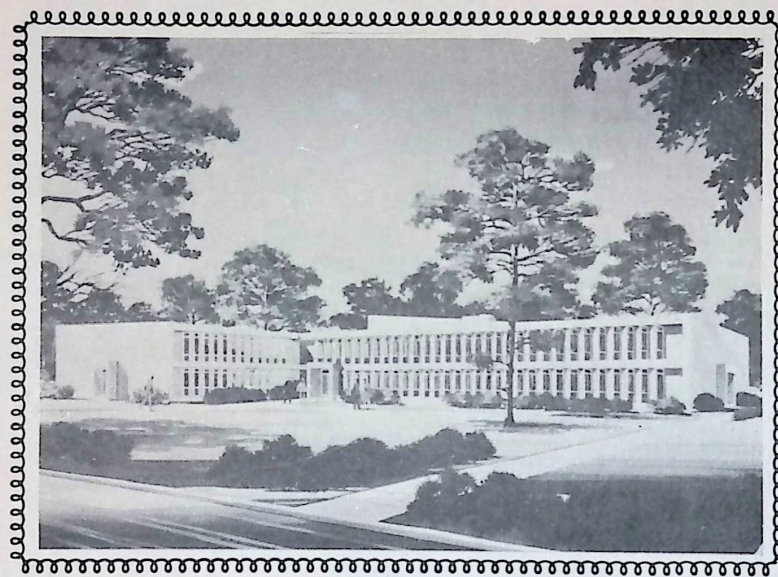


*DEDICATION
OF THE
STARK LABORATORY*



9 JUNE 1978

NAVAL SURFACE WEAPONS CENTER
DAHLGREN, VIRGINIA

ADMIRAL HAROLD RAYNSFORD STARK

Admiral Harold Raynsford Stark, an exceptional Naval Officer and Chief of Naval Operations at the outbreak of World War II, was the builder of a two-ocean Navy for the United States. A three-time recipient of the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, he was also awarded the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Mexican Campaign Medal, and many other American and foreign decorations. Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Stark graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1903. His career included service aboard USS MINNESOTA, USS BROOKLYN, USS NORTH DAKOTA, and USS WEST VIRGINIA and command of USS NITRO and the destroyers USS PORTER, USS STRINGHAM, USS LAMSON, and USS PATTERSON. During World War I, he commanded the Torpedo Flotilla, Asiatic Fleet. Between the wars, he served as Chief of Staff to the Commander, Destroyer Squadrons Battle Fleet; Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance; and Commander, Cruisers, Battle Force.

From 1925 to 1928 Admiral Stark (then Captain) served as Naval inspector of Ordnance in Charge of the Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia, and of the Naval Power Factory, Indian Head, Maryland. On August 1, 1939, President Roosevelt appointed him Chief of Naval Operations. Later in World War II, he assumed command of the U.S. Naval Forces in Europe and of the TWELFTH FLEET. Command of the Allied Naval Forces during the Normandy invasion was a highlight of Admiral Stark's long and distinguished Navy career.

PROGRAM

The National Anthem

Invocation

*Lieutenant Commander
Jack O. Varnell, CHC, USN*

Welcome and Remarks

*Captain Paul L. Anderson, USN
Commander, NSWC*

Unveiling of Admiral Stark's Portrait

Tour of Stark Laboratory

*Mr. Jerry Miller
Head, Combat Systems
Department*

*Luncheon at the Commissioned Officers'
Mess (Open)*

