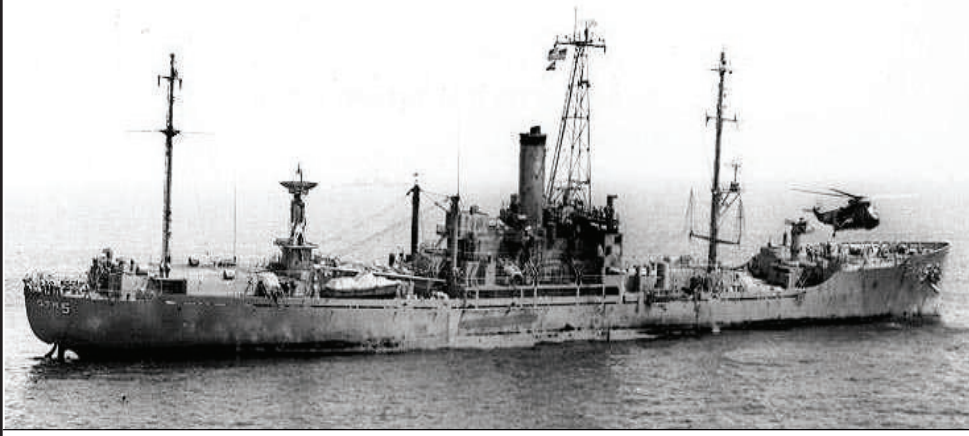


Photo # USN 1123118 USS Liberty receives assistance from 6th Fleet after she was attacked, June 1967



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## USS Liberty Veterans Honored on 40th Anniversary of Israeli Attack

Washington

Americans gathered in Washington on June 8th at 4:00 PM at the Navy Memorial Plaza on Pennsylvania Avenue to honor USS Liberty veterans on the 40th anniversary of Israel's unprovoked attack on their ship.

The American intelligence ship sustained 70 percent casualties but remained afloat due to the heroic actions of its crew after Israel's two-hour attack. Thirty-four sailors and marines were killed and 172 wounded in the heaviest attack on an American ship since World War II.

### Rescue cancelled by White House while ship under attack

According to the Department of the Navy, the only official American government investigation of the event was a 1967 Navy Court of Inquiry that found the attack to be a case of "mistaken identity". That hastily conducted investigation has since been discredited by its chief attorney, Captain Ward Boston, as a cover-up ordered by the Johnson White House.

"It was a political thing. We were ordered to 'put a lid on it'. The facts were clear. Israel knew it was an American ship and tried to sink it and murder the entire crew. The outrageous claims by Israel's apologists who continue to claim the attack was a mistake pushed me to speak out. The official record is not the one I certified", said Boston, a former FBI agent. "My initials are not on it".

According to senior naval officers, Johnson personally ordered the Navy to recall its aircraft and cancel its rescue mission while the Liberty was still under attack by Israeli forces before ordering the cover-up ([www.usliberty.org](http://www.usliberty.org)).

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Iranian constitution, were made possible by the nationalization of Iran's oil and gas resources after its revolt against the hated U.S.-backed Shah and the Anglo-American corporate oil monopoly.

**PCP:** People who say we should leave Iraq are traitors—we have to stay and fight and finish what we started.

**VIC:** Rather than being traitors, perhaps the growing number of Americans critical of this war have wised up to the lies and phony justifications used to start it, such as: WMDs (none found), 9/11 (no connections), liberation from Saddam (he's dead) and installing a "democratic" government (but only one that's willing to suck up to our corporate oil monopoly). Since that tissue of lies has fallen apart, we're now told we have to stay in Iraq to "fight the terrorists."

Does "finishing what we started" mean completing our 14 "enduring" military bases in Iraq and securing contracts favorable to our oil companies? Or does it mean ending our illegal occupation and helping the Iraqi people rebuild the homes and schools and businesses, the electrical and water and waste systems and other infrastructure we've destroyed?

**PCP:** Well, won't it help the Iraqi people if we win the fight against the terrorists?

**VIC:** Is it so difficult to recall that there was NO terrorism emanating from Iraq prior to our illegal attack? Yes, there was a ruthless dictator whom we had earlier supported in his war with Iran by providing weaponry, including chemical WMDs, which we later pretended to be "shocked" because he used. But our own intelligence services repeatedly reported NO connection between Iraq and Al Qaeda.

How convenient and simplistic it is to label as a "terrorist" anyone who resists the occupiers responsible for the death of over 600,000 of his countrymen and the decimation of his cities. Are they all "terrorists" or are many of them simply fighting against the illegal invaders who bombed their homes and killed their families and neighbors? When they rally to our own

### Independent Commission concludes attack was deliberate

Senior military, diplomatic, and intelligence officials have long held that the magnitude and duration of the coordinated attack by combined air and naval forces on the easily recognizable ship precluded any possibility that it was a mistake. In 2003, an independent commission headed by former Joint Chiefs Chairman Admiral Thomas Moorer concluded the attack was deliberate. Israeli aircraft had closely studied the clearly marked American ship in international waters flying a large American flag for more than eight hours prior to the two-hour attack. With massive radio antennae, including a large satellite dish, the ship's profile made it one of the most easily identifiable ships afloat. Additionally, attacking aircraft jammed all five of the ship's American emergency radio channels and Israeli torpedo boats machine-gunned at close range life rafts that had been lowered to rescue the most-seriously wounded. [See "Findings of the Independent Commission of Inquiry", Congressional Record, October 11, 2004, Vol. 150, No. 130, E1886 to E1889].

### Surviving veterans never permitted to publicly testify

Liberty survivors, many disabled, their bodies still carrying pieces of shrapnel in a daily reminder of the attack, are now senior citizens. Never permitted to publicly testify by the Navy or Congress, these veterans have been seeking an honest official investigation for 40 years. Pursuant to recent federal enactments, they filed a war crimes report with the Secretary of the Defense in 2005.

At the Navy Memorial event, the American public thanked the Liberty veterans for their service and sacrifice, and apologized for the mistreatment they received from their own government.

Revolutionary war-cry "Live free or die," why do we label them "terrorists?" Were the Concord minutemen who fought the occupying English army "terrorists?"

What is it we're trying to "win" in Iraq? Is it our goal to keep fighting and killing "terrorists" until there's no unyielding Iraqi man, woman or child left standing?

How would American patriots respond if our country were invaded by a foreign army?

**PCP:** If we leave Iraq, won't that just embolden Osama and his Al Qaeda network to launch more and deadlier attacks against us?

**VIC:** To understand Al Qaeda and its supposed leader Bin Laden, it might help to understand a little well-documented history, going back to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, when President Carter and National Security Advisor Brzezinski turned the CIA loose to work with Pakistan's ISI (military intelligence agency) to provide weapons and training to the Mujahideen, installing the network and data-"base" from which al-Qaeda was actually created. Once the Soviets left, there is a popular misconception that CIA direction of al-Qaeda ended, but such was certainly NOT the case, as subsequent events in the Balkans and on Sept. 11 revealed. (Google "9/11 perpetuates")

The fact that al-Qaeda remains a controlled entity of Western intelligence services was again demonstrated when bin Laden and key members were allowed to escape from Tora Bora in Dec. 2001 and have not been seriously pursued since. (Google "jawbreaker tells")

Is it mere coincidence that a new tape or video of bin Laden is "discovered" whenever the populace needs a new injection of fear, such as 4 days before a presidential election?

*I don't know where Bin Laden is. I have no idea and really don't care. It's not that important. It's not our priority...*

*I am truly not that concerned about him.—*

*G. W. Bush, 03/13/2002*

by - Michael Rivero

It's the oldest trick in the book, dating back to Roman times; creating the enemies you need.

In 70 BC, an ambitious minor politician and extremely wealthy man, Marcus Licinius Crassus, wanted to rule Rome. Just to give you an idea of what sort of man Crassus really was, he is credited with invention of the fire brigade. But in Crassus' version, his fire-fighting slaves would race to the scene of a burning building whereupon Crassus would offer to buy it on the spot for a tiny fraction of its worth. If the owner sold, Crassus' slaves would put out the fire. If the owner refused to sell, Crassus allowed the building to burn to the ground. By means of this device, Crassus eventually came to be the largest single private land holder in Rome, and used some of his wealth to help back Julius Caesar against Cicero.

In 70 BC Rome was still a Republic, which placed very strict limits on what Rulers could do, and more importantly NOT do. But Crassus had no intentions of enduring such limits to his personal power, and contrived a plan.

Crassus seized upon the slave revolt led by Spartacus in order to strike terror into the hearts of Rome, whose garrison Spartacus had already defeated in battle. But Spartacus had no intention of marching on Rome itself, a move he knew to be suicidal. Spartacus and his band wanted nothing to do with the Roman empire and had planned from the start merely to loot enough money from their former owners in the Italian countryside to hire a mercenary fleet in which to sail to freedom.

Sailing away was the last thing Crassus wanted Spartacus to do. He needed a convenient enemy with which to terrorize Rome itself for his personal political gain. So Crassus bribed the mercenary fleet to sail without Spartacus, and then positioned two Roman legions in such a way that Spartacus had no choice but to march on Rome.

Terrified of the impending arrival of the much-feared army of gladiators, Rome declared Crassus Praetor. Crassus then crushed Spartacus' army and even though Pompey took the credit, Crassus was elected Consul of Rome the following year.

Soon would follow the first Triumvirate, consisting of Crassus, Pompey, and Julius Caesar, followed by the reign of the god-like Emperors of Rome.

The Romans were hoaxed into surrendering their Republic, and accepting the rule of Emperors.

Julius Caesar's political opponent, Cicero, for all his literary accomplishments, played the same games in his campaign against Julius Caesar, claiming that Rome was falling victim to an internal "vast right wing" conspiracy in which any expressed desire for legislative limits on government was treated as suspicious behavior. Cicero, in order to demonstrate to the Romans just how unsafe Rome had become hired thugs to cause as much disturbance as possible, and campaigned on a promise to end the internal strife if elected and granted extraordinary powers.

What Cicero only dreamed of, Adolph Hitler succeeded in doing. Elected Chancellor of Germany, Hitler, like Crassus, had no intention of living with the strict limits to his power imposed by German law. Unlike Cicero, Hitler's thugs were easy to recognize; they all wore the same brown shirts. But their actions were no different than those of their Roman predecessors. They staged beatings, set fires, caused as much trouble as they could, while Hitler made speeches promising that he could end the crime wave of subversives and terrorism if he was granted extraordinary powers.

Then the Reichstag burned down; a staged terrorist attack.

The Germans were hoaxed into surrendering their Republic, and accepting the total rule of Der Fuehrer. Hitler had German troops dressed in Polish uniforms attack the radio station at Gliwicz, then lied to the Germans, telling them Poland had invaded, and marched Germany off into World War Two

The state-sponsored schools will never tell you this, but governments routinely rely on hoaxes to sell their agendas to an otherwise reluctant public. The Romans accepted the Emperors and the Germans accepted Hitler not because they wanted to, but because the carefully crafted illusions of threat appeared to leave no other choice.

Our government too uses hoaxes to create the illusion that We the People have no choice but the direction the government wishes us to go in.

In 1898, Joseph Pulitzer's New York World and William Randolph Hearst's New York Journal were arguing for American intervention in Cuba. Hearst is reported to have dispatched a photographer to Cuba to photograph the coming war with Spain. When the photographer asked just what war that might be, Hearst is reported to have replied, "You take the photographs, and I will provide the war". Hearst was true to his word, as his newspaper published stories of great atrocities being committed against the Cuban people, most of which turned out to be complete fabrications.

On the night of February 15, 1898, the USS Maine, lying in Havana harbor in a show of US resolve to protect her interests, exploded violently. Captain Sigsbee, the commander

# History's Lessons

## FAKE TERROR - THE ROAD TO WAR AND DICTATORSHIP

of the Maine, urged that no assumptions of enemy attack be made until there was a full investigation of the cause of the explosion. For this, Captain Sigsbee was excoriated in the press for "refusing to see the obvious". The Atlantic Monthly declared flat out that to suppose the explosion to be anything other than a deliberate act by Spain was "completely at defiance of the laws of probability".

Under the slogan "Remember the Maine", Americans went to war with Spain, eventually winning the Philippines.

In 1975, an investigation led by Admiral Hyman Rickover examined the data recovered from a 1911 examination of the wreck and concluded that there had been no evidence of an external explosion. The most likely cause of the sinking was a coal dust explosion in a coal bunker imprudently located next to the ship's magazines. Captain Sigsbee's caution had been well founded.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt needed a war. He needed the fever of a major war to mask the symptoms of a still deathly ill economy struggling back from the Great Depression (and mutating towards Socialism at the same time). Roosevelt wanted a war with Germany to stop Hitler, but despite several provocations in the Atlantic, the American people, still struggling with that troublesome economy, were opposed to any wars.

Roosevelt needed an enemy, and if America would not willingly attack that enemy, then one would have to be maneuvered into attacking America, much as Marcus Licinius Crassus had maneuvered Spartacus into attacking Rome.

The way open to war was created when Japan signed the tripartite agreement with Italy and Germany, with all parties pledging mutual defense to each other. Whereas Hitler would never declare war on the United States no matter the provocation, the means to force Japan to do so were readily at hand.

The first step was to place oil and steel embargoes on Japan, using Japan's wars on the Asian mainland as a reason. This forced Japan to consider seizing the oil and mineral rich regions in Indonesia. With the European powers militarily exhausted by the war in Europe, the United States was the only power in the Pacific able to stop Japan from invading the Dutch East Indies, and by moving the Pacific fleet from San Diego to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Roosevelt made a pre-emptive strike on that fleet the mandatory first step in any Japanese plan to extend its empire into the "southern resource area".

Roosevelt boxed in Japan just as completely as Crassus had boxed in Spartacus. Japan needed oil. They had to invade Indonesia to get it, and to do that they first had to remove the threat of the American fleet at Pearl Harbor. There never really was any other course open to them.

To enrage the American people as much as possible, Roosevelt needed the first overt attack by Japan to be as bloody as possible, appearing as a sneak attack much as the Japanese had done to the Russians. From that moment up until the attack on Pearl Harbor itself, Roosevelt and his associates made sure that the commanders in Hawaii, General Short and Admiral Kimmel, were kept in the dark as much as possible about the location of the Japanese fleet and its intentions, then later scapegoated for the attack. (Congress recently exonerated both Short and Kimmel, posthumously restoring them to their former ranks).

But as the Army board had concluded at the time, and subsequent de-classified documents confirmed, Washington DC knew the attack was coming, knew exactly where the Japanese fleet was, and knew where it was headed.

On November 29th, Secretary of State Hull showed United Press reporter Joe Leib a message with the time and place of the attack, and the New York Times in its special 12/8/41 Pearl Harbor edition, on page 13, reported that the time and place of the attack had been known in advance!

The much repeated claim that the Japanese fleet maintained radio silence on its way to Hawaii was a lie. Among other intercepts still held in the Archives of the NSA is the UNCODED message sent by the Japanese tanker Shirya stating, "proceeding to a position 30.00 N, 154.20 E. Expect to arrive at that point on 3 December." (near HI)

President Lyndon Johnson wanted a war in Vietnam. He wanted it to help his friends who owned defense companies to do a little business. He needed it to get the Pentagon and CIA to quit trying to invade Cuba. And most of all, he needed a provocation to convince the American people that there was really "no other choice".

On August 5, 1964, newspapers across America reported "renewed attacks" against American destroyers operating in Vietnamese waters, specifically the Gulf of Tonkin. The official story was that North Vietnamese torpedo boats launched an "unprovoked attack" on the USS Maddox while it was on "routine patrol".

The truth is that USS Maddox was involved in aggressive intelligence gathering in coordination with actual attacks by South Vietnam and the Laotian Air Force against targets in North Vietnam. The truth is also that there was no attack by torpedo boats against the USS Maddox. Captain John J. Herrick, the task force commander in the Gulf, cabled Washington DC that the report was the result

of an "over-eager" sonar man who had picked up the sounds of his own ship's screws and panicked. But even with this knowledge that the report was false, Lyndon Johnson went on national TV that night to announce the commencement of air strikes against North Vietnam, "retaliation" for an attack that had never occurred.

President George H. W. Bush wanted a war in Iraq. Like Crassus, George Bush is motivated by money. Specifically oil money. But with the OPEC alliance failing to keep limits on oil production in the Mideast, the market was being glutted with oil pumped from underneath Iraq, which sat over roughly 1/3 of the oil reserves of the entire region.

George wanted a war to stop that flow of oil, to keep prices (and profits) from falling any further than they already had. But like Roosevelt, he needed the "other side" to make the first move.

Iraq had long been trying to acquire greater access to the Persian Gulf, and felt limited confined a narrow strip of land along Kuwait's northern border, which placed Iraqi interests in close proximity with hostile Iran. George Bush, who had been covertly arming Iraq during its war with Iran, sent word via April Glaspie that the United States would not intervene if Saddam Hussein grabbed a larger part of Kuwait. Saddam fell for the bait and invaded.

Of course, Americans were not about to send their sons and daughters to risk their lives for petroleum products. So George Bush arranged a hoax, using a public relations firm which has grown rich on taxpayer money by being most industrious and creative liars! The PR firm concocted a monumental fraud in which the daughter of the Kuwaiti Ambassador to the United States, went on TV pretending to be a nurse, and related a horror story in which Iraqi troops looted the incubators from a Kuwaiti hospital, leaving the premature babies on the cold floor to die. The media, part of the swindle from the start, never bothered asking why the "nurse" didn't just pick the babies up and wrap them in blankets or something.

Enraged by the incubator story, Americans supported operation Desert Storm, which never removed Saddam Hussein from power but which did take Kuwait's oil off of the market for almost 2 years and limited Iraq's oil exports to this very day. That our sons and daughters came home with serious and lingering medical illnesses was apparently not too great a price to pay for increased oil profits.

Like Germany under Chancellor Hitler, there have been events in our nation which strike fear into the hearts of the citizens, such as the New York World Trade Tower bombing of 1993, the OK City Federal Building, and the Olympic Park bomb (nicely timed to divert the media from witnesses to the TWA 800 shoot down). The media has been very quick to blame such events on "radicals", "subversives", "vast right wing conspiracies", and other "enemies in our midst", no different than the lies used by Cicero and Hitler.

But on closer examination, such "domestic terrorist" events do not appear to be what they are made out to be. The FBI had an informant inside the World Trade Tower bombers, Emad Salam, who offered to sabotage the bomb. The FBI told him "no". The so-called "hot bed" of white separatism at Elohim City, occasional home to Tim McVeigh in the weeks prior to the OK City bombing, was founded and is being run by an FBI informant!

So, here we are today. Like the Romans of Crassus' and Cicero's time, or the Germans under a newly elected Hitler, we are being warned that a dangerous enemy threatens us, implacable, invisible, omnipresent, and invulnerable as long as our government is hamstrung by that silly old Bill of Rights. Already there have appeared articles debating whether or not "extraordinary measures" (i.e. torture) are not fully justified under certain circumstances such as those we are purported to face.

As was the case in Rome and Germany, the government continues to plead with the public for an expansion of its power and authority, to "deal with the crisis".

But how real is the crisis and how much is the result of political machinations by our own leaders. Are the terrorists really a threat, or just hired actors with trick shoes and exploding toothpaste, paid for by Cicero and given brown shirts to wear by Hitler?

Is terrorism inside the United States really from outside, or is it a stage managed production, designed to cause Americans to believe they have no choice but to surrender the Republic and accept the totalitarian rule of a new emperor, or a new Fuehrer?

Once lost, the Romans never got their Republic back. Once lost, the Germans never got their Republic back. In both cases, the nation had to totally collapse before some freedom was restored to the people.

Remember that when Crassus tells you that Spartacus approaches.

Remember that when the Reichstag burns down.

Remember that when the President lies to you about mushroom clouds.

Remember that.

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