

## Questions related to *Liberty* Veterans on War Crimes Committed

1. On June 8, 1967, the air and naval forces of Israel attacked the USS *Liberty*. What kind of ship was the *Liberty*? Of the 294 officers and men, how many were killed and how many wounded? How badly damaged was the ship? By jumping ahead to the second page, list the number of cannon holes in the ship as well as the number of machine gun holes.
2. In what kind of “waters” was the USS *Liberty* patrolling on June 8, and what’s the significance of the eight or more Israeli reconnaissance flights prior to the attack?
3. Describe the air attack. Why couldn’t *Liberty* contact the Sixth Fleet for help?
4. Describe the surface attack that commenced about a half hour later.
5. Why did the torpedo boat attack suddenly end along with the arrival and immediate departure of attack helicopters (loaded with men in combat attire)?
6. According to Secretary of State Rusk, in a letter to the Israeli ambassador on June 10, what did the U.S. government expect the Israeli government to do following such an “incomprehensible” and “reckless” military incident? Was the expectation on the part of the U.S. government ever fulfilled? Explain. (Additional writing space is available at the top of the next page.)

7. From the outset, what was clearly inadequate about the U.S. Navy's Court of Inquiry?
  
8. Was the senior JAG officer allowed to finish his review of the Court's proceedings and findings? Did anyone else at the time carry out a thorough review? Was the American public given access to this document of over 600 pages? Were there any other "official" (publicly announced) U.S. government investigations into the attack?
  
9. Thanks to the Freedom of Information Act, the record of the Court of Inquiry was released nearly a decade later by the U.S. government. What two points has the JAG officer who served as Counsel to the Court of Inquiry made about the document?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Write one word that characterizes how the *Liberty* veterans view the attack.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. According to the *Liberty* veterans, what is the only explanation for why the United States government has refused for decades to conduct a thorough investigation?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. According to the veterans, why has the Israeli government along with its surrogates in the United States "worked so long and hard to prevent an inquiry" into the attack?