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#### Letter from the Editor

William Graves, Editor editor@lvanews.org

Dear Veterans and LVA Members.

It always amazes me to see another year come to a close. This particular edition of *Liberty News* marks 11 years of putting this content together, and getting to see the content that is submitted month after month has been a continual blessing.

You may notice some changes to the Board in this issue, but I can assure what has not changed is the commitment of the Liberty Veterans Association leadership to its members.

May the remainder of 2022 be filled with family and good health.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope to see you at the reunion in June 2023.

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Sincerely, William Graves *Editor* 

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#### Letter from the President

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support you have given me over the past 5 ½ years. I spent 3 years as your vice-President and the past 2 ½ years as your Liberty Veterans Association (LVA) President. It has been a wonderful experience for which I am truly honored and thankful for the opportunity to represent the LVA in any capacity. Unfortunately, my health took a turn for the worse last month when I was hospitalized with Acute Congestive Heart Failure. I was fortunate in that I didn't wait to see if I would get better without medical treatment. I went straight to the emergency room and the rest is history. I'm in Atrial Fibrillation now and will be cardio-verted back to sinus rhythm the end of October. In the meantime, I am taking it one day at a time with limited activities. Once I get the heart back to normal, I will be going in for a full right hip replacement. For those aforementioned reasons I am tendering my resignation as of the end of October. I wish the LVA nothing but success in the future and hope our youth movement takes hold to continue our legacy.

Respectfully,

Larry Bowen, USS Liberty Survivor

# **Key Changes**

We have had some changes to the LVA Board of Directors. Larry Bowen and Ron Kukal have retired from the board however Ron is maintaining the role of Chaplain. Their years of dedicated service to the LVA is greatly appreciated. As the years pass, it is more difficult to continue in these positions for extended periods.

Bob Scarborough has assumed the role of Secretary and Frank O'Classen was selected as President.

We now need to add two members to the board to serve the remainder of Larry and Ron's terms. This will be until the reunion in June of 2023. At that time, we will need at least four new board members as bylaws restrict serving to two consecutive terms.

Over the next few months, we will be working to establish the changes discussed at the last reunion. This will include adding new members to the board to incorporate the next generation of The Liberty Family and updating our on-line presence. If you would like to assist with these projects please contact the board.

Frank O'Classen President

#### 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 helicopters carrying troops 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.

#### Photo Submission from Ronald Kukal

This is a photo of myself and Ron Lake in Dillon, Montana. My wife and I visited there a couple of weeks ago. The plaque that was in Manistee, Michigan is shown here at its new home. Not sure why it had to be moved. We had a similar situation many years ago when the City of Flint, Michigan would not accept a stone engraved with the ship and the names of the men who were murdered. The Michigan Hero's Museum took the stone that the City of Flint wouldn't accept, and it sits out front at the museum today. What a mess that was for awhile.

Ron



#### **Submission from Don Pageler**

In August I was contacted by David Kelly asking me if I would speak to his Veterans club (Reata Glenn Warriors) at Reata Glenn Orange County. It is an upscale retirement community 2 miles east of San Juan Capistrano, CA. The founders of the club were Denny McComb (a submarine commander) and Chuck Ryerson (an F4 pilot). They have 91 veterans from the Army, Navy, AF, & Marines who have served either as enlisted or officers. They need not be combat vets, although we have several from WW II to Vietnam/ SEA. They meet periodically to exchange information relevant to veterans, listen to various speakers with interesting stories, tell (aka brag) a few of our own experiences & stories, and just socialize.

There was a retired Captain who was in the Naval Security Group in attendance. There were about 70 people in attendance. They took a collection afterward which I have sent on to to the LVA. Sorry to say no one took pictures and I was to preoccupied with my talk. My talk to the club took place on 10/25/22.

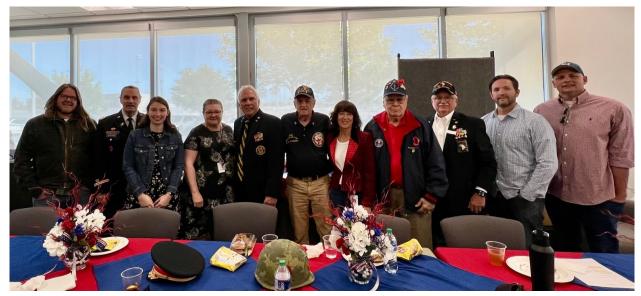
I had a wonderful lunch with 5 of the members afterward.

# Sharing the Story with Youth - Don Pageler

I am membership chairman for the Freedom Committee of Orange County. Our function is to give lectures and interviews to students so they can learn history from a Veteran's point of view, rather than something they read out of a book. In this capacity one of my jobs is to create the one page bio for new members. I have attached (*not pictured*) mine so you can see what it is like. This is then sent to the schools so they can choose and know is will be speaking to their students.

On 11/9/22 I gave my Liberty presentation to our monthly meeting. These presentations can be seen on line at www.fc-oc.org.

On Monday 11/14/22 I addressed 4 classes at Costa Mesa Middle School. Being 8th graders the responses are mixed. I had one class that asked lots of questions and one that asked none. The classes were 40 minutes long so I had to cut down my presentations and I had one class that had no time for questions. It so happens that the teacher is a neighbor of mine.





#### History

The radio signal was weak and sounded like static. But John Lipscomb, a 19-year-old radioman on the USS Saratoga, somewhere in the Mediterranean Sea, thought he could hear a pattern hidden in the noise. He managed to tune it in and made out a panicked voice, speaking over a backdrop of gunfire and explosions.

Any station this net, any station this net. This is Rockstar. We are under attack.

It was June 8, 1967, during the Six-Day War between Israel and three Arab states. Rockstar was the call sign for the USS Liberty, an American spy ship in international waters near the Gaza Strip.

It was in deep trouble: Thirty-four men were killed and another 171 were wounded as the Liberty was struck by Israeli fighter planes and torpedo boats.

With minutes, the aircraft carrier Saratoga, far from its home at Mayport, quickly launched attack planes, headed to the slaughter.

#### A SAD END

This week, Lipscomb returned to Mayport Naval Station, driving a truck pulling a trailer that carried most of what little remains of the venerable Saratoga: A 3-foot-by-16-foot section of steel, 5/8 of an inch thick, newly repainted battleship gray.

On it, raised black letters, a foot high, spell out the name, eight letters long. It was once on the ship's stern, and right between the R and the A there's still one rung from a ladder that ran up the ship.

The aircraft carrier was sold in 2014 for a penny and sent to Texas to be scrapped. It was a sad, inevitable end for the proud vessel which, after its decommissioning in 1994 and a failed attempt to convert it into a Jacksonville museum, spent almost two decades at a Rhode Island dock, getting increasingly dilapidated.

That's heartbreaking to many of those who served aboard. Lipscomb and the USS Saratoga Association, a group of veterans of the ship, felt they had to do something to save what they could of the Saratoga.

So he and one-time fellow radioman T.C. Chastain, drove to Brownsville, Texas, in 2017 and picked up the ship's nameplate — in bad shape after years of neglect — and brought it back to Lipscomb's home in north Georgia. Many people helped: The salvage company sold it for a penny, and in Georgia businesses worked without charge to restore it.

Early Thursday, a cold and sunny morning, they delivered the nameplate to its new/old home at Mayport, which just seemed fitting to the two men, each now 72 years old: After all, Mayport was home port for the Saratoga its entire career, from 1957 to 1994, and many thousands of sailors served there upon it, 5,000 at a time.

Out on Charlie Pier, a small crowd gathered as Lipscomb gave a speech on the Saratoga's storied past — Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam War, Libya, Desert Storm and other duties — and how the nameplate ended up back home.

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# History (contd.)

He was followed by base commanding officer David Yoder, who said plans for displaying the nameplate haven't been made final. But he pledged that the relic from the "iconic" ship would one day be displayed properly there so sailors, many of them not born when the Saratoga left Mayport, would know of its presence, its history.

"Naval Station Mayport is going to take care of her, like we always did, when she was in service," Yoder said.

#### **FINAL HOMECOMING**

Before coming to Mayport, over the phone from his home in the countryside northeast of Atlanta, Lipscomb talked about his days on the Saratoga.

He told of the attack on the Liberty: He was just a teenager when he received the call, and he was "scared to death" when he realized what it meant. The Saratoga's planes were quickly recalled to the ship after Israel apologized for the attack; it was labeled a mistake, though much skepticism remains about the official explanations for the attack.

He told of how it was like a family on board the ship, which the crew inevitably called "The Sara." You work and live and eat with your shipmates, month after month, and you get get close. And you often stay close, for the rest of your lives.

And he told of the homecomings, the bands and the crowds of thousands of people there to greet the ship. "Jacksonville and Mayport always gave us a good homecoming," Lipscomb said. "I feel like this is the final homecoming of the Saratoga. This is all that's left of the Saratoga."

Thursday morning he drove the nameplate in through the back gate at Mayport and waited out on Charlie Pier while workers put it on a forklift and carefully cut off its protective plastic wrap.

Lipscomb, who was aboard the ship from 1966 to 1968, was joined there by Chastain (1965-1969) of Ringo, Ga., who drove to Mayport with him, and Skip Burnham (1967-1971), who flew in from Dayton, Ohio. They told yarns and made old-man jokes as they waited for the brief speeches to start.

Chastain chuckled while marveling at the changes at the old base since he'd been a teenager there. "That's not a Navy base! That's a country club. Brand-new world, brand-new Navy."

He got serious though when he told about the Sara and what this trip means to him. "We brought her home, to her final resting place," he said.

Chastain admitted that he's cried some over what's become of the Sara, and he's not alone in that. "My dad said, 'Men don't cry.' Well, old men do."

After the speeches were over, in front of that hunk of steel with his old ship's name there in proud, big letters, he admitted that he had teared up again, just a bit.

"I did. Could you tell? It happens."

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# Quotes by Contemporary Experts on the USS Liberty

- Dwight Porter, former US Ambassador to Lebanon:
   "'It's an American ship!' the pilot of an Israeli Mirage fighter-bomber radioed Tel Aviv as he sighted the USS Liberty on June 8, 1967. Israeli headquarters ordered the pilot to attack the American ship." former US Ambassador to Lebanon Dwight Porter describing transcripts of communications he saw, reported in syndicated column "Remembering the Liberty" by Rowland Evans and Robert Novak, November 6, 1991.
- David G. Nes, the deputy head of the American mission in Cairo at the time:
   "I don't think that there's any doubt that it was deliberate.... [It is] one of the great cover-ups of our military history."
- George Christian, Press Secretary to President Lyndon Johnson:
   "No one in the White House believed that the attack was an accident." —in letter to James Ennes, 1978.
- John Stenbit, Assistant Secretary of Defense for C3I:
   "The Israelis told us 24 hours before that ...if we didn't move it, they would sink it. Unfortunately, the ship was not moved, and by the time the message arrived the ship was taking on water." —in an address to the AFEI/NDAI Conference for Net Centric Operations, Wednesday, April 16, 2003

SOURCE: https://www.honorlibertyvets.org/experts.html#.Yz\_pUT3MLX4

#### **Submission from Ron Kukal**

Sometime later this year, my good friend and hometown gal, will be writing a new full length play about the Liberty. It will be named, Enemies Within. Her one act play that was done in 2015 at Chadron State College really got a huge ovation, as I was there that night. One person on the judges panel thought it was antisemitic thus knocking the play into second place, and consequently the play never got to the state contests. If the judging had been fair of this high school endeavor it would have gone to state, but as you know, one person with very little insight will do something like this. There is a huge interest from several of the web sites I belong to. One of them being Spooks CT's. The theater is small and will be the first venue, and I am sure we can fill it, just by the numbers I have seen so far. The venue is an old opera house, recognized by the State of Nebraska as such. I am guessing the opera house will only hold around 200 people, but if we fill it, it can be done several times, and there are other venues that we are looking at. Thanks to the generosity of John Paul Jones, this play can now become a reality. With the interest I have seen it certainly could be the core of something big.

Ron Kukal

Chaplain Liberty Veterans Association.

# The History of Enemies Within - from Ernie Gallo

Over Ten years ago, Australian Clint Burnette came across the USS Liberty story and decided to write a screen play. While he intended to capture details of the attack, Clint also wanted to focus on how three everyday American teenagers wound up enlisting in the Navy and assigned to the USS Liberty. So, he contacted Phil Tourney, Ron Kukal, and myself to obtain our personal stories.

Therefore, over a period of a couple of years, Clint asked us to described details of our high school years so that he could build an accurate story around those events. In addition, we then provided Clint with details of our duties and life onboard the ship to eventually create a true story about the attack. The process was long and exacting as Clint painstakingly ensured his created scenes were as accurate as possible. Emails between Mr. Burnette and us were numerous as we went back and forth making whatever changes needed. Our expectations were completely satisfied.

Unfortunately, when the movie was completed, Mr. Burnette realized it was too long for the standard movie and the drama of our teenage years would have to go. The focus of the movie had to be on the attack itself. If the future is good to us in obtaining movie adulates, and the media is looking to make Enemies Within a weekly series, Clint can dust off the teenage years to be incorporated once again. And if funding is ever acquired, the professionals that have reviewed Enemies Within have already indicated that the movie will be exceptional. Originally, I wanted Dom Delowese to play me.

The reason I put together these paragraphs was to introduce you to the following attachment, so in case you were not aware of the Enemies Within Screen play script and to introduce you to the author Mr. Clint Burnette. The attachment is his email to a couple of supporters.

Enjoy, Ernie Gallo

#### Birth of Enemies Within

In 2009 five friends had bought a five bedroom two bathroom house what real estate agents consider having "ideal" prospects for renovation. One friend who I'll name as "J" for privacy reasons, was aware of my past life as a photographer, in fact a forensic photographer. A forensic photographer sees life in a very different way to the average photographer picking up details that can easily be missed.

Being experienced in a variety of film types and supporting filters and lenses, including color and black and white infrared and ultraviolet Films ranged from 25 ISO to 3,200 ISO (from standard to the most sensitive high speed films) and high speed electronic flash to capture every subtlety of this property both in film grain and light and shadow. I used both color transparency and black and white negative film for the highest quality results.

To hire a photographer of this caliber would cost thousands of dollars, but I did it as a freebee because it was something I loved doing. Although the renovators did pay for the film and processing.

On seeing the property it didn't look too inviting. The Munster's mansion had better appeal. However, rather than dismiss it I looked around the exterior to determine the state of the properly. I photographed a spooky looking empty lot next door in black and white infrared to "discover" earth-bound ghosts.

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# Birth of Enemies Within (contd.)

There were none. I then inspected every room and interior structure to find them quite sound which was confirmed by a structural engineer. I took a series of before photographs from every possible angle under every possible lighting condition. This included natural lightning that comes through windows and doorways as well as studio lighting flood lamps, spotlights, fill-ins and reflector boards, etc.

The place was then tidied up with an industrial vacuum cleaner which included clearing away years of spider webs and sucking up the usual collection of house and garden spiders. All the rooms were cleared except one. There was a cupboard that looked like a healthy sneeze would have brought it falling down. It had a lean and the doors were clearly jammed. The locks had dirt and corrosion which looked centuries old. I photographed this wonderful structure and had it appraised.

While the house was about 60 years old this cupboard was 20 years old, but there was something intriguing about it. We managed to get it open and the heavily thick spider web inside seemed to be holding it all together. Out with the vacuum cleaner to find the only object in the cupboard was a sealed fruit crate. We took the crate out which was quite heavy. We thought there might be some treasure in it considering it was nailed down tight.

With the use of claw-hammers and crowbars we got the crate open. It was filled with old newspapers, some books, and old sepia photos from a by-gone era. As the crate was emptied I photographed the contents. "J" picked up a newspaper from the pile and started browsing through it. The newspaper had suffered from the elements and cockroaches. How they got in no one knows but they didn't live long.

The newspaper was dated 1969. It had the usual news, crossword puzzles, sports pages, advertising, financial, etc. It was 40 years old and looked like it. An article grabbed "J's" attention like a bolt out of Heaven and drew my attention to it There was a column related to the USS Liberty. No picture, just a brief story. "J" told me it'd be of interest to me. "Why?" I wondered. "Because you're a Yank". I smiled, taking no offense. I told "J" my great grandfather was a Confederate Officer and a god-fearing

Southerner from Mississippi. No, he didn't have slaves. Before the so-called Civil War he was a toy maker who repaired broken toys for children and never charged their parents anyfee whatsoever.

I tried to ignore this newspaper article but it kept playing on my mind. I wondered, why would this be in an Australian newspaper. The only overseas news we were receiving was mainly about the Vietnam War, and a local government slogan 'All the way with LBJ', and music sensations The Beatles, Simon and Garfunkel, Glen Campbell and The Monkees. Nothing really special to consider news. But this news on the USS Liberty just stayed in my mind. The group decided the crate and its contents were really worthless. Every newspaper for over 100 years is in the State Library archives. This particular newspaper I took rather than throw it into the heap as trash.

After the place was thoroughly cleaned I again photographed it. With my work completed the USS Liberty was still playing on my mind. It was late 2009 and I started searching the internet for everything I could find about the USS Liberty. I couldn't find a Jot but I kept digging and searching and turned up the Liberty Veterans Association. There I found an e-mail address that gave me access to the right people.

Soon what was to become Enemies Within was established and, as they say, the rest is history with unrelenting research and back and forth with three of the most significant players in this horrific account of premeditated murder for criminal and political gain. Those three men, all Petty Officers aboard the USS Liberty, are Phillip Tourney, Ronald Kukal and Ernest Gallo.

They put themselves in harm's way as loyal Americans proudly serving the United States Navy and the United States of America to carry out their duties in the most commendable and selfless ways. These men I regard with the highest respect, men I consider as trusted friends, and true patriots who were prepared to sacrifice their lives if need be to help others not able to help themselves because of serious injury.

These are the kind of men with the courage and backbone who can make America great again just by being themselves as proud and patriotic Americans.

#### **Submission from Ron Kukal**



June 8, 1989

To whom it may concern:

It has been my pleasure to serve with Ronald Kukal as a fellow shipmate of our Navy family.

His work on behalf of the U.S.S. Liberty Veterans Association and their families has been in the proudest tradition of our Navy.

With 36 years of Navy service and as the Deputy Counsellor to President Ronald Reagan, I have had the opportunity to evaluate many men. Ronald Kukal has been among the best I have known and worked with. In the Navy we rate the best at 4.0, Ron has earned and deserves a super 4.0.

His dedication to family, country and the Navy is beyond reproach. He is a man of high honesty, respected and beloved by all who have the good fortune to call him "friend".

I would be proud to serve with him anywhere at any time.

Most respectfully,

Robert M. Garrick

Rear Admiral USNR (Ret.)

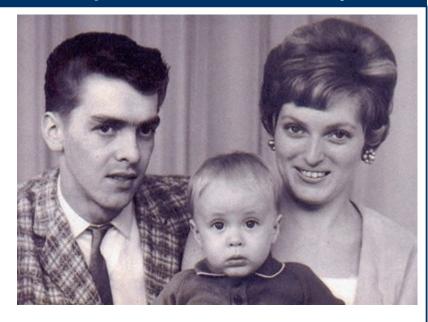
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# Remembering CT2 Ronnie Campbell, KIA, USS Liberty

CT2 Ronnie Campbell November 4, 1942 – June 8, 1967

Eulogy by his daughter Deborah:

Who was Ronnie Campbell? That is what my Uncle Mike told me to find out. "Just the basic information", he said. His date of birth, where he grew up, his parents' names, etc. Sounds like an easy enough task, doesn't it? After all, this was the man that brought me life. But, that question, "Who was Ronnie Campbell?," has always been a mystery to me. I never had the opportunity to know this man, never gazed up into his kind loving eyes, never heard the gentleness of his voice as he told me he loved me, and never felt the warmth of his arms as he held me. Sometimes we are dealt a hand of



cards that we will never understand. I was born 5 1/2 months after my father was killed on the USS Liberty. I am now 36 years old and just beginning to find out what happened on that day in June of 1967. I am very saddened and disturbed by what I've read so far. Instead of bringing answers for me, my search has only brought more questions.

I've only heard bits and pieces about my father throughout my life. I've heard he was a very gentle and caring man—one that would open his home to anyone who needed a warm place to stay. I've heard he loved God and lived his life in a way that showed that. He had a great imagination, and as he was growing up my Granny (his mom) would see him outside, by himself, for hours on end, playing cowboys and Indians, having a grand ol time. I've met some of those who knew him growing up, and to this day they are still overtaken by sorrow as they try to talk to me about him. He was a good-looking man, and from what I've heard had no problems in the dating department during his school days.

I don't know how he and my mom met—she doesn't talk much about him. I imagine it brings up a lot of pain for her. But, from what I understand, they were very much in love. My brother was born in Scotland in 1964. He is the spittin' image of my father! He doesn't remember much, if anything, about him either, as he was just short of 3 when Ronnie was killed. I can't imagine the grief, fear and anger my mom must have had as a young widowed mother with a baby on the way in 1967. So many lives were turned upside down that day. Thirty-four families ripped apart and countless others shaken to their core.

One day, when my life on this earth is done, I will meet this man who has been such a mystery to me. I have so much to tell him about my life. So much he missed out on. So much we missed out on.

Thank you for this opportunity to pay tribute to my father.

Written By Deborah Casswell (Campbell) Wednesday, January 21, 2004

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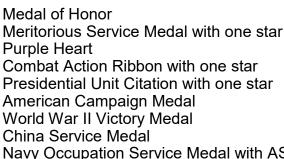
# Captain McGonagle Honored at Ceremony in California

Submitted by Donald Pageler:

I bought a flag in honor of Captain McGonagle. Picture of me holding flag dedication info which had his Medal of Honor cert on one side and what I wrote on the other side. What I wrote I basically below.

I bought a flag to honor Captain McGonagle. Beow is what I turned in to go with flag.

USS Liberty was attacked by Israeli Air and Naval Forces on June 8, 1967 while sailing on an assigned mission in international waters of the Medateraanian Sea. 70% of the crew were Killed or wounded. Captain McGonagle received the Medal of Honor. The crew is the most decorated ship for a single action in the US Navy. Medal of Honor, 2 Navy Crosses, 38 Silver & Bronze Stars, 208 Purple Hearts.



Navy Occupation Service Medal with ASIA Clasp National Defense Service Medal with one star

Korean Service Medal with six stars Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal Vietnam Service Medal with one star Presidential Unit Citation (Korea) United Nations Korea Medal Vietnam Campaign Medal Korean War Service Medal Command at Sea insignia

Captain McGonagle graduated from Coachella Valley High School, USC, and retired in Palm Springs. He died of cancer on March 3, 1999.

My Captain was a fine man. I miss him.

Don





# 56th Anniversary USS Liberty 2023 Reunion

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