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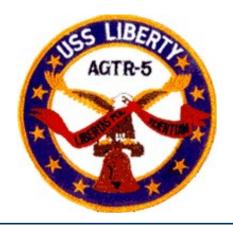
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Letter from the Editor

I hope all of you are as excited about our Reunion as I am! I am counting the days and I am so thankful I will be able to attend.

It looks like Moe and many others have done an extraordinary job of planning and putting together the Reunion. We owe them our sincere gratitude and thanks.

For your information Frank O'Classen and I are planning to take photographs and as many pictures as we can at the Reunion. We have asked Moe to allot us a space and time for formal portraits. Also if there are any of you that have cameras and camcorders to please take as many pictures as you can. What I would like to do is have all the pictures sent to me and I plan to put everything in a memory book for the Reunion.

This Reunion will again be a time to remember the shipmates we lost and also our time aboard the Liberty. It will also be a time to remember all the hard work that most of you are giving to the memory of the attack on the Liberty. And let's not forget the spouses and loved ones that have also done the same.

I hope an pray that when we are gone, especially the Survivors, that there will be someone to take the torch and con-

tinue to tell the true story of the attack on the Liberty.

God bless all and see you in Norfolk.

-Wayne

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Letter from the President

With Christmas just around the corner, Patricia and I and your LVA Board of Directors want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I pray that you all have a safe and loving Christmas. The love shared by the Liberty crew and supporters is absolute, deep, and awesome. If only our dis tractors could know how and why we are so committed to one another, they would understand we are telling the truth and our message is worth remembering for future generations. Merry Christmas!!!

We wish you all the very very best for 2017 with lots of joy and prosperity. I hope to see you at our June 8 through 11, 2017 Norfolk reunion. If you have not made hotel reservations please don't waste anymore time and do so soonest. For those that can come to Arlington Cemetery on June 8th at noon, we plan on having a memorial service as we do every year at section 34. I will provide more details in the next newsletter. Please be safe and have the best Christmas holidays ever! For those who would like to share their feelings with the American public, If Americans Knew is planning a news conference at the Washington Press Club on Monday, June 12th. The presentation invitation includes spouses and family members. Look for more information within this newsletter.

Your organization has been spreading the good word during the summer months. However, I need to mention one disappointment. Unlike last year and without any prior warning, honorary crewman Ted Arens and his wife Pam, Vice President Glenn Oliphant and wife Merrilee, and my wife Patricia and I were not allowed to attend this years Vietnam reunion in Kokomo, IN. The head honcho did not like our message and as much as we tried, would not change his mind. However, we did receive positive Newspaper coverage which always helps getting the word out.

Following the above, Patricia and I went to Frankenmuth, MI for Octoberfest. While the German decorated town is worth seeing in itself, Michigan's Military and Space Heroes Museum is located there. I met up with Historic Preservationist, John Auger. John has been and still is a very enthusiastic Liberty supporter. The museum has a section dedicated to the Liberty which includes the uniform of Commander Phillip Armstrong our decorated executive officer. I gave John a copy of my book and the new challenge coin for their display and lots of handouts which John is very happy to pass out to visitors. We could not ask for a better spokesman. If you ever visit Frankenmuth MI, see the museum as you will not be disappointed.

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Letter from the President (contd.)

Also included in this newsletter, Ms. Nora Whisnant from Wilmington, Delaware, asked shipmate Larry Bowen to give her church group a presentation which went very well. Bravo Zulu Larry. Prior to the presentation, Nora sent me a 11" X 6" bronze plaque. I want to thank her for her very thoughtful gift. I will provide more detail as I am working on finding a place to have the plaque installed which I will address in the future. Thank you Nora for the plaque and for hosting the presentation. God bless.

Shipmate Phil Tourney had completed a new book entitled "Erasing Liberty" which you can obtain from our ship's store. Great book Phil and we are looking for the follow up revised new book.

Honorary crew woman, Ms. Fleming has completed a new book, "USS Liberty Remembrance of 50 years USA Government Cover-Up of Israel's 8 June 1967 Attack on USA Spy Ship: Part 1" which is available from Amazon.com. Another great book.

I have been discussing brain injuries with shipmate Ron Kukal who has been suffering from one. While suffering from a number of other pains especially his lower back, once Ron started taking the medication for his "brain injury" his total situation changed dramatically for the better. I told Ron I would pass his story on especially for those who were in the proximity of the torpedo explosion. The massive explosion of the torpedo alone may have damaged your brain tissue. If you have been suffering, tell your doctor. Ron indicated you need to bring a picture of the torpedo blast damage with you to show the doctor. I agree that it is hard to imagine anyone just surviving that blast in its vicinity while observing the pictures. Ron says pictures help.

We need to thank a number of folks: Ted & Pam Arens, Phil Tourney, Ron Kukal, Jim Smith, Moe & Donna Shafer, Wayne Kelley, Bryce & Lois Lockwood, Jack & Debbie Beattie, Ms. Alison Wier, and Ms. Eileen Fleming. In addition, many thanks to honorary shipmate Herman Bender who obtained costly advertisements in 16 newspapers scattered through out the country during the last quarter. Thank you all.

Ernie Gallo President

LIBERTY VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION 50th Anniversary Reunion

WHEN: June 8th - 11th, 2017

WHERE: Norfolk, Virginia

Sheraton Waterside





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 na-



palm, 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

VIDEO: Israel's Deliberate and Brutal Attack, Ernie Gallo

"Ernie Gallo is president of the USS Liberty Veterans Association. He is a former Communications Technician, Second Class in the Navy Reserve.

Following his active duty with the U.S. Navy Gallo had a 28-and-a-half year career with the CIA supporting U.S. communications around the world.



Gallo is the author of the 2013

book, Liberty Injustices: A Survivor's Account of American Bigotry."

View video at: https://youtu.be/85Cd59dbZtw

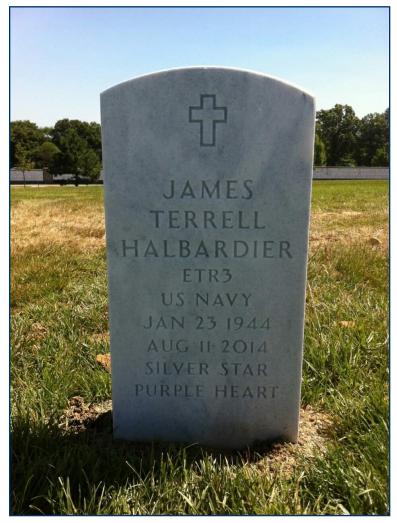
VFW Trip Report

The USS Liberty Veterans Association was well represented at this year's VFW convention in Charlotte, NC. As usual we had a booth to sell our Liberty goods and pass out literature to folks passing by. If possible, we would engage folks in conversation especially if they were interested. Attending the convention were Lois & Bryce Lockwood, Debra & Jack Beattie, Patricia & Ernie Gallo. We all arrived on July 22nd and the convention lasted until July 27th. The event was an all day affair. Having six of us to "hold down the fort" was advantageous. At times, multiple discussions and transactions occurred. It is apparent that more folks now know about the Liberty event than ever before. What they may not know is the deceit and bigotry the crew has suffered telling the truth. Our



endeavors are reaching out to the American public and this forum works well.

Photo Submissions



"I found a pic online of my dad's gravestone in Arlington. He'd be happy."





Barry Timmerman ET3 on the Liberty

Don Pageler gives Veterans Day presentation at Costa Mesa Middle School. Don presented to six different classrooms on November 15th and 16th.



ARTICLE: June 8, 1967 Israeli Attack on the USS Liberty

On June 8, 1967 while steaming in international waters off the coast of the Sinai Peninsula the USS Liberty was attacked without warning by the combined forces of the Israeli Air Force and Navy.

According to USS Liberty survivors the forces attacking the ship used unmarked aircraft, jammed Liberty's radios on both US Navy tactical and international maritime distress frequencies, machine gunned usable life rafts Liberty crewmen had dropped over the side in anticipation of abandoning ship.

Additionally USS Liberty survivors' accounts reveal that the attacking torpedo boats slowly circled the burning and torpedoed ship while firing from close range at USS Liberty crewmen who were either trapped topside or who ventured topside to help their fallen shipmates.T

Further, two flights of aircraft launched from the Sixth Fleet aircraft carriers to come to the defense of the USS Liberty were recalled while the USS Liberty was still under attack and calling for help.

To add insult to injury the US government has never conducted a complete and comprehensive public investigation of the attack on the USS Liberty.

The US government's position on the attack is that it was just as the Israelis claim it to be – a mistaken attack on a ship that was mis-identified as a 40-year-old, rusted-out Egyptian tramp steamer that was chained to a pier in Alexandria, Egypt waiting to be sold for scrap at the time of the attack. Regardless, the US government has accepted without question the account of the forces who attacked the ship and have refused even to listen to the account of USS Liberty survivors.

Members of Congress and the Department of Defense have taken the unprecedented step of including in their boilerplate response to those who inquire about the attack on the USS Liberty a script that is taken directly out of the Israeli playbook and that bares no resemblance to reality. In their boilerplate they insist that the US government has conducted 10 official investigations of the attack on the USS Liberty when no such investigation of the attack has ever been conducted.

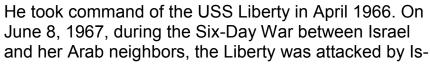
When USS Liberty survivors contact the DoD or Members of Congress with a request that they include text from the American survivors of the attack instead of from the forces who attacked their ship their request is totally ignored.

SOURCE: https://www.muckrock.com/project/june-8-1967-israeli-attack-on-the-uss-liberty-52/

Remembering CAPT William McGonagle, USN, CO USS LIBERTY

William McGonagle was born November 19, 1925 in Wichita, Kansas. After attending secondary school and college in California, he enlisted in the Navy in 1944 and for the next three years participated in a Navy training program at the University of Southern California.

In June 1947 he accepted a commission into the Navy as an ensign. He was assigned to the destroyer USS Frank Knox and after that was posted to the minesweeper USS Partridge from 1947–1950. During the Korean War he served on the minesweeper USS Kite during the extensive operations that earned him and the other members of the crew a Presidential Unit Citation. From 1951 to 1966, he was assigned to various positions ashore and afloat, including commands of the fleet tug USS Mataco from 1957–1958 and the salvage ship USS Reclaimer from 1961–1963.





raeli forces while sailing in international waters in the Eastern Mediterranean. The Israeli government claims to this day that they thought that the ship was an Egyptian vessel. Israel relentlessly attacked the Liberty with jets, helicopters, and motor torpedo boats. McGonagle was severely wounded during the first air attack and although the bridge had sustained heavy damage he stayed and directed the defense of the ship, refusing to leave his post for medical attention. As the Israeli fighters continued their attack he maneuvered his ship, directed its defense, supervised the control of flooding and fire, and saw to the care of the casualties. Captain McGonagle remained at his battle station and continued to command his ship for more than 17 hours. It was only after rendezvous with a U.S. destroyer that he relinquished personal control of the Liberty and permitted himself to be removed from the bridge. The combined air and sea attack killed 34 crew members including naval officers, seamen, two Marines, and a civilian, wounded 171, and severely damaged the ship. Although the ship had a 39 ft (12 m) wide by 24 ft (7.3 m) high hole and a twisted keel from a torpedo impact, the crew kept the ship afloat, and were able to leave the area under their own power. When the damage to the ship was assessed 821 rocket, shell, and machine-gun holes were found in the ship's hull.

On March 3, 1999 he died in Palm Springs, California and, following services at the Post Chapel at Fort Myer, Virginia, he was buried with full military honors on April 9, 1999 at Arlington National Cemetery with members of his USS Liberty crew in attendance. His grave can be found in section 34, lot 208 map grid U/V 11 near the common gravesite of six other members of the USS Liberty crew.

Remembering CAPT William McGonagle (contd.)

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Sailing in international waters, the Liberty was attacked without warning by jet fighter aircraft and motor torpedo boats which inflicted many casualties among the crew and caused extreme damage to the ship. Although severely wounded during the first air attack, Capt. McGonagle remained at his battle station on the badly damaged bridge and, with full knowledge of the seriousness of his wounds, subordinated his own welfare to the safety and survival of his command. Steadfastly refusing any treatment which would take him away from his post, he calmly continued to exercise firm command of his ship. Despite continuous exposure to fire, he maneuvered his ship, directed its defense, supervised the control of flooding and fire, and saw to the care of the casualties. Capt. McGonagle's extraordinary valor under these conditions inspired the surviving members of the Liberty's crew, many of them seriously wounded, to heroic efforts to overcome the battle damage and keep the ship afloat. Subsequent to the attack, although in great pain and weak from the loss of blood, Captain McGonagle remained at his battle station and continued to command his ship for more than 17 hours. It was only after rendezvous with a U.S. destroyer that he relinquished personal control of the Liberty and permitted himself to be removed from the bridge. Even then, he refused much needed medical attention until convinced that the seriously wounded among his crew had been treated. Capt. McGonagle's superb professionalism, courageous fighting spirit, and valiant leadership saved his ship and many lives. His actions sustain and enhance the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

[Note: Captain McGonagle earned the Medal of Honor for actions that took place in international waters in the Eastern Mediterranean rather than in Vietnam.]

From The Log: Spring 1999 (Front Page): Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient – CAPT William McGONAGLE – Commissioned: USC NROTC, Class of 1947, dies.

McGonagle lost his bout with lung cancer on Wednesday, Mar 3, 1999, the same day as the NROTC Alumni League Board of Directors spring meeting in the Commons Building on the USC campus. At that meeting, unaware of McGonagle's passing, Bill Stevens announced that McGonagle's lung cancer had recurred. After the announcement, the Board voted to assume the funding of the annual William McGonagle Scholarship Award for an outstanding midshipmen at League expense, if and when the Captain passed on.

The story of Captain McGonagle's ordeal with the air and sea attacks on his ship, the USS Liberty, by Israeli planes and PT boats was chronicled in the 1997 Alumni League Log.

Half of Bill's ashes were scattered at sea off of Hawaii. The other half buried with the 34 members of his crew, who were killed on the LIBERTY, in a special section at Arlington National Cemetery.

Bill had undergone chemotherapy treatments during the first half of 1998. Recently, while on the east coast, he discovered his cancer had recurred. He is survived by two daughters, Cindy and Sandi.

SOURCE: https://stationhypo.com/2016/11/19/remembering-capt-william-mcgonagle-usn-co-uss-liberty/

The Passing of John Gidusko



Lt. John E. Gidusko, 87, a Retired Naval Officer of Fern Park, FL, left this life on Saturday, November 26, 2016 at Hospice of the Comforter in Altamonte Springs. He joins his beloved wife, Elizabeth K. "Betty", who preceded him in death last year. Born in Pittsburgh, PA in 1929, he joined the Navy and met his wife while stationed in Maine. Married in 1951, they began their military life with travels around the world.

Dad was passionate about bowling and spent a great deal of time each week with his good friends at "the alley". He also loved crossword puzzles and sudoku, tackling them every morning to start his day.

But his greatest driving force was maintaining and protecting a website promoting information on the attack on the USS Liberty, a ship he served aboard, which was a casualty of the 6 Day War.

He is survived by children Kathryn A., John E., Jr., and Steven A. (Carolyn), all in Central Florida, and also by grandchildren Kevin, Aaron, Michael, Angela, and Cody as well as great grandson Liam.

He was preceded in death by son Donald Michael this year.

A Celebration of Life Memorial will be held Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 12 noon at the DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Ave., Maitland, FL 32751. Reception to follow at the same location. Please feel free to wear red, his favorite color. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of the Comforter, Altamonte Springs, FL. Express condolences at orlandosentinel.com/obituaries

An online obituary can be viewed at: https://goo.gl/vgkBNS

John's death has been added to the LVA DEATH INDEX.

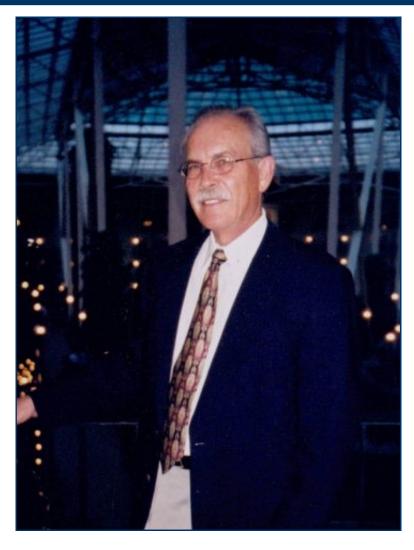
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The Passing of Barry Robert Timmerman

Barry Robert Timmerman, age 71, of Gallatin, TN, passed away at home on September 14, 2016. Preceded in death by his daughter, Kimberly McMillan, parents, Robert Arthur and Adelaide Ivy (Cornelious) Timmerman, and brother, Bob Timmerman.

Barry is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Glenda Timmerman (Scott), children; Bryan (Lynne) Timmerman, Shawn (Kelly) Timmerman, Deborah (Glenn) Kotelnicki and Dale (Joy) Nash, brother, Brian (Liz) Hill, sister, Violet Hill, 11 grand-children and 8 great-grandchildren. Barry is also survived by his Schnauzer "Cody", along with many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Barry was born on July 23, 1945 in Hastings, England to Robert and Adelaide Timmerman. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served on the USS Liberty during the Vietnam War era and was a Purple Heart recipient. His happiest times were sitting



in the Liberty's crow's nest, reading. Barry enjoyed watching NASCAR and was a Mark Martin fan. He played and enjoyed watching golf, was a Titans and Volunteers fan, enjoyed Kentucky basketball and was a fan of both the Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals.

Barry's personality is described as being a "mountain of a man". He was a loving and wise family man, always had a joke, and will be dearly missed by all who knew him. A Life Celebration for Barry will be held at Crestview Funeral Home in Gallatin on Wednesday, September 21, at 11:00AM. Visitation will be held Tuesday, September 20, from 5:00PM – 8:00PM and again one hour prior to the service. Barry will be laid to rest at Nashville National Cemetery with Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at www. st.jude.org

USS Liberty Gravesite at Arlington

Photos and Text by James Beardsley

"Every time I am in Washington D.C. I visit the Liberty site. I have done it many times for many years. The first time was so long ago I can't remember the date but a ceremony was sponsored by a group called "No Other Love." There were never many crew members there at one time. Richard Curtis from "Washington Report On Middle East affairs" always attended as did Gene Bird from the Council for National Interest an organization that I was a charter member. There was always a representative from the Navy and I think Admiral Thomas Moorer attended at least once."

A couple of pictures from previous years:









Liberty Represented at Veterans Day Parade in Palm Springs



PALM SPRINGS, Calif. - Every year, one day in November, the streets of downtown Palm Springs are filled with red, white and blue.

"For those like us, especially dealing with PTSD and everything, it helps to have the recognition," U.S. Navy veteran Don Pageler said.

Pageler and fellow Navy veteran Alan Easton, it's a chance to share their story as brothers -in-arms on the U.S.S. Liberty.

One story they said isn't told too often.

"It's nice to open people's eyes, because you talk U.S.S. Liberty, and they don't know what you're talking about. and you start relating to what happened, and they're just aghast," Easton said.

But ultimately, Friday marked a day where everyone gave thanks to those who gave of themselves, and continue to give.

"I think Palm Springs really does a bang-up job, hats off to the veterans," Easton said. "We really feel welcomed here. We've been coming here, and we'll be coming here every year as much as possible." The parade also featured a flyover of various military aircraft.

A Liberty Presentation by Larry Bowen

On Wednesday October 19th, 2016, I went to the Silverside Church in Wilmington, Delaware to speak to the congregation about the USS Liberty incident and to answer any questions they might have regarding that fateful day. The gathering took place in the church "meeting room' where some 30 or 40 church members where assembled to listen to my presentation. Prior to being introduced, I had set up a table with copies of all the Books I was aware of that either referenced or were specific to the USS Liberty Attack plus copies of the DVD's that had been produced to date. I also provided a listing of all the books and DVD's with authors and publishers so that individuals could attempt to get copies if they were interested in getting more information about the attack and cover up.

I was introduced by Ms. Nora Whisnant who was the person instrumental in getting me to speak to their group. Ernie Gallo was initially contacted by Nora and then Ernie asked me if I would be able to do the presentation which I gladly agreed to. After a brief introduction regarding my role back in 1967 and subsequent military and defense contractor roles until I retired in 2008, we ran the video entitled "Dead In The Water" provided by Ernie Gallo. The video was very well received and invoked many questions after it's showing. I answered all the questions and then went into my duties on June 8th 1967 and subsequent duties after the attack. Several members of the congregation came up to me both before and after the presentation to express their heartfelt concern for what happened to us that day and also what has happened to us in our attempts to get the truth told. One individual (Mr. Rajie Cook) in particular has been extremely moved by the USS Liberty incident to the point that he has produced a "Commemorative Poster" entitled "USS LIBERTY UNDER THE RUG" which depicts a broom with the names of our 34 fallen shipmates being swept under a rug. Mr. Cook has provided me with multiple copies of this Poster which I will make available to you at the 50th Reunion in Norfolk. Mr. Cook is also in the process of designing a "bumper sticker" which he intends to distribute to anyone willing to put it on their vehicle. Mr. Cook is an Artist and I'm sure his work will be worthy of displaying once it is finished.

I want to say that this was the first time I have spoken publicly about what we all went through that day and for me it was very therapeutic. Yes, it brought back some very painful memories and emotions that had been pent up for many years. To my fellow shipmates who may not have had the opportunity to speak out it may now be time to release those pent up emotions. It won't bring back the shipmates we lost nor will it end our fight to get the truth out but it may just help to release some of those feelings you have been holding inside all these years. I'm not suggesting you forget the "oath" you took when you were granted access to highly classified material but I am saying that talking about what you have been struggling with all these years may be just what the doctor ordered. I look forward to seeing you all at the reunion next year in Norfolk.

Your Liberty Shipmate, Larry Bowen

A Letter from Alison Weir

10/25/2016

AOL Mail (45)

Dear Liberty Crew members:

I believe that Ernie and Joe have informed the crew about our upcoming "National Hearing on the Israeli Attack on the USS Liberty." This historic, all-day event will be held at the National Press Club in Washington DC on June 12th. We plan to charter buses from Norfolk so that as many people as possible can participate.

It is our view that the 50th anniversary of this historic incident provides an opportunity and a responsibility to get the facts out to the general American public.

I envision this event as providing the opportunity that the government should have provided fifty years ago for survivors of the attack to testify publicly about their personal experiences: to relate what they personally witnessed and experienced. I feel it is extremely important that these personal eye-witness accounts be on the public record and available to future historians.

In addition to the crew, we will invite intelligence officers and others to relate their personal information about the attack. We will also include authors and others who have investigated the incident to describe the facts they have discovered. Finally, we will invite family members of the fallen to speak – wives, sons, daughters, sisters.

I expect that the timing, location, and nature of the speakers will draw significant public and press attention, and I anticipate that C-Span may well feel it is necessary to cover it. Nothing, however, is ever guaranteed.

I feel your participation is critical -- both as a speaker and in helping to make the event a success, with your own ideas about it an by encouraging others also to participate.

This will be a high-level, nonpartisan, non-political event and will focus solely on the Liberty.

May I count you in as one of our speakers and as a participant in making this the superb and significant event that it deserves?

Thank you, Alison

Alison Weir Executive Director, <u>If Americans Knew</u> President, <u>Council for the National Interest</u> Author, <u>Against Our Better Judgment</u> 202-631-4060

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A Liberty Presentation by Don Pageler

I am a member of the Association of Naval Aviation. Our Grampaw Pettibone chapter gives a quarterly award to the sailors from the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station. After our last luncheon I met the Commander Master Chief (Krby Lee). He then invited me to give the presentation about the Liberty the Greater Los Angeles CPOA (CPO Messes from Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, NOSC Los Angeles, NRD Los Angeles, and CRS-11). I













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LVA Memorabilia Store - Order Form

READING MATERIALS						
Assault on the Liberty: The True Story of the Israeli Attack on an American Intelligence Ship - By Survivor and LVS Historian, \$30.00						
Mr. James Ennes, Jr., SEND ORDER TO: Jim Ennes, PO Box 789, Woodinville, WA 98072						
The Attack on the Liberty - The Untold Story of Israel's Deadly 1967 Assault on a U.S. Spy Ship, By James Scott, son of crew \$2 member Lt. John Scott,						
What I Saw That Day: Israel's June 8th, 1967 Holocaust of US Servicemen Aboard the USS Liberty and its Aftermath \$25.0 By USS Liberty Survivor Phil Tourney and Mark Glenn						
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25th Anniversary Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery (DVD Video) USS Liberty Survivors: Our Story - Patrick King Documentary (DVD Video) NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. Loss of Liberty - New Detailed Film of Attach and Cover-Up (DVD Video) Dead in the Water - Documentary: Find out how a nuclear war in the Middle East was averted at the last minute (DVD) Justice for the Liberty - An All American Documentary by Break of Dawn Productions						
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