

Remember the Liberty!

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Some of the survivors of the attack

by Kevin Alfred Strom

TODAY is the 51st anniversary of the **murder and maiming by the Jewish state of Israel of 205 American sailors on**

board the USS Liberty, a US Navy radio intelligence monitoring ship in the eastern Mediterranean. The goal of the Jews was to kill every American on board and then blame the attack on Egypt — following, in an egregiously malicious way, the same Jewish pattern we see today of fabricating atrocity stories — or falsely blaming *real* atrocities on Israel's enemies — to trick naïve Americans into fighting the Jews' wars for them.

Let's begin with the basic facts of the case as presented on *American Dissident Voices* just before the 30th anniversary of the attack — as written and delivered by National Alliance founder Dr. William Pierce. There is no better — or more honest — summary of the facts. I have updated the text where necessary to account for the passage of time.

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7. In 1967, there was an effort by patriots to institute a national memorial to the U.S.S. *Liberty*, but the federal government said no. *National Vanguard* writer David Stern tells us "I was personally told that the 'custom was' to recognize a significant event of this kind on the 50th anniversary — not the 30th!" In the 50th anniversary year of the attack, 2017, President Trump made no fewer than three major speeches at "Holocaust memorial" events and declared the entire month of May to be "Jewish-American Heritage Month" but made no move to memorialize the Americans aboard the *Liberty* who were murdered by the Jewish state.

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The Israelis finally decided to get rid of this threat to the secrecy of their military operations. At 2:00 PM several Israeli jet fighters streaked out from the coast and without warning began raking the *Liberty* from stem to stern with rockets, 30-mm cannon fire, and napalm. A number of Americans on the bridge and deck of the *Liberty* were killed immediately. The Jewish aircraft made pass after pass over the ship, pouring their fire into the helpless, slow-moving American target, riddling the entire ship with explosive ordnance and leaving it looking like a floating piece of Swiss cheese. The hull and superstructure of the *Liberty* had 821 holes larger than a man's fist from the rocket and

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cannon fire. Among other things, the Jewish air attacks had shot away the *Liberty's* radio antennas and wrecked the radio room.

As soon as the Israeli jets had exhausted their munitions and flown off, the crew immediately ran up another American flag to replace the one the Jews had shot away. The new flag was an oversize one, seven feet high and 13 feet long. Then, while the crew was fighting fires started by the aerial napalm attacks and attempting to tend to the wounded and dying men on the deck, three Israeli torpedo boats appeared and began raking the decks of the *Liberty* with 20-mm and 40-mm automatic cannon fire. The *Liberty's* life rafts in the water were machine-gunned by the Israelis. Then a torpedo from one of the torpedo boats struck the ship, tearing a large hole in its side below the waterline and killing 22 more crew members.

Just before the torpedo struck, the *Liberty's* radiomen had managed to rig an emergency antenna and get an auxiliary transmitter working. Throughout the attack the Jews were using radio jamming equipment in an attempt to drown out any radio message from the *Liberty*. Nevertheless, the *Liberty* managed to get off one radio message to the U.S. Sixth Fleet reporting the attack and calling for help. The Sixth Fleet, to the west in the Mediterranean, responded with a message that help was being sent. The U.S. aircraft carriers *America* and *Saratoga* launched jets which sped toward the *Liberty*.

As soon as the Jews realized that the Sixth Fleet had received the *Liberty's* signal, the attacks were halted. The clear intention of the Jews had been to disable the ship's radio communications and then sink it before a radio message could be sent. Any survivors in the water then would have been killed by the Jews. No one would be able to prove the Jews had done it, and it could be blamed on the Egyptians.

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Photo # NH 97476 Cdr. W.L. McGonagle points out damage on USS Liberty, June 1967



A small part of the damage to the *Liberty*

As soon as the Jews understood that their scheme had failed, they shifted from the military to the diplomatic mode. The murderous assault on the USS *Liberty* had been a “mistake,” the Jews claimed. They had thought the ship was Egyptian, they told their media friends and their bought politicians in Washington.

President Lyndon Johnson didn't even wait for this excuse from the Jews. As soon as he was given word that an American Navy vessel had been attacked by the Israelis and that the U.S. Sixth Fleet was sending help, he ordered that the help be recalled. He was terrified that the U.S. aircraft would inflict casualties on the Jews who were attacking the *Liberty*, and the Jews would blame him. If the Jewish attack on the *Liberty* became a public “incident” involving conflict between the United States and Israel, Johnson would be forced to take the American

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side and might be regarded as “anti-Israel,” which would turn America’s Jews against him. So he sent an emergency message to the Sixth Fleet, ordering that the American jets flying to the relief of the *Liberty* be recalled and that no further assistance be given. Perhaps the stricken ship would sink, and the whole matter could be hushed up.

But the USS *Liberty* did not sink, much to the embarrassment of the Jews and their collaborators. The survivors among the crew even managed to get the ship’s engines running again, and the *Liberty* limped out to sea, eventually rendezvousing the next day with an American destroyer, the USS *Davis*. The wounded crewmen — 171 of them — were airlifted off the ship. Many of the dead — 34 of them — could not be recovered from the interior of the ship until it had reached port in Malta.

Even while the wounded crewmen were in a Naval hospital, they were given strict orders not to tell anyone, not even members of their families, about the Jewish attack on their ship. The U.S. Navy went through the formalities of holding a court of inquiry, but it was a complete sham. No Israelis were even questioned during the inquiry, and the U.S. government meekly accepted the Jews’ explanation that the attack on the *Liberty* had been a “mistake.” The news media were indecently silent about the whole affair. The obvious concern of the Jews and their sympathizers in the United States was not that an American ship had been attacked treacherously and 34 Americans killed; their concern was only to keep Israel from being blamed for the attack. And the politicians were all too eager to go along with the Jews.

The members of the *Liberty*’s crew who had been wounded during the Israeli attack asked for damages from the Israeli government. The Israelis refused to pay, and it was necessary for the wounded crewmen to hire attorneys and file suit. When the Israelis did eventually pay, nearly two years later, attorneys’ fees ate up most of the payment.

The commanding officer of the *Liberty* during the Israeli attack was Captain William McGonagle. Though severely wounded during the attack, he remained at his post throughout and behaved in a heroic

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manner. A year after the attack Captain McGonagle was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroism, but so desperate was President Lyndon Johnson to avoid offending the Jews that he refused to present the medal himself, as always has been customary. Instead of receiving his Medal of Honor from the President in the customary White House ceremony, McGonagle was quietly given the medal by the Secretary of the Navy at the Washington Navy Yard, so as to attract the least possible public attention. The citation accompanying the medal, which customarily describes in detail the action for which the medal is being awarded, carefully omitted any mention of Israel. The *Washington Post* did not even report the award.



Lieutenant James Ennes

One of the *Liberty's* officers, Lieutenant James Ennes, wrote a detailed account of the Jewish attack on his ship and its aftermath, and his account was published in 1979 as a book under the title *Assault on the Liberty*. The Jews immediately began a campaign to keep the book out of bookstores and to keep reviews of the book out of newspapers. Ennes reports that whenever a bookstore would stock his book, the local

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Jews would begin complaining to the store owner that the book is “anti-Israel” and is “offensive to Jewish people everywhere.” The Jews were fairly successful for many years in keeping the book out of the hands of the general public, but since the rise of the Internet it has become more and more well-known despite the Jewish censorship campaign. In preparation for the 50th anniversary of the attack in 2017, crew members began work on a feature film; see <http://usslibertymovie.com>.

To his credit, Lieutenant Ennes has kept the truth about the Jewish attempt to sink the *Liberty* alive for half a century, in the face of a concerted effort by the controlled media, the Jewish establishment, and the U.S. government, including the U.S. Navy, to kill this truth. In return for his efforts, the Jews and their collaborators have been calling Ennes an “anti-Semite,” a “neo-Nazi,” a “professional Jew-hater,” and lots of things that are too crude for me to write. Among these collaborators of the Jews attacking Ennes are individuals claiming to be veterans and patriots, but it is clear where their allegiance really lies.

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Dean Rusk, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Robert McNamara

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Those were the words of Dr. William Pierce, founder of the National Alliance, detailing the facts of the USS *Liberty* incident. **Download our “Day of Infamy” flier** — which includes the entire updated text of Dr. Pierce’s broadcast, along with new material — and print out hundreds or thousands of copies for distribution in your city, school, and neighborhood. If you’re low on ink or want large quantities at the highest quality, have them reproduced in bulk at your local print shop or at an online printing company. Get them into the hands of every household in your area, send them to opinion leaders and public officials, write letters to the editor and call in to radio talk shows and tell people the truth they need to hear. Decent Americans will be outraged at how the media have lied to them — and how our alleged “ally” cynically murdered our men to achieve their inhuman goals. The time is now, today — act.

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In 1997 — the 30th anniversary of the Israeli attack on the USS *Liberty* — there was an effort by patriots to institute a national memorial to the Americans killed and maimed by the Jewish state, but the federal government said no. *National Vanguard* writer and independent researcher David Sims tells us: “I was personally told that the ‘custom was’ to recognize a significant event of this kind on the 50th anniversary — not the 30th.”

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President Trump's (non-)reaction to the pleas of Americans to commemorate the *Liberty* wasn't quite as bad as this graphic suggests — but it wasn't much better.

In the 50th anniversary year of the attack — 2017 — President Trump made no fewer than *three* major speeches at “Holocaust memorial” events and declared the entire month of May to be “Jewish-American Heritage Month” — but made *no* move to memorialize the Americans aboard the *Liberty* who were murdered by the Jewish state. Trump kowtowed to Jewish power and money at the so-called Wailing Wall when he should have been honoring the men of the *Liberty*, effectively rewarding the murderers of those American sailors and officers. (The “Wailing Wall” pilgrimage is one that aspiring and sitting national leaders are apparently expected to make by the Jewish power structure — but one notes the curious silence of these leaders, of the media, and of the feminists when confronted with the facts that access to the wall is sexually segregated and that its very existence is based on Jewish racial supremacism.)

In 1991, Israeli foreknowledge that the *Liberty* was an American vessel was confirmed. Evidence released that year by the US Embassy in Beirut included an intercepted radio conversation of an Israeli pilot who

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communicated with his base “It’s an American ship,” and his headquarters ordered him to continue the attack.

British reporter Anthony Pearson in his book *Conspiracy of*



Silence reports that the Jew in command of the three Mirage jets that attacked the *Liberty* was born in Baltimore and served as a fighter pilot in Vietnam. The pilot of the second Israeli plane was also a Vietnam veteran and had served in the US Navy Air Corps. The third pilot was a native Israeli. It is rather disheartening to think that the American armed services had trained two fighter pilots who thought so little of their country of birth that they joined the air force of another country and carried out a murderous air assault on an American ship. But such are the loyalties and nature of Jews.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Thomas Moorer and Secretary of State Dean Rusk stated publicly that Israel *deliberately* attacked the *Liberty*. Rusk stated in his memoirs “I was never satisfied with the Israeli explanation.... I didn’t believe them then, and I don’t believe them to this day. The attack was outrageous.” Nevertheless, the media downplayed the affair, which, had it been perpetrated by any other country than Israel, would have been a *cause célèbre* and possible grounds for war. Survivor James Ennes, Jr., who was on the *Liberty* that terrible day, recently stated “The official lid on this story remains almost as tight as the day it was first applied.”

The attack on the *Liberty* remains the only maritime incident in US history in which US military forces were killed and which was *never* investigated by the US Congress.

The Navy Court of Inquiry, which in effect whitewashed the Israeli attack, was headed by Admiral Isaac Kidd. Working under Kidd and

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aiding in the cover-up was Admiral John S. McCain, the father of the consistent warmonger, Republican presidential candidate, and fanatically pro-Israel Senator John McCain.

There's now evidence that suggests that the Jews' intentions in the *Liberty* tragedy were far more malicious, far more murderous, and far more evil than we or even the eyewitnesses to the attack ever imagined. This evidence strongly suggests that Israel and Lyndon Baines Johnson were on the verge of enveloping the world in nuclear warfare and committing the mass murder, under utterly false pretenses, of millions of innocents.

According to the BBC documentary, *Dead in the Water*, the incident was a “daring ploy by Israel to fake an Egyptian attack” to get America to enter the war against Egypt. The first wave of attacking Israeli planes ***had been repainted with Egyptian markings***. Convinced the attack was coming from Egypt (or playing his part in the false flag), President Lyndon Johnson, according to the documentary, launched nuclear-armed planes targeted on Cairo from a US aircraft carrier. The aircraft were recalled — almost too late — ***only when it became clear that there would be survivors and numerous others well aware that Israel was responsible***.



Richard Sturman today

These others would, most significantly, be the men of the US Sixth Fleet who had heard the *Liberty's* distress calls and who were on their way to help — and, secondarily, anyone else, surely including the intelligence services of Russia and other nations, who would potentially have heard the transmissions that got through the Israeli jamming. The Jews had initially been confident that they had fully destroyed the antennas and radio room of the *Liberty*, thus rendering her incapable of communicating with anyone. And the Jews'

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subsequent actions clearly prove their intent was to murder everyone aboard, leaving no witnesses to call for help or tell the tale. If the BBC's investigators are right, then, the nuclear attack on Cairo was stopped only because a radioman aboard the *Liberty* risked almost certain death to string a wire between the masts of the ship to serve as a long-wire antenna, and then managed to fix or rig up one the vessel's auxiliary transmitters. That radioman's name is Richard Sturman. Another radioman, James Halman, then transmitted a message that somehow made it to the fleet despite intense jamming from the Israelis. According to researcher Judy Morris:

Peter Hounam writes in *Operation Cyanide*, "*Liberty* radioman Richard Sturman concluded that the attackers had carefully prepared for the attack with the specific intention of preventing the ship communicating with the outside world. To do so effectively they must have had prior knowledge from shore-based receivers of the five frequencies being used by the ship, so that jamming gear could be tuned to them. Sturman recalled his anger when he discovered that the international distress frequency, used for Mayday messages, was also jammed."

The astute crew however made a startling discovery. The Israeli jamming capabilities did not work when they were actually engaged in bombing and the USS *Liberty* crew had windows of a few seconds of opportunity [just before and during] strikes to send out a message.

Hounam writes, "At first, the signalmen felt their task was hopeless. Plane after plane was swooping in on the ship, firing cannon, shooting missiles and dropping napalm.... Then someone spotted that there was a respite from the jamming, lasting just a few seconds, when the attacking planes fired their missiles. Halman grabbed the opportunity and shouted into the mike, 'Any station, this is Rockstar. We are under attack by unidentified jet aircraft and require immediate assistance!'" On the USS *Saratoga* (call-sign 'Schematic') the radioman picked up the message but it was garbled, possibly by further jamming. "Rockstar, this is 'Schematic,' he said. 'Say again, you are garbled.'"

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Eventually, the USS *Liberty* message was acknowledged and authenticated 10 minutes after the attack began. The USS *Saratoga* confirmed *Liberty's* message with “Roger, Rockstar. Authentication is correct....” The message bounced everywhere and was even acknowledged by two US embassies in the region. Furthermore, it was impossible for the Pentagon not to know of *Liberty's* [plight] as all messages are also automatically routed to the Pentagon and other government agencies. The Israelis must have also intercepted the radio message.

The *Liberty* crew was relieved and believed that help was on the way. Wrong! Although fleet commanders quickly ordered rescue operations, *twice* the rescue missions were ordered called back by Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, a close friend and trusted associate of LBJ. In fact, it's documented that during one of the conversations between the the Sixth Fleet Commander and McNamara, LBJ got on the phone and roared, “We will not embarrass an ally,” to reinforce McNamara's direct command from LBJ to *not* rescue the ailing USS *Liberty* and her crew.

According to James Ennes, the entire attack lasted 1 hour and 15 minutes, although some crew members believe it was longer. Unquestionably, the attack was sheer hell for those on board the USS *Liberty* and the agony was prolonged by the fact that [airborne] help from the Sixth Fleet never arrived as expected.

Then something extraordinary happened. The Israelis stopped attacking despite having more than enough firepower to finish the job of sinking the USS *Liberty* and her crew. It's been documented that the Israelis had commando helicopter crews hovering above the USS *Liberty* with a crew to finish the job. Clearly, the USS *Liberty* crew expected to die.

But with the message out and everybody knowing about it, including the Russians who knew what was going on because they were close by in their own disguised spy ships as they intercepted the message — or possibly even observed — the USS *Liberty* being attacked, the Israelis panicked, called off the attack and never finished the job.

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If Richard Sturman — may his name always be remembered by our people — had not had the courage to climb the upper reaches of the ship, under direct enemy fire, all of his fellow crewmen would surely have been killed, and a disastrous nuclear war might have ensued. May his name be engraved forever on our consciousness and one day be engraved in a stone monument 1,000 feet high, along with the names of the other heroes of the *Liberty*.

If these men had not figured out, in nearly split-second time, countermeasures against the Israeli radio jamming, the blood of every American on board would have stained the sea — and quite possibly the incinerated corpses of millions of people, Russians and Americans included, would have lain lifeless upon the burned Earth.

When those heroes awoke on June 8, 1967, they had no idea of the importance their decisions and actions that day would hold, probably for centuries to come. You, today, are in a similar position.

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