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## Letter from the Editor

There has been much activity so far this year as so many of you are still telling the story of the Attack. We all wish you God's speed in this. Each day that passes the memory fades just a little more. The memory must not be forgotten! Who will continue to tell the story in the future. Remember for those of us that are not able to have meetings and seminars we can still wear our Liberty caps and shirts and tell the story to everybody we meet.

I see from the emails I am getting that Washington might be the next Reunion location. This is good and I understand that no matter where the Reunion is held it will not be convenient for all.

There is always so much that I am advised of via emails that I wish we could include in every Newsletter but there just isn't enough space. My sincere apologies if anything is no included that should have been. There has been no slight intended since everything I receive is important.

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## Letter from the President

### “Pres Sez”

It has been a very busy period for the LVA since the last Newsletter. You can't say we are sitting on our duffs. We are reporting on a number of events which have worked very well to get our message out. Most recently, the LVA was represented by Bryce Lockwood and Jack Beattie at the VFW convention. Also, we had a great reunion and were honored by the town of Manistee, MI. On June 8th, our memorial at Arlington Cemetery went well and you can read the details. Last but not least, on Memorial Day, the town of Maricopa, AZ, honored Phil Tourney, Ron Kukal, Larry Thorn, Don Pageler, and the Liberty crew. In both Manistee and Maricopa, the news media favorably reported the events.

I want to take this moment to tell you all how proud I am to represent you. I am sure the rest of the Board of Directors feel the same way. Not only did you serve our country supremely well to the point of risking your life but also time and time again I see acts of charity and caring for each other that is awesome. You are a fine group of Americans and I am busting with pride as your President. You guys are the best! Ernie

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### 2017 FIFTIETH REUNION

The site location has been voted on and chosen for the 50th reunion. Your choice is Virginia Beach. June 8th 2017 falls on a Thursday. This board will plan an Arlington Memorial at noon on June 8th as we always do. Those who would like to attend may want to attend and then proceed to Virginia Beach. Therefore, we will plan the reunion to begin on June 9th (Friday) till June 11th (Sunday). Those who attend the Arlington Memorial may want to make reservations for the night of June 8th at Virginia Beach. We will now identify a hotel and make further plans. Please plan on coming.

-Ernie

## Statement of Purpose

**IN JUNE 1967** jet aircraft and motor torpedo boats of the Defense Forces of the State of Israel brutally assaulted the American naval intelligence-gathering ship, *USS Liberty*, while in international waters off the coast of the Sinai Peninsula in the Mediterranean Sea. The attack was preceded by more than six hours of intense low-level surveillance by Israeli photo reconnaissance aircraft, which buzzed the ship as low as 200 feet directly overhead. The carefully orchestrated assault that followed was initiated by high performance jet aircraft. This was followed by slower and more maneuverable jets carrying napalm, and was finally turned over to lethal torpedo boats, which blasted a forty-foot hole in the ship's side. The attack lasted more than two hours, deliberately killing 34 Americans and wounding at least 171 others. Over 821 rocket, cannon and machine gun holes were inflicted. When the *Liberty* stubbornly remained afloat despite her damage, Israeli forces machine-gunned her life rafts, firefighters, stretcher bearers, and sent troops carrying helicopters to finish the job, no survivors were to be taken.



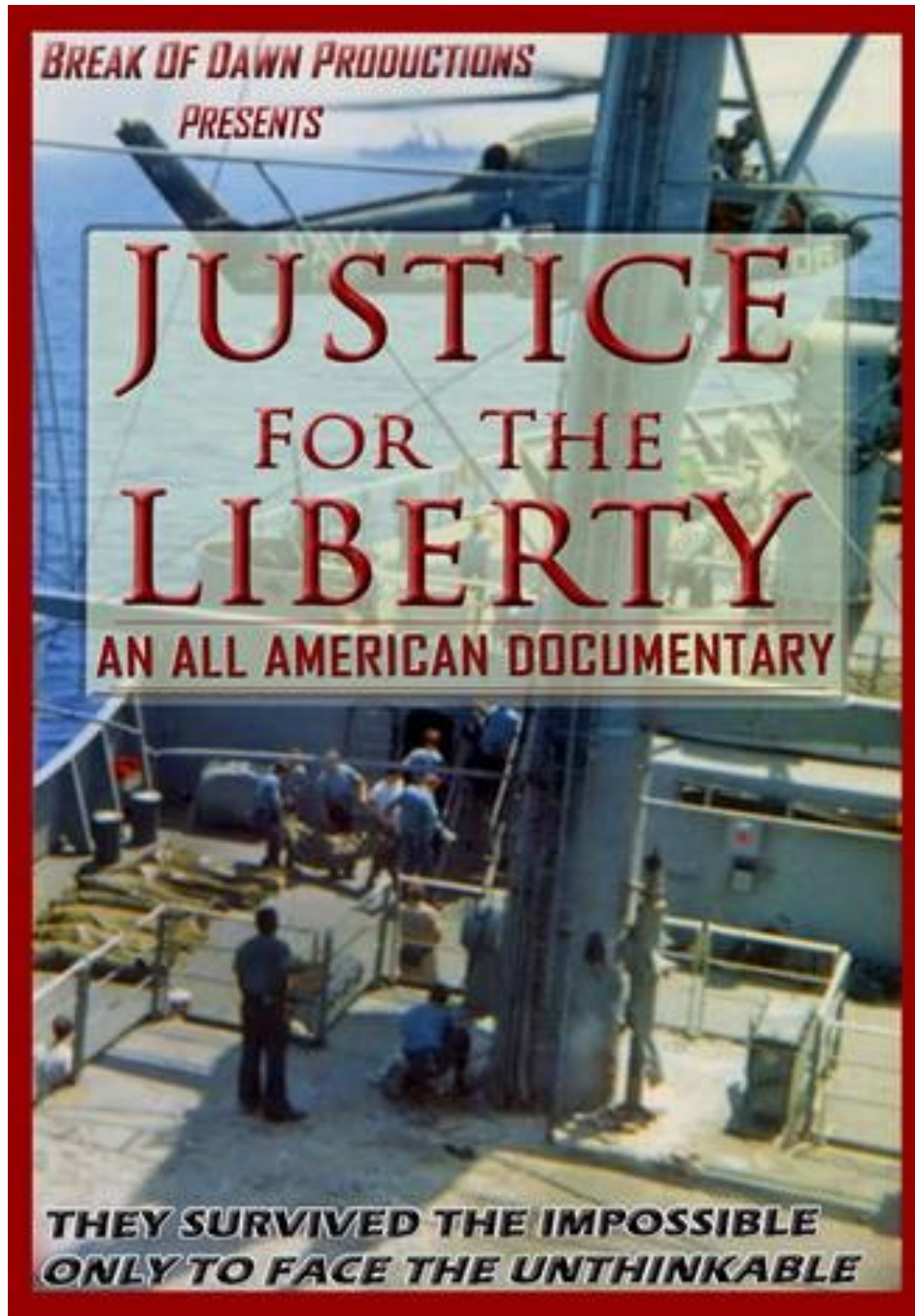
At this point, with Sixth Fleet rescue aircraft supposedly en route, the government of Israel apologized and the identity of the assailants became known.

Details of the attack were hushed up in both countries. Israel claimed that her forces mistook the *Liberty* for an Egyptian ship, and our government quietly accepted that excuse despite evidence to the contrary. No ship in our history has ever received such damage and casualties by accident. Then our government downplayed the intensity of the surveillance and the severity of the attack, and imposed a news blackout on the crew to keep the story under control. The official version is that the *Liberty* was reconnoitered only three times and only from a great distance. The American people were told that the air attack lasted only five minutes and that it was followed by a single torpedo and an immediate apology and offer of assistance. Nothing could be further from the truth. In June 1982, fifteen years after the assault, crewmembers reunited for the first time in Washington, D.C. It was a tearful, joyful reunion in which the men not only released their pent up emotions and decided that the **USS Liberty Veterans Association** would be formed with the firm goals of finding all crew members, holding reunions, proper recognition of Captain and crew (in particular those who lost their lives), obtaining a Congressional investigation into the attack, and...

**TO BRING THE TRUE STORY OF THE ATTACK ON THE U.S.S. LIBERTY AND HER**



**Justice for the Liberty - DVD Premier**



As reported at our Manistee reunion, the Premier of the DVD, "Justice for the Liberty" by Break of Dawn Productions occurred. This documentary makes the points we want all America to know. Doc Kieper, Terry Halbardier, and many others are featured and their interviews are blended together to attain those aforementioned points. In order to make the movie possible, the LVA and others provided funds. The LVA is an equal partner in the endeavor. The funds we provided were in the form of a loan – as the movie sells, the LVA is paid back into our Treasury. Once the loan is paid off, the profits are then divided fifty fifty between the LVA and Break of Dawn Productions. Our ship stores will sell the movie for \$25.00 and, if you believe in me – you know that you will not be sorry for purchasing it. It is the best one so far. I am also plead-

ing with you to make a purchase in order for the movie to become a success. If any of you can help in any way with the distribution of the movie, it would be deeply appreciated. Once you view the movie, tell your family and friends about it. Get this movie – it is great!

Thanks, Ernie



## Manistee Reunion, June 19 to 21st, 2015

It goes without saying that it was fantastic to be together again and everyone had a great time. The reunion was located at the Little River Casino and Resort in Manistee, MI. This could not have happened without the help of our honorary crewman, Ted Arens who not only went overtime with the city politicians but also enlisted the help of the Little River Casino management. In conjunction with our reunion and to add to the celebratory atmosphere, the local chapter of Rolling Thunder became our motor escort as they in turn came together to honor the Vietnam War memorial wall that is sent from chapter to chapter. They cordially worked their event with ours. Most importantly, the town of Manistee honored us with a Proclamation and a Plaque dedication which is located in their Veterans Memorial Park.

The reunion kicked off with a crew's meeting the morning of June 19th. The attendees were myself, Glenn Oliphant, Jack Beattie, BJ Haller, Don Pagler, David McFeggan, Bryce Lockwood, and Al Easton. Jim and Barbara Smith arrived later that afternoon. We discussed the upcoming events and planned accordingly. We also discussed the 50th reunion and city to select. Recommended cities suggested were Washington, DC, Virginia Beach, VA, Pensacola, FL, San Diego, CA, and Annapolis, MD. These cities were to be sent to the crew so that a vote could be taken to please as many as possible.

After lunch, we boarded a bus to take us to the Manistee theater for the Premier showing of "Justice for the Liberty". This is a new documentary movie which was created by Break of Dawn Production. The theater was recently renovated into a modern first class movie house. The Premier was offered free and there were about 150 present. I was permitted to introduce the movie before the showing. All comments at the conclusion of the showing were good! Break of Dawn created the movie focusing on all our concerns that we want Americans to appreciate. Doctor Kiepfer and Terry Halbardier interviews are two of the many who were interviewed by the movie director.

We boarded our bus to be taken back to the casino. This was not an ordinary bus trip because we were escorted by the motorcycles of the local chapter of the Rolling Thunder. Some folks lined the street with American flags waving and cheering our motorcade. Needlessness to say, it was an exciting trip.

The next day, June 20th, we were taken by bus to the Manistee Memorial Park for the USS Liberty Plaque Dedication. Both the Boy Scouts and the Manistee United Veterans Rifle team joined by about 200 Manistee citizens who came to the speeches. The support paid to the crew of the USS Liberty was fantastic. The boy scouts acted as escorts or to help anyone in need down the steep slope in-front of the podium. In addition to the crew listed above, we were surprised by a survivor shipmate we have never come in contact with before, Ben Aishe, a Liberty engineer. It was great to link up with Ben after all the years. The weather was great and the Manistee people and officials made us feel very honored and welcomed. They also surprised us by bringing artifacts from the Michigan Military and Space Museum, at Frankenmuth, MI. Some of the items included Philip Armstrong's uniform and metals, Liberty keepsakes, and pieces of bulkheads pierced by rockets. Some of the speakers were myself, Ted Arens, Manistee Mayor pro-ten and State Rep. Ray Franz. The Mayor pro-ten gave us a plaque and proclamation. The crew read off the names of our 34 KIA, taps were played, and the Rifle team gave us an 18 gun salute. Even our wives were not forgotten as each wife was given a rose by Pam and Ted Arens. Myself, Glenn Oliphant, and Jimmy Smith tossed memorial roses into the river behind the podium. It was a very moving affair. Afterwards, I passed out pamphlets, "The Liberty Story" to as many people as possible. At the top of the slope, we gathered for pictures. Many, many thanks go out to Ted & Pam Arens and the town of Manistee.

Back at the Little River Casino Resort, Rolling Thunder had set up booths for their affair, however, not to be left out, Ted Arens parked his USS Liberty trailer to be in with the mix. Many of the resort clientele and Rolling Thunder members stopped by to chat and/or purchase our goods. We also passed out pamphlets and information. Later that evening, we gathered by their head-quarter's tent for what we thought were speeches regarding Rolling Thunder events. However, they had asked for a Liberty spokesperson and I volunteered. After some brief remarks they had me come up to their podium and presented us with a 19 by 14 inch plaque thanking us for our service which listed our 34 KIA names on individual brass nameplates. It is beautifully mounted on black walnut.

I am so very proud to represent the USS Liberty Veterans Association. Our truth is beginning to spread across America. The giant is slowing waking.

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## Manistee Reunion, June 19 to 21st, 2015 (contd.)

### Manistee Memorial Speech

Madam Mayor, city council members, city officials, fellow Liberty shipmates, Liberty families, and friends, we are so honored to be here. It is with the deepest appreciation the USS Liberty Veterans Association feels toward the town of Manistee, Michigan, and especially Ted Arens. His dedication and support have been so steadfast and immense that he has been made an honorary USS Liberty crew member. This great plaque is a testimony of not only Ted but also Manistee's collective compassion and patriotism in support of a great U.S. Navy ship and crew. Thank you again. Let's show our appreciation.

In addition, We are here to pray for and commemorate the souls of the 34 crewmen of the USS Liberty killed in action by Israel on June 8, 1967. Our ship, the USS Liberty, is the most decorated U.S. Navy ship for a single engagement.

While the survivors and their families are aware of their heroic efforts to complete our mission, save their fellow sailors, or to protect classified material, the cover-up which ensued afterward prevents the public notoriety they justly deserve. However, their fellow survivors will remember them and will forever retain them in their hearts. We will continue to have yearly memorials so long as God gives us the breath to breath. That is why the survivors are here.

We are here to remember their smiles and frowns.  
We are here to remember their happy days and sad ones too.  
We are here to remember their days of excitement.  
We are here to remember their days of anxiety.  
We are here to remember their half awake faces at morning muster.  
We are here to remember their jokes and laughter.  
We are here to remember them standing watch.  
We are here to remember them griping about the very hot African sun.  
But most of all we are here to remind them, they are not forgotten  
and we love and miss them very much.

Why then are you here? I hope it is to give witness and prayers to our loving God for our 34 souls. If you are unaware of the sacrifices these men made to America, please take the time to research this event in history. And if a fire then burns in the pit of your stomach, pray for guidance and then act on it. Share your knowledge with your family, friends, and neighbors. For their sake, the bonds of political correctness and bigotry must end towards the crew of the USS Liberty. To lie about the deliberate Israeli attack would not be in our character and our 34 would not have it any other way. Oh, if Congress could collectively hear our plea for justice this morning and acquire our testimony under oath. It could possibly end this bigotry we are subjected to.

I will end my presentation with a prayer.

Fair Winds and Following Seas  
My the Lord fill our sails with fair winds,  
Support our hulls in inviting seas,  
Guide our hands upon the tiller toward pleasant places  
And bring us home, O Lord,  
to a safe and loving harbor.

Submitted by Ernie Gallo

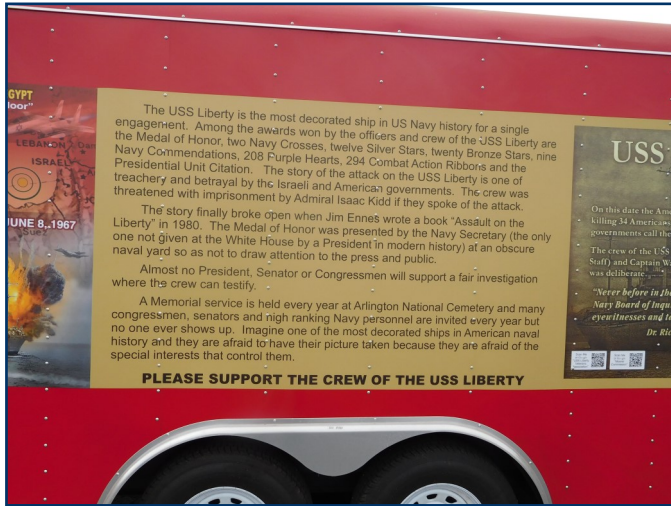


Manistee Reunion, June 19 to 21st, 2015 (PHOTOS)





# Manistee Reunion, June 19 to 21st, 2015 (PHOTOS)



## Arlington Memorial Ceremony, June 8, 2015

The USS Liberty memorial service to commemorate the loss of our thirty-four shipmates was a complete success even the weather cooperated. Many folks in attendance indicated the reverence, patriotism, and thoughtfulness were appropriately given. I have many folks to thank for helping me make this happen, to include David Canon (Arlington Cemetery staff), the Navy Band, Colonel Father Charles Nulls (Chairman of the American Cold War Veterans and Maryland National Guard Chaplin), Ms. Susan Thompson (supporter and photographer), Mrs. Patricia Gallo (my wife, whose keen advice keeps me from making a fool of myself), and Ted Arens (honorary Liberty crewman). Also in attendance were Rear Admiral Nancy Norton and her aide representing the Chief of Naval Operations and Captain Vorrice Burks representing the Secretary of the Navy. Their presence would not have been possible if it were not for Ted Arens who sent emails to the Secretary of the Navy and Chief of Naval Operations asking for participation. We were very thrilled to have them attend bringing attention at the highest level within the Navy of our memorial service. They indicated they were "very honored to be here today to remember the crew, the fallen, and the survivors".

Beside myself, USS Liberty crew included: Terry McFarland, Ronald Trader, Lt. Cmdr. James Smith, USN (ret.), Master Chief Richard Brooks, USN (ret.), Wayne Hildebrand, Larry Bowen, and JP Fieldman. As always, it was great to be together again. After 48 years, our camaraderie is awesome.

Some of the Liberty families attended to include: Mrs. Jane Emery (sister of Corporal Edward Rehmyer), Ms. Josie Linen (sister of Lt. Stephen Toth), Ms. Virginia Rhodes (wife of Paddy Rhodes, recently deceased), and Frank Spicher, Jr. (son of PC Spicher). I apologize if I left anyone out.

Other attendees include Ms. Delinda Hanley (Washington Report news editor), Erin Quinn (Washington Report, reporter), Philip Giraldi (former CIA staff officer), Raymond McGovern (former CIA staff officer), Phil Nelson (author, "LBJ, From Mastermind to the Colossus"), Mike Reitz (supporter, Program Analyst, U.S. Dept. of Energy), and Ms. Nora Whisnant. Again, I apologize if I left anyone out as there were many others.

The agenda:

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Father Charles Nulls

Comments - yours truly

Reading of USS Liberty 34 names by Liberty crew and family with the chiming of two bells

Group song "Amazing Grace" while.....

Laying of the Wreath – Josie Toth Linen & Virginia Rhodes

Taps – beautifully played

Benediction – Father Charles Nulls

There was one moment of anxiety. As we left the Arlington Cemetery Welcome Center to board our bus to section 34, there was no bus. The folks who supply the buses did some shifting, however, it did take its toll on me as I thought I had all bases covered and it was coming apart at the starting gate. They did get us to our destination which allowed us to start our ceremony at noon and they provided a bus to return after the ceremony. It went well, thank the Lord.

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## Arlington Memorial Ceremony, June 8, 2015 (contd.)

Captain Burks, Colonel Nalls, USS Liberty crew, USS Liberty families, friends, and supporters – Let me start by saying Welcome to our 48th USS Liberty Memorial. I will be brief.

But first, let me introduce our distinguished guest, Captain Vorrice Burks, representing the Secretary of the Navy, Mabus.

Why do we do this each year? Yes, it is to remember and pray for our lost souls but also to let Washington, DC know the event of June 8, 1967 will never be forgotten. The importance to America of our story fundamentally begins with our 34 shipmates murdered that fateful day. Otherwise they would have died for nothing. With their deaths in mind and our love of country, we don't want this to ever happen again to a U.S. Navy Ship.

Some did not even see what hit them it started so quickly and violently. Others were attempting to ensure the ship survived this attack manning a 50 caliber machine gun, fighting fires, or rescuing a fallen shipmate and were hit by missals, shrapnel, gun fire, drowning, or concussion from the torpedo explosion. The remaining crew owes so much to these brave sailors. With that said, I pray our Lord finds a very special place for their souls feeling His love and presence.

The mission statement of the USS Liberty Veterans Association indicates we strive to have the truth told about the deliberate IDF attack. We want the truth captured in history books for posterity, not the fact that the event is “controversial”. There is nothing controversial about it – all they have to do is ask the “eye witnesses” – the Liberty crew. Our moral character is being question in some circles. Someone is lying and it isn't us. The irony here is that in order to serve on the USS Liberty, the sailor was chosen for his honesty and moral character. The USS Liberty survivor problem is that the USS Liberty did not sink as planned.

They first tried to silence us and at the same time create a dishonest spin to protect the US/Israeli relationship. And it worked very well. Later folks started asking the survivors what happened and we provided an honest answer. By using our truthfulness against us, our distractors make us appear to be dishonest and Jewish bigots, causing us grief over our loss of character and malaise to some Israeli supporters. The dishonesty also tarnishes the deaths of our 34. Can you imagine if one of them was your husband, father, or brother? I have written a book to capture the bigotry we have suffered.

When Americans discover what the Johnson Administration did to us, it will be like waking a sleeping giant. Japanese Admiral Tito said the same thing. Some of us can see it in the passion of USS Liberty supporters. America is waking up. One eye is now half opened and they are very fired up. Their numbers are growing and growing.

In conclusion, please say a prayer for our 34, our departed crew, and the remaining crew. Pray our mission is fulfilled soon for the sake of America and its military. Amen.

May you have a safe trip home and may our Lord bring us back again next year. Vious con Dios.

Note: My speech in its entirety appeared in the August 2015 issue of the Washington Report magazine.

Submitted by Ernie Gallo



Arlington Memorial Ceremony, June 8, 2015 (PHOTOS)





## Nebraska Veteran Recollected USS Liberty Before He Died

Dale Larkins had a phenomenal memory.

All of his close relatives mention it: his brother Gary, a retired railroad carman in Lincoln; Gary's wife, Joyce, who worked for Ameritas; his sister Martha Larkins Drake of the Saline County town of Western, where the Larkins grew up; and Dale's children, Alesha, of Austin, Texas, and Devon, who lives in Lexington.

Dale could recall with ease the names of people he had met years earlier, baseball statistics, family history, details of the funeral of his older brother Robert, who died in the Korean War when Dale was a little boy. A cousin admonished him not to cry.

And he never forgot the sights and sounds of jet airplanes and motor patrol boats inexplicably attacking his ship with cannon, napalm, machine guns and torpedoes that killed or wounded most of his practically defenseless shipmates.

When he died in January of last year, Dale Larkins carried with him the vivid recollections of one of the most unusual events in American history, one destined to be flogged for decades in print, television and on the Internet, conflicting accounts and angry arguments for half a century that probably will persist long into the future.

Almost 50 years ago, on June 8, 1967, Larkins was a seaman aboard the USS Liberty, a ship equipped with advanced communications equipment operated by listeners for the National Security Agency, the "No Such Agency" that most people didn't even know existed at the time.

He won the Silver Star Medal, the nation's third highest combat decoration, for what he did that day.

The ship was proceeding along, almost idling, according to Larkins, in the eastern Mediterranean, undoubtedly monitoring communications on the fourth day of what became known as the Six-Day War between Israel and Egypt and its allies. The deck sailors were restricted from the intelligence-gathering hold of the ship, which bristled with communications equipment.

They were in international waters offshore from Al Arish, an Egyptian town, Larkins said in an interview recorded for the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress, part of which is also posted on one of many websites addressing the Liberty's history. He recalled seeing the top of the minaret in Al Arish that morning.

Read full article and view more photos at:  
<http://linkis.com/journalstar.com/news/2liXg>



## Obituary for Elizabeth "Betty" Gidusko

Elizabeth K. Gidusko, 83, of Fern Park, Florida, passed away April 17, 2015. Born in Houlton, Maine March 24, 1932, she moved to Florida with husband John in 1972 after traveling the world as a military wife. She dearly loved bowling with her friends and was a member of the Suburbanites League for over 40 years. Active in crafts for many years, she enjoyed sewing, quilting, and decoupage. She is survived by husband of 63 years, John, Sr., daughter Kathryn Ann Decker, sons John, Jr., Donald M., and Steven A. here in Central Florida., and also grandchildren Kevin, Aaron, Michael, Angela and Cody. A Celebration of Life Memorial will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 10 AM at the DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Ave, Maitland, FL 32751. Reception to follow at the same location.

Published in the Orlando Sentinel from Apr. 24 to Apr. 26, 2015

## Liberty Cover-Up and John McCain's Conscience

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) is the Conscience of the Senate. Nevertheless, he won't come clean about what really happened to the USS Liberty, at the hands of the Israelis, via napalm, gunfire, torpedoes and missiles, on June 8, 1967, 13 miles off the coast of the Sinai Peninsula. McCain's conscience, it seems, has its limits. I suspect it's because the powerful Israeli Lobby weighs in so ominously in Washington, DC, protecting the interests of its favorite country -- Israel -- and making sure the mostly mousey congress people are kept totally in line or else. ([www.wrmea.com](http://www.wrmea.com))

I wrote Sen. McCain, the Conscience of the Senate, back on March 8, 1997, pointing out to him that for close to 30 years, the truth concerning Israel's murderous attack on the USS Liberty has been covered-up... I underscored for him that, The conspiracy of silence concerning the Liberty must be ended now. I urged him, To stand up on the Senate floor and demand that Congress do its duty: investigate the Liberty affair...call all the survivors and all relevant witnesses to testify at a public hearing. Let justice, finally, be done for the fallen heroes of the Liberty. (I found out later that one of the fallen heroes was Petty Officer William B. Allenbaugh, a Baltimorean, who had graduated from my alma mater, Calvert Hall H.S.)

McCain declined my offer to raise his voice on behalf of the Liberty. He said that he wasn't going to do anything about it because the matter was thoroughly reviewed. Really! In his letter to me, dated, April 28, 1997, he relied on the results of the now totally discredited Naval Court of Inquiry, which was conducted by Rear Admiral Isaac Kidd, USN. It began on June 10, 1967, and lasted less than a week. A scathing and devastating rebuttal of that seriously flawed Naval Inquiry can be found in the Declaration, dated Jan. 8, 2004, of Capt. Ward Boston, Jr., JAGC, USN (Ret). He was the senior legal counsel to the USS Liberty's Court of Naval Inquiry. Boston said that Admiral Kidd, the presiding officer of the Court, felt that the attack was deliberate and that the Israelis were murderous b..... Boston added that Kidd was pressured by the White House and the Defense Department to return a finding that the attack was a result of mistaken identity.

By William Hughes, Continue reading at <http://dissidentvoice.org/July2004/Hughes0712.htm>



### Photos from the NCVA Reunion



## Continued Support from Herman Bender

David Dees and I have been friends for the past 2 years or so. He is a fantastic artist / illustrator. Check out his artwork. Go to [deesillustration.com/artwork](http://deesillustration.com/artwork)

His artwork covers many subjects. He has about 60 or 70 on display on his web site. Most peoples work is copyrighted but he told me that individuals can use his artwork at no cost, except when used commercially.

### May/June 2015

Once again I mailed out the 4 page U.S.S. Liberty newspaper on May 22 [American Free Press]. This time I covered the entire state of Massachusetts, to all Veterans Organizations, 145 V.F.W., 260 American Legion, 20 D.A.V., 13 American Vets and 44 misc. for a total of 482. Found 42 duplicates which will be mailed next November.

Also mailed the 97 duplicates from last November 2014 [Pennsylvania], 68 V.F.W., and 29 American Legion.

Also placed Display ads .....2 column X 2 1/2 inch ads [Duplicity, Treason and Murder] in the Newport Daily News on June 6, July 3, and August 8.

Also in the weekly Newport This Week on June 4 , July 2, and August 6. (Newport , R.I. is the home of the Naval War College). I also placed an ad as I do every year in the Virginian Pilot, Norfolk, Va. It was placed on Sunday June 7 and for the first time placed a 2 column X 2 1/2 inch ad in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on Sunday June 28.

In February 2016 when all the students and tourists are back I will place the ad in the Miami Herald (University of Miami). I am embarrassed that Jay Cristol is a Professor at our law school.

In June 2014 I wrote about the U.S.S.Liberty Holocaust in my Blog which I started a bit over a year ago. The Blog covers everything from economics to politics, all articles somewhat controversial but FACTUAL. I am now working on facts about Whistleblowers. Check it out: [Arminius-Aurelius.com](http://Arminius-Aurelius.com)

Until November, God Bless you all! Herman a.k.a. Arminius a.k.a. Bach

P.S. Why is that some Vets Organizations have so many duplicate addresses in the Yellow pages ? It is a waste of time and money.



## Catherine Faber's Receiving of Honorary Shipmate Plaque



Congratulations to Catherine (Cat) Faber on becoming a USS Liberty Honorary Shipmate. Cat as she is commonly called has known about the Liberty for many years as she first became aware of the ship from Larry Thorn when he ran an establishment in northern Minnesota. Larry befriended Cat and asked if she would write a song about the Liberty which she did. Years later Cat still thinking about the ship, connected with Phil Tourney and asked him what she could do to help with his radio program. The rest is history as she became the primary source of visitors on Phil's program. Besides doing that, Cat is always searching the Net for information about the Liberty which has really opened our eyes to what is going on today and in the past regarding the Liberty. Thank you Cat for all you do to support the Liberty Veterans Association. Glenn Oliphant presented Cat her plaque at the Zimmerman Legion Post on May 9th and three representatives of the post, two past commanders and the present commander were there for the presentation.

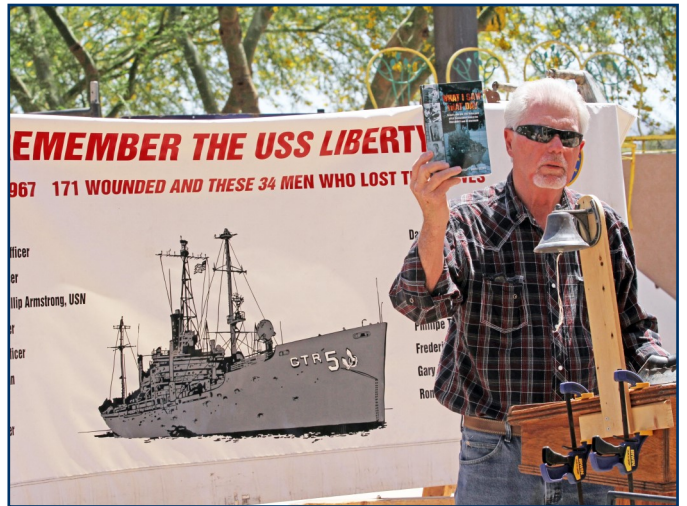


Those present included Ken Wood, Al Miller and Don Devries. Thank you Zimmerman Legion Post for hosting this event.

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Glenn Oliphant



Photos from Maricopa



## A Recap of Maricopa

Our gathering in Maricopa in May of this year, was only intended to be a get together of some of the USS Liberty survivors. Sort of a good old boy thing, so to speak. The photos show what this ended up to be, and we have Don Pageler to thank for that. The gathering was Ron Kukal, Phil Tourney, Don Pageler, and Larry Thorn. Don was so efficient that he brought almost everything we needed to conduct a ceremony on Memorial Day. The only things we didn't have were a small bell, and a podium. That was provided by the owner of the Raceway Bar and Grill that is located just south of Maricopa, where the ceremony was conducted. Phil started the ceremony off with a few remarks, handed it off to Ron Kukal who read the names of the men who died on June 8, 1967, while Don rang the bell after each name was brought up. Larry Thorn was his usual very friendly self, and circulated among the crowd before and after spreading a whole lot of USS Liberty goodwill.

*Recap provided by Roanld Kukal*

## The Passing of Stamatie "Torn" Pahides

It is my sad duty to inform you that Stamatie "Torn" Pahides, 68, of Steubenville, Ohio, died Wednesday July 29, 2015 at Trinity West. He was born October 29, 1946 in Steubenville. Torn is preceded in death by his wife, Diane Beckett Pahides and one brother, Myron Pahides.

Torn is a Liberty wounded survivor . He was a seaman Boatswain's Mate. Torn, while suffering head injuries, fearlessly rescued wounded men from the weather decks, joined the fire fighting team and for his bravery, he was awarded the Purple Heart.

-Ernie

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