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Letter from the Editor

Well it seems we may, this year, be able to have our Graveside Memorial Service at the Mass Grave again. This is indeed wonderful news. And even though it has been a couple of years since we have been able to do this the memory of the Attack and the lost Shipmates has not dimmed.

And so it seems with the vigor and fortitude of most of the Survivors. I have received so many emails telling of all the presentations and lectures you are giving to so many people. So much has happened last year and so far this year to so many Shipmates.

God continue to bless all of you and the work you are doing.

Wayne Kelley, Sr. *Editor*

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Letter from the President

We are very saddened with the recent loss of Doctor Richard Kiepfer as well as others. There are tributes in this newsletter that are very moving and heart felt memorials. I personally feel very proud and fortunate to have served with all of you. Our love for each other is profound. As we all age, it will become increasingly more difficult to say good-by. I pray that our current loss as well as all USS Liberty crew who have left us are now resting in the arms of the Lord.

For now, for those of us who are capable and are willing, we have a LVA mission to satisfy, God willing, to do our best to get the word out to the American public. Especially now, the public and our government need to know our story and the struggle we have encountered.

The American Cold War Veterans (ACWV)

The ACWV is our brother organization. We are invited to attend their yearly meeting in Washington, DC, on April 30 – May 1, 2015. I will be representing the LVA. Memorials are planned culminating at Arlington, Cemetery. They are spear heading an effort for Congress to create a Cold War Metal for veterans who served from 1946 to 1991.

June 8, 2015 Arlington Cemetery Memorial

If you intend to come to our yearly Washington, DC, memorial at noon, section 34, please contact me by phone (386-446-6855) or by email (ernie7900@aol.com) soonest. I need to let the Cemetery know approximately how many people are coming as they are going to provide transportation to Section 34 or provide us with automobile passes. In any case, plan on meeting James Smith and I at the Arlington Cemetery Welcome center no later than 11:30 AM. Unfortunately, if you do not arrive on time, you will have to walk or miss the memorial.

Come to the USS Liberty Reunion

We need to focus on this upcoming summer. Please think about attending our reunion which is planned for June 18 through 21 in Manistee, Michigan. We are being honored by the town of Manistee and the local Rolling Thunder (patriotic motor cycle club). It should be a fun filled reunion. The hotel accommodations are at the Little River Casino Resort. The cost for the rooms are \$99 for the 18th and 19th and \$109 for the 20th. That is \$307 total plus taxes. The address is: Little River Casino Resort, 2700 Orchard Hwy, Manistee, MI 49660. Call 866-473-2538 for reservations. The block of rooms is under "Liberty Veterans Organization, Plaque Dedication". The cut off date for reservations or cancellations is June 6, 2015. Do it now! If you are coming by plane, you can fly into Manistee via Chicago. A shuttle will take you from the Manistee Air Port to the Hotel.

The 2015 VFW Convention

The LVA has been invited to attend the VFW Convention at Pittsburgh, PA, from July 17th to 22nd. We will have a booth and you will be represented by Bryce Lockwood and Jack Beattie. If you are in the neighborhood, please drop by and join them. We could always use another survivor behind the table answering question.

A Place to send your USS Liberty artifacts

I have been asked by fellow survivors, where can I send my Liberty stuff for posterity? The LVA board of directors have chosen the USS Liberty Memorial Public Library in Grafton, Wisconsin to receive USS Liberty items you wish to place (donate) for public display. The Library has graciously accepted our request. Their address is 1620 11th Ave., Grafton, WI 53024 and phone number is 262-375-5315. The Library Director is Mr. John Hanson.

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God bless, Ernie Gallo, President, LVA

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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 HEROIC CREW TO THE AWARENESS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

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A Note from Thomas G. Hannon

Commander Little.

It was and is a great disappointment to read your Commander's Briefing in the January/February issue of our Purple Heart Magazine, where you praised the American Public Affairs Committee.

The State of Israel receives billions of dollars in U.S. aid each year. They gladly accept the aid, but then insult our Administration, by continually refusing to comply with U.S. requests to halt their illegal building of settlements in the West Bank and elsewhere, as well as denying Palestinians their human rights.

On June 8,1967 Israel committed a war crime by attacking the USS Liberty in international waters, resulting in the murder of thirty four Americans and wounded an additional one hundred seventy four. Israeli Air Force, Navy and Marines participated in the slaughter, even firing on our survivors in lifeboats.

After about fifteen minutes into the attack, the Liberty was able to send out an SOS that was received by the USS Saratoga, that launched fighter aircraft, to assist the Liberty. Before aid could reach the Liberty, the White House ,under President Johnson and Robert McNamara called back our planes, despite a challenge by RADM Raymond Geis, Sixth Fleet Division Commander. Obviously the influential power of Israel in Washington was demonstrated, at the tragic cost of American lives. This was confirmed by the fact that a "gag order" was placed on the surviving crew of the USS Liberty, threatening fines and prison.

The ship's captain, William L. McGonagle was later awarded the Medal of Honor and the ship was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. The crew were awarded collectively, 2 Navy Crosses,11 Silver Stars,20 Bronze Stars,9 Navy Commendation Medals and 204 Purple Hearts. Due to the imposed cloud of secrecy over the attack, these awards, normally presented at large public viewing ceremonies, instead they were given privately.

The survivors continue to seek justice after forty seven years, but further insult was added to injury, on April 8 2013, when the National American Legion denied their request and returned their check in the amount of 1,150,to have a booth at the Legion's convention. To honor and respect the 204 comrades in arms who received the Purple Heart, I resigned my membership in the Legion after being a faithful member for many years and have spoken out on the matter to other veteran organizations.

It is suggested that you learn more about some of the nefarious deeds perpetrated by the State of Israel.

BBC Productions; "Dead in the Water, Justice for the Liberty". History Channel;" History Undercover, Cover Up Attack on the USS Liberty".

Thirteen books have been written on the subjects including; "Body of Secrets" by James Bamford, "Palestine, Peace Not Apartheid" by President Jimmy Carter and "Liberty Injustices" by survivor of the attack, Ernest A. Gallo.

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Middle East Conflicts Wall

The setting is ideal with the Illinois River as the back drop. The wall is a tribute to all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the Middle East conflicts.

On Saturday, 21 June 2014, four LIB-ERTY survivors met at the Middle East Conflicts Wall in Marseilles, IL to pay tribute to our 34 shipmates who were killed on 8 June 1967. Bryce Lockwood (with wife Lois), Jack Beattie, Mike Schaley and Jim Smith (with wife Barbara) had the honor and privilege of reading the names of the KI-As and those names are now inscribed on the wall. This is one more memorial that honors our fallen shipmates.



The Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run is conducted every year on the 3rd Saturday in June to pay homage to those who have fallen protecting our freedom. Every year the names of the newly fallen are inscribed on the wall and those names are read aloud during the ceremony. The town of Marseilles is transformed into a huge street party and the scene is captivating.

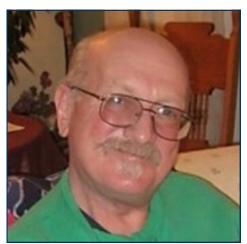
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The LIBERTY survivors were welcomed to the town and the Mayor, Patty Smith, personally spoke with us. We were welcomed with open arms at the local American Legion. All in all, it was a great experience to be able to attend the ceremony and visit 'small town America'.

To find out more about the Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Riders, please visit ILMFR.org. And if you are ever passing near Marseilles be sure to visit the wall.

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Death of Robert B. Reilly

Robert B Reilly, age 66, died unexpectedly at his home in Flemington, NJ.

Born in Brooklyn, NY he was the son of the late Thomas Reilly Sr. and Lorraine Reilly-Currie.

"Reilly" had lived in Newark before moving to Flemington four years ago.

He was a proud Navy Veteran and had served on the USS Liberty. During his service time he earned a Purple Heart and a National Defense Service Medal.

For many years Reilly worked as a bartender at Krug's Tavern in Newark. It was a job he excelled at because he was naturally social and loved meeting new people.

He was a member of the VFW Post 712 in Newark and of the Ironbound Irish American Association, also in Newark. In his younger years Reilly enjoyed many hours fly fishing. More recently, he enjoyed spending time with his precious grandchildren and catching a Yankees game.

Along with his parents, Reilly was predeceased by his brother, Thomas Reilly Jr. and his sister, Gloria Hartong.

He is survived by his daughter Laura Schanel and her husband Andrew of High Bridge, his daughter Cheryl Caponegro and her husband Nick of Pohatcong, his brother Ken Reilly, and his two sisters, Janice Moore and Jill Stahon. He is also survived by his two grandchildren, Reilly and Sadie Schanel; His three nephews Darren, Kevin and Danny Hartong and their families.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 2:00 PM.

A donation may be made in Robert's honor to the VFW at www.vfw.org/Contribute

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In Honor of Dr. Richard Francis Kiepfer



Dr. Richard Kiepfer April 12, 1937 - February 20, 2015

Dr. Richard Kiepfer, age 77 passed away Friday, February 20, 2015 at his home in Kerrville, Texas.

Dr. Kiepfer was born April 12, 1937 in Brooklyn, New York. He received a B.A. degree in 1958 and a M.A. degree in 1959 from Columbia University. In 1963 he earned his M.D. from Seton Hall College of Medicine and Dentistry. Dr. Kiepfer did his residency in General, Orthopedic and Vascular Surgery. He entered the Navy on September 29, 1966 as a Lt. JG and rose through the ranks, retiring as Captain on December 31, 1980.

Dr. Kiepfer served as Chief Medical Officer on the USS Liberty during an unexpected armed attack in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea on June 8, 1967. Severe structural damage to the USS Liberty and extensive personnel casualties were incurred. Dr. Kiepfer performed emergency surgical operations for over thirty hours on his shipmates, even though wounded himself. Dr. Kiepfer was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart,

Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Action Ribbon and the National Defense Medal.

During his military career, Dr. Kiepfer served on the National Board of Medical Examiners, 1964 and the Board of Nuclear Medicine, 1976. He served as Chief of Surgery, Hospital Commander at the Naval Air Station Albany, Georgia, Chief of Nuclear Medicine, Director of Professional Services at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Institutes for Professional Education and was the Founder of the American College of Nuclear Cardiology. Dr. Kiepfer also taught at several Universities including an Assistant in Chemistry, Columbia University, Lecturer in Orthopedics, Harvard University, Assistant Professor at George Washington University, Clinical Assistant Professor at Howard University and Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Texas.

Dr. Kiepfer was the Consulting Physician to the President, the Vice-President, the Supreme Court and the Congress of the United States and was the Consulting Physician to the Foreign Diplomatic Corps of Washington, D.C.

Those left to honor and cherish his memory are his wife, Maria and her children, Rafael and Kariana Delgado.

The family will receive friends in the main chapel of Kerrville Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, February 24, 2015. Celebration of life services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 25, 2015 in the main chapel of Kerrville Funeral Home with full military burial honors at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, TX at a later date.

The family request memorials to the Purple Heart Association, 877-743-4111, USS Liberty Veterans Association, P.O. Box 680275, Marietta, GA 30068 or the American Contract Bridge League, 6575 Windchase Blvd., Horn Lake, MS 38637-1523.

The family invites you to leave a message or memory at www.kerrvillefuneralhometx.com by selecting Obituaries. Select "Sign Guestbook" at the top right of the individual memorial.

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Obituary for Paddy E. Rhodes



Rhodes, Paddy E., 67, of Heathsville, died Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Hurst Rhodes; two daughters, Margie and Maureen Rhodes both of Asheville, NC; two sisters, Shawnette Marie and Jackie Johnson both of Lebanon OR. Mr. Rhodes, a veteran of the Vietnam Era was a retired First Class Petty Officer with the United States Navy and was stationed on the USS Liberty.

A memorial service was held 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2014 at the Currie Funeral Home, Kilmarnock, VA. Interment will be at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Liberty Veterans Association, c/o Moe Shafer, P.O. Box 680275, Marietta, GA 30068.

The LIBERTY Story - In Video

The videos below and MORE can be found online at: <u>www.usslibertydocumentcenter.org/videos</u>

- Don Pageler USS Liberty Discussion at the Western Museum of Flight
- Captain Ward Boston JAG Officer for 1967 Inquiry of USS Liberty attack
- National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Interview with Donald Pageler, June 2010
- Donald Pageler, USS Liberty, Guest Speaker JICPAC Retirement Ceremony
- Don Pageler interview with KTLA in Hollywood May, 2000
- WPIX in New York news June 2000

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Terry Halbardier Honored in Ceremony

Article by Eric Woomer. Taken from:

http://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/story/news/local/2014/10/15/true-shipmate-honored-ceremony/17290007/

Highly decorated Navy veteran Terry Halbardier was honored Tuesday during a ceremony in Visalia. Halbardier, a Silver Star recipient and Tulare County resident, was described as a caring, proud American and talkative man who spoke highly of his service in the U.S. Navy. He was remembered by dozens of veterans and friends, many of whom shed tears as they looked back on Halbardier's life. Halbardier was aboard the USS Liberty, which was attacked on June 8, 1967, by Israeli aircraft in the Eastern Mediterranean. The veteran described the attack as "my one bad day in the Navy." Those who knew him best say it was his finest hour. "There are many words that could be used at this time to describe the good and outstanding gualities of the one who has gone before, but we of the Sea Services sum it up in one word — shipmate," Donald Johnson said Tuesday. "That word, when spoken by Naval, Marine Corp, or Coast Guard personnel embodies all that can be said of any person. Terry Halbardier was our shipmate." Among those in the audience at Visalia Cemetery were two of Halbardier's fellow shipmates. Ron Grantski and Don Pageler, both of whom said Halbardier believed he didn't deserve the Silver Star just for doing his job. Shortly after 2 p.m. on June 8, 1967, the USS Liberty, a reconnaissance ship, was attacked and struck by a torpedo. Halbardier ran hundreds of feet of communications cable from an undamaged antenna to the ship's communications system. His act, while more than 70 percent of ship's crew was dead or injured, saved the ship and many of those on board. Halbardier was awarded the Silver Star in May 2009 during a presentation in Congressman Devin Nunes's office. Halbardier, who was 70, is survived by his ex-wife Grace Simone, his three step-children, his daughter, Kim Hines, and her husband Kyle and their four children, Gracie, Cooper, Kylie and Jackson.



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Israel Pays \$6 Million for Liberty Assault (1980)

San Jose Mercury, Friday, December 19, 1980

Israel agrees to pay \$6 million for 1967 assault on Navy spy ship

The New York Tinnes

WASHINGTON — The United States and Israel announced Thursday that they had finally closed the book on one of the most controversial issues between the two countries — the Israeli air and sea attack on the intelligence ship USS Liberty in 1967 that resulted in the death of 34 Navy officers and men.

The State Department said, in a brief announcement, that the United States had accepted Israel's proposal to settle the American claims for damage to the electronic surveillance vessel by paying \$6 million over three years.

In 1968, the Israelis paid the United States \$3,323,500 on behalf of the families of those killed in the attack that occurred on June 8, 1967, while the vessel was standing off the Sinai coast during the Six-Day War. In 1969, Israel paid \$3,452,275 for injuries sustained by 75 members of the crew.

The incident has been shrouded in controversy from the start. The Israelis, while accepting full responsibility for the one-hour and 20-minute attack on the communications vessel by gunfine torpedoes, rockets and napalm, have chimed that it was an accident; that its forces did not see the U.S. flag. or other identification and mistook it for an Egyptian supply vessel.

The U.S. Navy, which conducted a court of inquiry soon thereafter, said that the Liberty was in international waters at the time of the attack, "properly marked as to her identity and nationality," and that the attack, carried out by Israeli jet fighters and torpedo boats, had been "unprovoked."

The court said that it had insufficient information to make a judgment about the reasons for the Israeli attack.

A recent book, "Assault on the Liberty," by James M. Ennes, a retired U.S. Navy officer who was wounded during the attack, charged that the Navy court of inquiry and other public statements by the U.S. government amounted to what he called "a cover-up" of the facts.

Ennes, who was a cryptoanalyst on the vessel, charged that the government tried to cover up facts that revealed that the Pentagon failed to protect the ship and its men, and that messages ordering the Liberty out of the area were not received by the Liberty in time.

In addition, Ennes said the administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson, in the heat of the Six-Day War, did not want to embarrass Israel by raising doubts about Israel's claim that the attack was an accident.

"We know that the true story of the attack was covered up," Ennes wrote. "But was it covered up by habit, fear, and blind overreaction, or did a responsible American official deliberately withhold the truth?"

"We know that Israel's excuse for attacking the ship cannot possibly be true," he said. "Why has our government not demanded a better explantion?"

Israeli officials said Thursday that the United States had originally asked for more than \$17 million to cover damages and accrued interest for the Liberty, which was repaired but never ordered to duty again.

The Israelis felt that was excessive, and shortly after the election Ambassador Ephraim Evron approached Vice President Walter F. Mondale and suggested that the matter be resolved by the United States forgiving the interest — of about \$10 million — and reduce the claims for damages from \$7.5 million to \$6 million.

The Israelis said that Mondale was able to win President Carter's approval for the \$6 million figure.

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American Legion Attack Recognition

SEVENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA September 6-8, 1994

Resolution No. 205: Recognition of Crew of USS Liberty Origin: New York Submitted by: Convention Committee on Foreign Relations (As amended)

WHEREAS, On June 8, 1967, the USS Liberty - while operating in international waters in the Eastern Mediterranean, was the target of an attack by Israel's war planes and torpedo boats; and

WHEREAS, This attack killed 34 members of the Liberty's crew and wounded 171 other United States personnel on board, in addition to causing extensive damage to the ship; and

WHEREAS, The miraculous survival of the USS Liberty, through the sustained courage of her crew in desperate circumstances - an episode of honor in the annals of the US Navy - has gone largely unrecognized and unhonored; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 6, 7, 8, 1994, That The American Legion urges the United States to formally and publicly recognize by time-honored tradition with customary style, honor, ceremony and publicity, the heroic actions of the officers and crew of the USS Liberty, her 34 killed in action, her 171 wounded and her decorated, including her Medal of Honor recipient, Captain William L. McGonagle.

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Liberty Represented at Kansas Memorial

A number of years ago I found out about a veterans memorial in my home state of Kansas. In that McGonagle was born in Wichita I was curious if they new about him. They had a brick for him. As with so many they had put him under Vietnam. In order to try to get some recoginition for our ship I bought a brick for myself just after the first of the year. In early October I returned to Kansas for my 50 year high school reunion. I visited the memorial and took some pictures. The memorial is at a restored Santa Fe railroad station in Topeka about 45 mile east of my home town.

-Submitted by Don Pageler

The URL to the website is: <u>http://www.greatoverlandstation.com/veterans_memorial_78.html</u>



A Proper Tribute to Those Lost in USS Liberty Attack

Excerpted from *The Des Moines Register*. Read full article by Kyle Munson at:

http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/2014/11/11/proper-tribute-veterans-day/18837305/

Jerry Converse will be publicly honored today, more than 47 years after he was killed aboard the USS Liberty alongside 33 of his fellow sailors, with 174 more of them wounded.

He got caught up in one of the most controversial attacks in American history. The furor, unfortunately, has come at the expense of paying proper tribute to those who died in service to their country.

In time for this Veterans Day, however, Converse's name has been added to Iowa State University's Gold Star Hall in the Memorial Union, which honors former students who have died in military service in a war zone.

He was an electrical engineering major from Boone — a savvy 6-foot-6-inch-tall student with a good singing voice and golf swing who resisted playing basketball. He later became a cryptologic technician (CT) aboard the USS Liberty. The lightly armored ship on June 8, 1967, was riddled from above with rockets, machine guns and napalm and torpedoed from below in international waters off the coast of Egypt in the Mediterranean Sea, nowhere near Vietnam, where another war was raging at the time.

Converse was just three days shy of his 24th birthday.

The attack came from an ally, Israel, during its Six-Day War against Egypt, Syria and Jordan in a struggle over the Sinai Peninsula and other territory. Both the Israeli and U.S. governments have long maintained the attack was a tragic mistake. (An explosion in El-Arish, for instance, was mistaken by the Israelis for bombardment from a ship, but likely it was sparked by an ammunition dump fire.)

But a small, persistent chorus of survivors and retired military brass in recent decades have insisted the attack was intentional.

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Liberty Cruise Information

Submitted by Stan Karn

USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5) FPO NEW YORK - 09501 DUTY DIV: SUP PLAN OF THE DAY Saturday, 19 June 1965 WORKING UNIFORM TROPICAL KHAKI LONG UNIFORM OF THE DAY OFFICERS: WASH KHAKI WITH TIE CPO'S: WASH KHAKI WITH TIE TROPICAL KHAKI LONG ENLISTED: UNDRESS WHITES DUNGAREE CARRY OUT THE ROUTINE PLAN OF THE DAY 1515 Mess Gear. 1600 Knock off ship's work. Sweepers. Empty all trash cans. 1600 Early Supper for the oncoming watch. 1615 Set Material Condition Yoke. 1615 Shift into the Uniform of the Day. 1630 Supper. 1715 Mess Deck secures. NOTES : 1. Volunteers are requested from each Department to work on the ship's newspaper. This newspaper will be published weekly containing pertinent happenings peculiar to each department but of interest to all personnel. To establish a functional newspaper, news must be received from each department.concerning events of interest within the department. In addition artists are mequired, especially those capable of drawing cartoon characterizations. All personnel interested submit your names to the Ship's

2. HUSTED, Robert C., 793 51 69, SA, USN was erroneously placed on the Sun Downer's liberty list. His name has been removed.

office. Without volunteers the ship will not be capable of putting out a newspaper.

3. The growing of beards will be permitted after leaving Santa Cruz, Canary Islands. The only restriction will be the requirement that they be neatly trimmed and presentable prior to going on liberty. Those personnel whose beards do not present a neat and full growth appearance will not be allowed to leave the ship.

4. The ship is approaching an area where the disease MALARIA is still common. For this reason it will be necessary for ALL HANDS to be given malaria prevention treatment. This involves the taking of pills (one each week). Personnel whose last names begin with the following initials report to sick bay at the times indicated:

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5. Personnel whose immunization records indicate that they are due for Yellow Feaver immunization will be scheduled for shots to be announced in the plan of the day.

6. UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE

ART. 927 - EXTORTION

Any person subject to this chapter who communicates threats to another person with the intention thereby to obtain anything of value or any acquittance, advantage, or immunity is guilty of extortion and shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

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7. The standings by Department on 18 June on collections for $N_{\rm avy}$ Relief are as. follows:

	17 June				18	June		
1.	OPERATIONS \$	1.46	per	man	OPERATIONS	\$1.46	per	man
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3.	Deck	.51	per	man	Research	\$1.16	per	man
4.	Supply	.37	per	man	Deck	\$1.09	per	man
5.	Research	.36	per	man	Supply	\$.98	per	man

The over-all average for the ship is now \$1.15 per man which exceeds the LIBERTY minimum goal of \$1.00 per man. WELL DONE!

8. The In-port Watch Schedule during this deployment by section is as follows:

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JUNE		JULY			AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
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9. The following personnel have unliquidated travel claims:

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DONALDSON, CT1	HILL, CT1	THORPE, CT1	WARE, CT1
BIRD, CT1	HUGGINS, CT2	STENZEL, CT2	CLAYTON, CT3
CLINE, CT3	DOUGHTERY, CT3	FISCHER, CT3	HUDSON, CT3
PLEW, CT3	RITTER, CT3	ASHE, CT3N	BARRY, SN
BRUMMETT, SN	DOTTER, SN	EASTON, SN	HOYT, FA
HUSTED, SA	PATTEN, SA	STEICHLAND SA	TIMMERMAN ETSN
HUSTED, SA	PATTEN, SA	STRICKLAND, SA	TIMMERMAN, ETSN

Since TAD funds available expire on 30 June, travel claims not submitted on schedule can <u>not</u> be paid. Personnel should muster Sunday 20 June at 1830 in the Supply Office with HICKMAN, DK2 to fill out claims.

10. Allotments for July may be registered 25 June 0900 - 1130. The Disbursing Office will be closed for pay record transition at all other times.

ALL INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE PLAN OF THE DAY CONSTITUTES AN OFFICIAL ORDER

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LVA Memorabilia Store - Order Form

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