

USS Liberty Veterans Association

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Mr. Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

For over 45 years the US government has actively participated in the cover-up of the War Crimes that were committed during the June 8, 1967 attack on our ship, the USS Liberty (AGTR-5).

For decades we have repeatedly contacted the US government and offered to testify about the attack on our ship. Our testimony includes:

- The fact that we were attacked by unmarked aircraft.
- The fact that we our radios were jammed on both US Navy tactical and international maritime distress frequencies.
- The fact that we our life rafts were deliberately machine gunned in the water.
- The fact that we were ordered to be abandoned by two flights of rescue aircraft that had been launched from Sixth Fleet aircraft carriers.

They have deemed our testimony – and thereby our service to our Country – unworthy. Their actions of covering up the attack on the USS Liberty have been devastating to the USS Liberty family. Their actions have destroyed USS Liberty lives. Their actions have destroyed USS Liberty marriages. Their actions have destroyed USS Liberty families.

Among the awards won by the officers and crew of the USS Liberty are the Medal of Honor, two Navy Crosses, eleven Silver Stars, twenty Bronze Stars, nine Navy Commendations, 208 Purple Hearts, 294 Combat Action Ribbons and the Presidential Unit Citation which makes the USS Liberty the most decorated ship in US Navy history in a single action.

We know that the tens of thousands of Americans we have been in touch with over the past 4 decades overwhelmingly condemn the US government's treatment of the survivors of the June 8, 1967 attack on the USS Liberty as outrageous and totally unacceptable.

Can you give us some assurance that you find this type of treatment of a group of American veterans by the US government to be unacceptable?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph L. Meadors". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Joseph L. Meadors
President

