

Liberty Survivors Remember 50th

By Dave Gahary

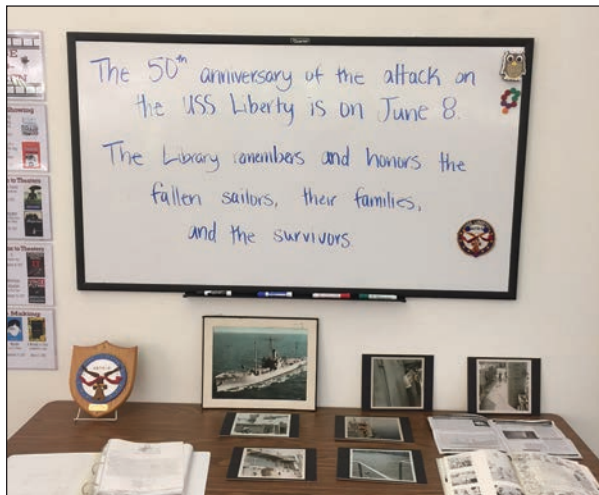
NORFOLK, Va.—The 50th reunion of the most decorated ship for a single action in the U.S. Navy's 241-year history took place from June 8-11 at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel. Norfolk, home to the largest Navy base in the world—Naval Station Norfolk—was the *Liberty's* home port city from its commissioning in 1964 to its decommissioning in 1968. Crewmembers, along with their families, and supporters converged on the hotel, determined to not let the truth about the *Liberty* fade from the pages of time. By all accounts, the reunion cemented old friendships, forged new ones, and launched a new round of supporters, eager to tell the *Liberty's* story to all who will listen.

Exactly 34 *Liberty* crewmembers were slaughtered on that beautiful, sunny day in the Eastern Mediterranean on June 8, 1967, and that exact number of survivors was present for the reunion—one unofficial representative for each man killed that horrific day. Additionally, over 100 family members and supporters were at the reunion, making it one of the best attended get-togethers since they began meeting.

The first stop for those honoring the ship and crew was Arlington National Cemetery for a noon memorial service for those murdered by Israel, attended by around 150. *Liberty* survivor Bob Scarborough and his wife came up from Georgia for the reunion, and he spoke with this reporter about his time at the national military cemetery.

"I was proud and happy to see that it was the biggest crowd I'd seen among those ceremonies so far," he said.

Sadly, no public officials were present for the hour-long somber event.

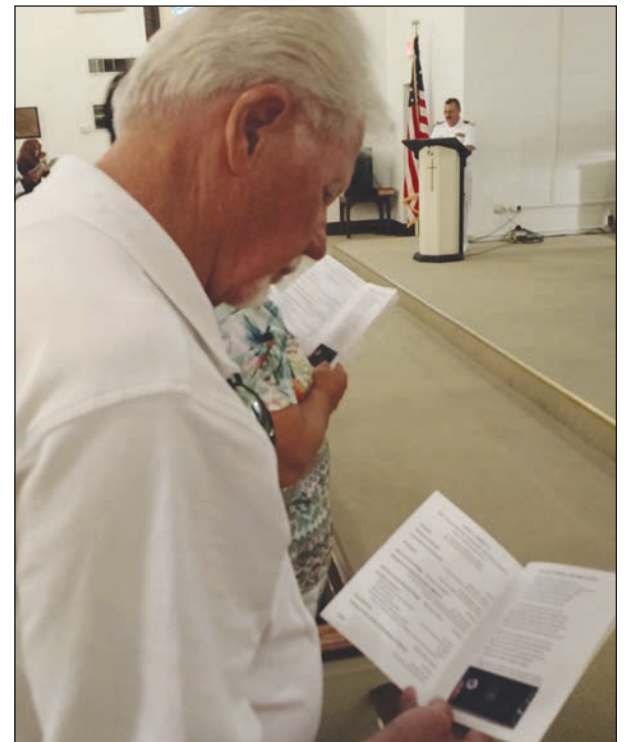


Above, the USS *Liberty* Memorial Public Library in Grafton, Wisc. Although the library is the official repository of *Liberty* memorabilia, all it could muster to honor the ship and her crew was a handwritten note on a chalkboard, above. (See the accompanying article on page 21.)

"I don't recall seeing any senators or congressmen," he said. "Thank you very much to the American government for their support. I've been damning them for 50 years."

He continued: "We went straight to Arlington for the ceremony. . . . We had 34 crewmembers there, and what a coincidence that the 34 crewmembers—I thought—represented the 34 shipmates that we lost on June 8, 1967. As they called the names of the men who were lost, they laid roses on the front of the mass gravestone for the men who were killed in action and lost at sea."

Six *Liberty* crewmembers—five sailors and one Marine—lie in a mass grave there, although it's impossible to know if any of their remains are actually present, as the Israeli torpedo shredded the 25 Americans so thoroughly as to prevent



Liberty survivor Phil Tourney reads the program for the USS *Liberty* 50th Anniversary Memorial Carillon Concert held at the David Adams Memorial Chapel at Naval Station Norfolk on June 9.

identification.

The next day, following a photo shoot and a crew's meeting, three buses were loaded at the hotel headed for Naval Station Norfolk's David Adams Memorial Chapel for a memorial carillon concert. "Carillon" is derived from the French word *quadrillon*, "four bells," and is a musical instrument usually housed in the belfry of a church, consisting of cast bronze, cup-shaped bells, struck to produce a melody or chord.

Saturday featured a noon banquet at the hotel, where the new USS *Liberty* Veterans Association (LVA) board was introduced and several speakers took their turn at the microphone, including three-time president of the LVA, Phil Tourney, who traveled from Colorado. Although Tourney felt this was the best reunion he had attended, he still held sour feelings for being quarantined by the powers-that-be.

"The only thing that really disappoints me," Tourney began, "is that we didn't get any local media coverage; they're not gonna touch us with a 10-foot pole, because of the people who attacked us. Even more disconcerting for me is how the United States Navy shunned us, as they did 50 years ago, leaving us out there alone to be slaughtered by the Zionist state of Israel."

Tourney concluded with a message that bears remembering.

"When they attacked our ship, they didn't just attack a U.S. naval ship in international waters, they attacked each and every American then and now," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, the U.S. government is just as guilty as Israel for covering up premeditated, cold-blooded murder." ★



Phil Tourney (right) and Larry Broyles (left) listen to speakers at the USS *Liberty's* 50th Reunion at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, Va. Dave Lewis, head of the nearly 200 analysts aboard the almost defenseless spy ship, can be seen on the far right.

Old Wounds: Half a Century Later, *Liberty* Still Taboo

By Dave Gahary

The front page story of the Oct. 19, 1987 edition of *The Spotlight* set into motion a chain of events that would produce the greatest monument to the ship and crew of the USS *Liberty*, the U.S. Navy vessel viciously attacked by Israelis on June 8, 1967.

A few days after the paper hit the streets, Phil Tourney, who was the subject of the article due to a *Spotlight*-sponsored conference he headlined, got a phone call from Willis Carto about a letter he had received, which congratulated Tourney on his courage and proposed naming a new library in Grafton, Wisc. "The USS *Liberty* Memorial Public Library."

With plans for the library moving forward, the organized Jewish community in nearby Milwaukee swung into action to oppose the project, with squeals of "anti-Semitism" gracing the pages of the compliant local media. It got so bad that police were forced to escort buses carrying *Liberty* veterans to the dedication ceremony. Fortunately, the June 10, 1989 dedication ceremony went off without a hitch.

Almost 28 years later, USS *Liberty* supporter Robert Dubrey III, spurred by an interview he heard on May 22 with Tourney and this reporter on the "Jeff Rense Program," drove up to Grafton from Milwaukee the next day to check out the library. Dubrey relayed to this reporter what he uncovered.

On May 23, he met with the library's director for permission—which he received—to set up a table to hand out information about the *Liberty*. At that time, he also found that there was an entire room in the library dedicated to the *Liberty*.

On his next visit there on June 5, the director was singing a different tune, though. "He said I couldn't have a table," Dubrey said. "He didn't want to open old wounds." This response is absurd given the library is the official repository of *Liberty* memorabilia.

Dubrey acquiesced but he did ask that the library at the very least keep the doors open to the memorial room. "I explained that if the doors are not open, no one would know this exhibit is even here," said Dubrey.

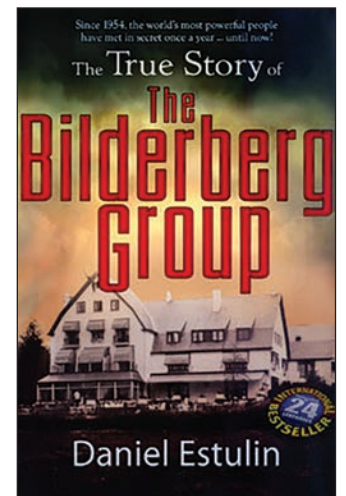
When the 50th anniversary of the attack arrived, Dubrey and three others were the only Americans who showed up to honor the most decorated ship in the history of the U.S. Navy for a single action. ★

Dave Gahary, a former submariner in the U.S. Navy, prevailed in a suit brought by the New York Stock Exchange in an attempt to silence him. Dave is the producer of an upcoming full-length feature film about the attack on the USS *Liberty*. See erasingthelibrary.com or call (850) 677-0344 for more information and to get the new book on which the movie will be based, *Erasing the Liberty*.

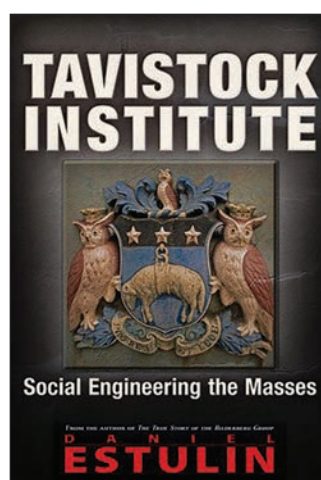
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