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Letter from the Editor

William Graves, Editor

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Dear Veterans and LVA Members,

It has been a busy year for the Liberty Veterans Association and for all of us here at *Liberty News*. As the board works to find new and better ways to keep our members updated about all the efforts that are going on across the country to tell the important story of the *Liberty* and the events that took place in June of 1967, we appreciate your continued support more than you know.

One key change you should be aware of is that I have taken on an interim role of Editor here at *Liberty News*. I have been operating behind the scenes for the past six years or so, putting these newsletters together every few months. And at the board's request, I will also be acting as Editor for the unforeseeable future. I first became aware of the Liberty story in 2008, when I came under the employment of crew-member and prior board member Moe Shafer. While I could never understand the gravity of the events that took place that day in 1967 like you all undoubtedly can, I respect the critical nature of the work being done by the LVA and am excited to lend a greater degree of support to the Association. To the acting board, thank you for your trust. And to all members, thank you for your continued support of the Liberty Veterans Association.

Sincerely,
William Graves

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Letter from the President

The USS Liberty Board of Directors wish “all the very very best” for the Holiday Season to our crew and our supporters. We hope your Christmas is safe and full of love. May God bless you and yours with good health and good spirit.

We are now looking to the new year and hoping it brings us closer to our mission of getting the truth of the Israeli attack to the American public. As stated in the past, more and more folks know about our story and we will continue to hack away at it. We will continue to fight on because our story and plight is so important to America. Let me explain. A couple of years ago, Phillip Nelson investigated the attack and came to the conclusion that President Lyndon Johnson colluded with the Israelis to sink the USS Liberty. His book, “Remember the Liberty” provides the convincing details. Now, another author, Joan Mellen, also studied and investigated the attack, and independently of Nelson, came to the same conclusion. Her book, “Blood in the Water” also describes in supported detail what happened. Her book will be published in early December and you can pre-order the book from Amazon.com. I am now convinced in my mind that the LBJ collusion with the Israelis is the only way all the puzzle pieces fit. These two books are very important events. Read both books!!

With the above in mind, analysis of the event opens up a new and alarming consideration. The Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) is the document for our military to abide by as it defines what is a good and legal order. In order for LBJ to accomplish the sinking of the Liberty, Admirals McCane, Martain, and Kidd had to know that LBJ's order countered the UCMJ and they should have refused the order. This consideration then identifies that there is nothing to protect the Admirals from a President like LBJ from firing them and nothing to protect their military careers if they objected. Therefore, it could happen again. Can you appreciate their dilemma? The UCMJ should have protected the Liberty crew from this mad man and the Admirals should have refused the order. LBJ's order was an out and out illegal order. Consider that Admiral Geis on the USS America risked it all to challenge the LBJ order not to send aircraft to us, but then ordered two destroyers to come to our aid nevertheless.

We also know that the Navy Court of Inquiry was bogus. Despite evidence to the contrary and against the UCMJ, Rear Admiral Isaac Kidd and Captain Ward Boston were given instructions to conclude the attack was accidental from LBJ. Obviously this was an orchestrated deceitful event to prevent the American public from knowing the truth and the subsequent gag order to prevent the crew from countering it. This brings me to the following point. America now guarantees Israel's security which means we will provide our sons and daughters to fight for them. Starting with LBJ and the USS Liberty attack, the US Government/Israeli relationship to the American public is based on fraud, lies, deceit, and fabrication.

On another subject, I must also pass on the fact that the USS Liberty Veterans Association has recently gone through some tumultuous times. I hope and pray it is now behind us and we can look to a better future.

I also need to inform you of the passing of Doctor George Wagoner of Manistee, MI. He was a super Liberty supporter and a dear and close friend of Ted Arens. During Commander Wagoner's tenure in the Navy's Medical Corps, he was the Senior Medical Officer on the USS Yorktown (famed Air Craft Carrier). He remained a dedicated Doctor retiring as Chief of Surgery, Mercy Hospital. I personally met Geroge a couple of times of which I remember his warm and pleasant personality.

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 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.

Washington Report

This is an article written by Delinda Hanley regarding our June 8, 2018 Washington, DC Memorial Service:



USS Liberty survivors, friends and family members honor the 34 shipmates killed in Israel's 1967 attack.

Marking the 51-Year Cover-Up of Israel's Attack on USS Liberty

The USS *Liberty* Veterans Association and the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, DC co-hosted the 2018 annual memorial service to honor 34 shipmates killed in action in Israel's June 8, 1967 attack on their ship. Few Americans know about the Israeli assault on a lightly armed U.S. naval intelligence ship in full daylight in international waters. Ray McGovern, who served as a CIA analyst for 27 years and who was "on duty" during the attack on the *Liberty*, addressed the crowd on Memorial Plaza, including office workers and tourists eating lunch. McGovern described how Israeli warplanes dropped napalm and fired 30mm cannon and rockets into the ship before sending torpedo boats to try to sink the vessel and machine-gun three of the *Liberty's* life rafts. "Intercepted Israeli communications show beyond doubt it was no mistake," McGovern said.

While tending to 171 wounded men, including Captain William McGonagle, the crew waited for assistance from U.S. warplanes that never came. When Sixth Fleet Carrier Division Commander Rear Admiral Lawrence Geis protested the order to recall U.S. warplanes sent to help the *Liberty*, then-Defense Secretary Robert McNamara told him, "President Johnson is not going to war or embarrass an American ally over a few sailors."

The late Admiral Thomas Moorer, who interviewed the commanders of both U.S. aircraft carriers *America* and *Saratoga*, confirmed that McNamara ordered their aircraft back to their carriers. Moorer called it "the most disgraceful act I witnessed in my entire military career."

Somehow the torpedoed American ship

impinged to Malta, where the U.S. Navy threatened to court martial and imprison any survivor who discussed the attack. According to USS *Liberty* survivor John Hrankowski, who died in 2011, it was their own government's decades-long cover-up—which continues to this day—that has caused PTSD and disappointment for the most decorated crew since World War II.

—Delinda C. Hanley

VFW National Convention - by Larry Bowen

This July Bryce Lockwood, Larry Bowen and Ernie Gallo attended the VFW National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. We had an opportunity to talk with many veterans who had little to no knowledge of the USS Liberty incident, but all were very supportive upon hearing our story. One of our principle goals in attending these affairs is to get the Truth out and to generate support in hopes of getting recognition for our fallen shipmates and getting that Congressional investigation started.

Larry was able to make contact with veterans in all 50 states who agreed to take a copy of the Liberty Resolution and deliver it to their respective state representative upon receipt. Once Larry returned from the convention he made state specific resolutions for every state so that these veterans only had to deliver them to a representative. Again, our hope is that once these resolutions are in the hands of the representative that they will take the next step to introduce them to a congressional committee. (See attached sample resolution)

If anyone would like me to send them a copy of a resolution for their state please just send me your email address and I'll be happy to forward you a resolution.



Joe Meadors 2018 Flotilla Report

Note: This Flotilla which was made up of several boats headed for the Gaza strip with medicine. In the past, the Israeli intercepted the boats and arrested the participants. In the previous flotilla 10 participants were killed.

Now for Joe: We were stopped 42 miles from Gaza. About 6 hours away from success.

We left Palermo on 7/23 and anticipated arriving in Gaza on 7/29. Our track took us through the Straits of Messina, south of Crete and south to just outside Egyptian territorial waters. The thought was to sail near the Suez Canal where there was an abundance of shipping traffic which would prevent the Israelis from jamming our radios.

About 2pm on the 29th we noticed a ship on the horizon following us. We were confident it was Israeli.

I quickly went below and changed into my USS Liberty T-shirt. That's the one that protects me from Israeli bullets.

The Israelis went up against a 64-foot converted Swedish fishing boat that had been saved from the scrap yard and could only make about 9 knots without the engine blowing up with six warships and 4 zodiacs.

They obviously knew they were doing something wrong because the pirates that boarded us had a mask covering the lower part of their face and wore very dark sunglasses to make it difficult to see their eyes.

About 7 hours later we arrived in Ashdod. For the last 30 minutes of the trip we were shouting "Free, Free Palestine" at the top of our lungs. Strangely, none of the pirates tried to stop us.

Then came their "immigration" process. About 100 Israelis in uniform. Each thinking he's the boss and nobody knowing what he was doing. Just a bunch of jerks yelling and screaming. I ignored them.

Two "doctors" and three strip searches later we were herded into some paddy wagons and driven off to Givon prison. Prison food isn't all that it's cracked up to be. Unless, of course, you like shredded carrots, watered down powdered potatoes and green peppers.

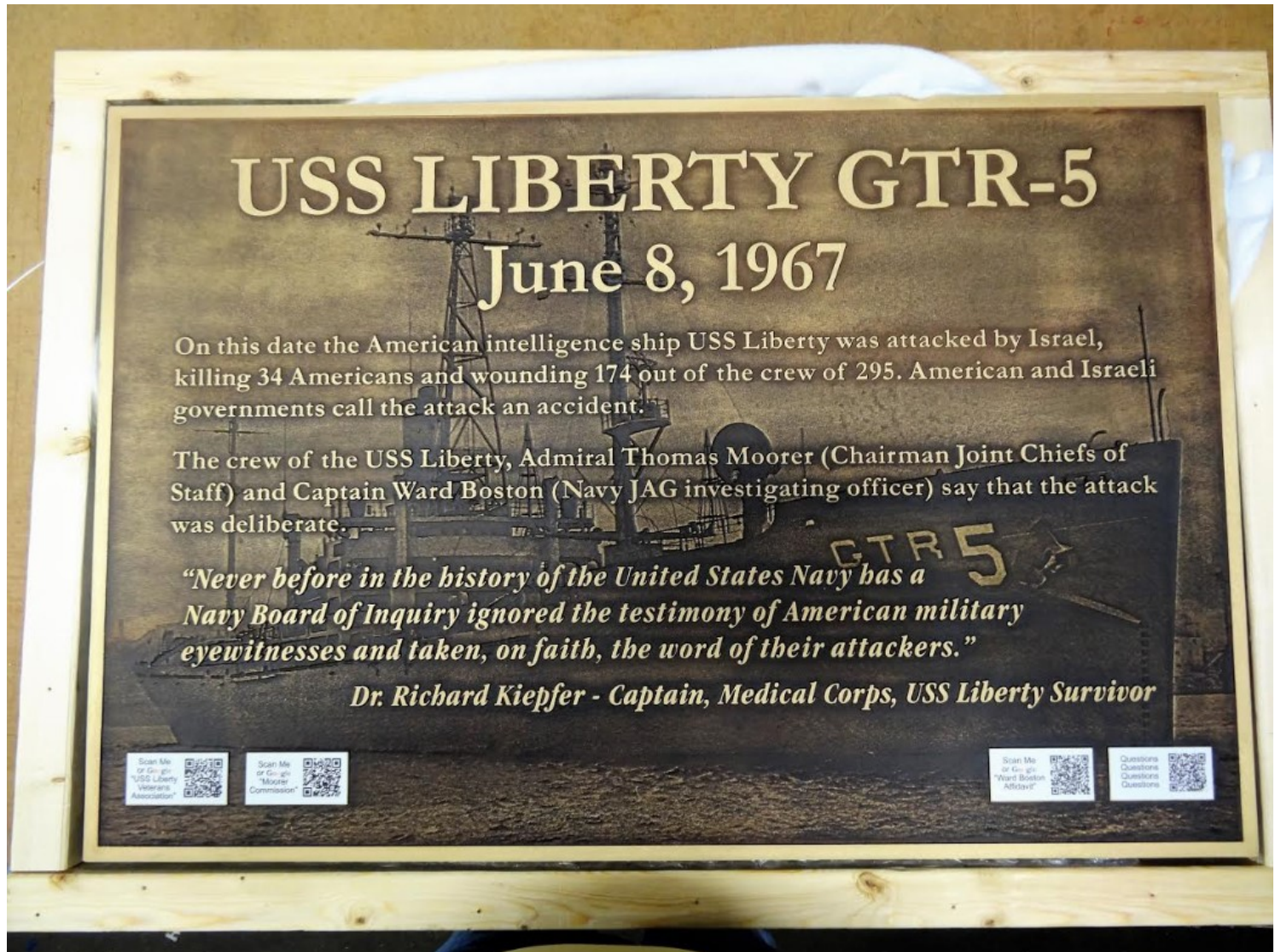
Two days later I found myself on an EL AL flight from Ben Gurion airport to Miami and then on to Dallas and Corpus Christi on United.

If you want to read more, Google "swee freedom flotilla". Swee is a British doctor who has done a lot of work with the Palestinians. See <http://bit.ly/2M4T4CG>.

I've got my name on the list for the next Flotilla. Anyone else?

Warmest regards,
Joe

Available USS Liberty Plaque



Our supporter, Ted Arens, has graciously offered to give someone the 24" X 36" bronze plaque. Ted's only criteria is that it be installed in a very public place.

Please contact Ernie Gallo if you are interested.

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Don Pageler Presentation

On September 12, 2018 I was asked to give my Liberty presentation to the chief selectees at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station Chief's Mess. I am a member of the Grandpa Pettibone Squadron of the Association of Naval Aviation. We give Sailor of the Quarter Awards to the sailors at the weapons station. The Command Master Chief (Kirby Lee) has asked me to give my presentation for 3 years in a row. Since my shipmate (Al Easton) is a retired Chief he has accompanied me. Picture attached.

I then attended the USS Pueblo 50 year reunion in Pueblo, CO September 18 through 21. I have a friend (Jim Kell) who was a Chief when they were Captured. The city of Pueblo has done right by the crew. It was good to hear the college kids ask questions about their experiences. City Hall has a painting of the ship hanging in its hall. I was introduced at the banquet as attending from the USS Liberty. Admiral Sam Cox, Director of the Naval History and Heritage Command, was the speaker the night. Picture of crew at banquet attached.

I then headed for Kansas where I grew up to visit family, friends, high school classmates, and establish a scholarship in Eva a my name for the USS Liberty at the University of Kansas where I graduated fro the Business School after the Navy. Copy of the scholarship attached. I also a Veterans memorial in my hoe town of Wamego, KS where my cousin (Ken Breymeyer) place a brick for myself and the Liberty. Picture attached.



Glenn Oliphant Presentation

RAAC celebrates second Veterans Day program with Red Bull sax ensemble

By Kara Hildreth on Nov 5, 2018 at 5:00 a.m.

ROSEMOUNT — Celebrate the service and sacrifice of local men and women who served the United States during the second annual Rosemount Veterans Day concert at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the Steeple Center, 14375 S. Robert Trail.

The five-piece Red Bull saxophone ensemble will feature classical, ceremonial and chamber music. The group will share musical talents in a patriotic concert performance to honor freedoms in this country and years of service and sacrifice from local veterans.

The keynote speaker is Glenn Oliphant, who served in the U.S. Navy from 1965-69. He worked as an electronics technician on ships with radio transmitters and receivers.

"I will show slides of the USS Liberty, both before and after the attack, and talk about what has happened to the Middle East as a result of the attack on the Liberty," Oliphant said.

Oliphant's first service after technician training was to work aboard the USS Liberty, an American spy ship. During his last tour aboard, the Liberty was attacked by Israeli defense forces and 34 shipmates were killed, along with 170 who were wounded, Oliphant said.

As a member of the USS Liberty Veterans Association, a group of former Liberty veterans, Oliphant said the group works tirelessly to tell the American people the truth of what happened that day.

"I will discuss other events that have lead to the U.S. losing respect around the world," Oliphant said.

The second annual Veterans Day program will be a production of Rosemount Area Arts Council. "His presentation will talk about how soldiers are put in harm's way only for the benefit of people who desire the power and greed that comes with war," said John Loch with Rosemount Area Arts Council.

Closing ceremony patriotic songs and music will be provided by the musicians in the 34th Infantry Division "Red Bull" Band.

For more information, visit www.rosemountarts.com.

David "Dave" George Lucas, Obituary

MARCH 18, 1942 – OCTOBER 15, 2018

David G. "Dave" Lucas, age 76, of Ocean Isle Beach, NC died Monday October 15, 2018 at his residence of Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

He was born in Martinsburg, WV and was raised in Shepherdstown, WV, the son of the late S. Brooks Lucas and Nancy Small Lucas. He attended Shepherdstown Elementary and High Schools, graduating in 1960. He received a BS degree in Journalism with a major in Advertising from West Virginia University in 1964.



After working several years for Caterpillar Tractor Company in Peoria IL, he received his commission from the Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI, as an Ensign. While serving aboard the USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5) he received a Silver Star for bravery and a Purple Heart for injuries obtained during the controversial and still not fully explained June 8, 1967, attack on the LIBERTY by Israeli Forces in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea. After his three and half years of active duty, he worked for an advertising agency in Norfolk, VA and the Caterpillar dealer, Carter Machinery Company in Roanoke, VA. He was co-founder and part owner of a real estate firm in Virginia Beach, VA, and then managed a sales territory and sold electronic scales to heavy industrial users, such as steel mills and foundries for a company based in Cumberland, MD. He then moved to Severna Park, MD, and sold polymer based repair products and coatings for almost 20 years. Dave obtained his Maryland residential real estate appraiser license and worked for a Maryland firm for over six years, obtaining additional licenses to appraise in Virginia, the District of Columbia and West Virginia. He formed his own appraisal firm in 2008 and retired in April of 2015 when he moved from Maryland to North Carolina. Dave enjoyed gardening, reading and music, especially 1950's rock and roll.

Dave is survived by his wife of 20 years, Patricia A. Lucas of the home; two daughters, Tracy L. Macpherson and her husband, Doug of Severna Park, MD and Jennifer L. Lucas of Lawrenceville, GA; and her two sons, Charlie and Conner Phillips; he is also survived by two step-daughters, Debbi L. Murray and her husband, Stephen Yeager of Seattle, WA and Krista K. Johnston of Fishersville, VA and her two children, Nathan and Kendra; a brother, John T. Lucas and his wife, Judy of Martinsburg, WV.

A celebration of his life will be held at The View at Brick Landing, 1882 Goose Creek Road, SW Ocean Isle Beach from two to four o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday October 28, 2018.

On Line condolences may be sent to: www.shallottefunerals.com

Remembrance donations may be made to the Shepherdstown High School Alumni Association or the Shepherdstown Volunteer Fire Department or to Shallotte Point Volunteer Fire Department.

A service of White Funeral and Cremation Service Shallotte Chapel 3360 Express Drive Shallotte, NC 28470, 910-754-3333.



Harry A. Sasso, Obituary

JUNE 20, 1945 - JUNE 30, 2018 (AGE 73)

Wolcott – Harry A. Sasso, 73, passed away on June 30, 2018, at Abbott Terrace.

Harry Sasso and his friend Michael Pattno served on the USS Liberty prior to the attack. I have included the obituary in case you also served with them.

Hi Ernie: I was leafing through my current copy of Naval Cryptologic Veterans Association, and came across a brief mention of the death of crew member, Harry Sasso. He ws a CT R brancher and bunked near me in the CT berthing spaces as well as worked in the same division . Harry was a hell of a nice guy and I thought it appropriate for a notice to be placed in the next issue of USS LIBERTY NEWSLETTER.

Harry A. Sasso

WOLCOTT – Harry A. Sasso, 73, passed away on June 30, 2018, at Abbott Terrace.

Harry was born in Waterbury on June 20, 1945, to the late Harry J. Sasso and Virginia (Bozzuto) Sasso. He was raised in Wolcott, where he attended local schools and graduated from Central Connecticut State University. He served honorably in the U.S. Navy.

Harry would often be seen driving through Wolcott going to cruise nights in his '63 split window Corvette. He enjoyed playing cards, was an avid gun enthusiast and Yankees fan.

He was a member of Bristol Fish & Game and worked for many years in security.

Harry is survived by his sister, Judith S. Benson and her husband Joel, of Florida; his three nephews, Joel, Gary, and Keith Benson and his wife Elizabeth; a great-niece, Sophia; and a great-nephew, James.

Services for Harry will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Harry's name to the American Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 26 Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10004.

To leave notes of comfort for his family, visit Harry's tribute page at:
<https://www.woodtickmemorial.com/tributes/Harry-Sasso>

USS Liberty Artifacts on Display - From Marie Ward

Hello - thought the LVA News might like a few pictures from our Tioga County Historical Society/Museum Exhibit in Owego, NY - "Two Centuries of Serving Our Country" - It is an exhibit of US Military Uniforms and related artifacts from our areas local veterans. Revolutionary War to Modern Warfare (Iran/Afgan...) www.tiogahistory.org or they have a facebook page. IF ANY OF THE CREW are thru the Southern Tier of New York (Owego is off Route 17 / 186 between Binghamton and Elmira (Rocky Sturman? area). The exhibit ends September 29th. Museum hours Tues-Sat 10-4 - groups by appointment.

In the middle of the "Vietnam Era" we have "Mid-East Six Day War" represented with my brother Joe Ward (USS Liberty Survivor) uniform - with his biography including the attack.

ALSO, there is a whole display case dedicated to the USS Liberty. In that case, besides Joe's artifacts - are those loaned by survivor Bob Vandeventer of a village just north of Owego (Newark Valley) - he has loaned us his Purple Heart as well as scrapbook & books on USS Liberty for the case..

I have attached some of the photos taken at the museum. IF you'd like a few more, let me know & will forward to you. Positive feedback by our Museum visitors - some whom never heard of the attack.



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, Mr. James Ennes, Jr. SEND ORDER TO: Jim Ennes, PO Box 789, Woodinville, WA 98072 \$30.00
- 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 member Lt. John Scott, . . . \$25.00
- REMEMBER THE LIBERTY Almost Sunk by Treason on the High Seas** \$20.00
By Phillip F. Nelson with Ernie A. Gallo, Ronald G. KuKal and Phillip F. Tournay
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2019 Dues Reminder - A Note from the Director of Finance

Dear LVA Members & Supporters

It is that time of year again that we have to ask you to pay your annual membership dues of \$20.00. This is very much needed and critical to the continued success of our organization. The dues are used for all operational cost, newsletters, trade shows, memorials for our fallen shipmates, etc. etc.

Also we ask that you consider, throughout the year, digging in and sending us Tax Deductible donations to help us continue our objectives for the truth. Our costs continue to escalate with travel for VFW Show, American Legion show, plus other events we attend. This is usually two or more shipmates, to include Air/Hotel/Food/Parking/etc. Many of you have been very generous with your donations and we are deeply grateful. We hope to hear from all of you in the very near future. The Survivors of the USS Liberty truly appreciate your support.

Please send dues and donations to:

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