

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: 6-12-C
SUBMITTED BY: 9th District
SUBJECT: Investigate the Israeli Attack on the U.S.S. Liberty

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On June 8, 1967, the U.S.S. Liberty, while operating in international waters in the eastern Mediterranean Sea, was the target of an attack by Israeli war planes and torpedo boats; and

WHEREAS, This attack killed 34 members of the U.S.S. Liberty's crew and wounded 171 other United States personnel on board. In addition to causing extensive damage to the ship; and

WHEREAS, A controversy continues to surround the attack on the U.S.S. Liberty in that the American and Israeli governments say that the attack was an accident; and

WHEREAS, The investigative JAG Officer, Captain Ward Boston, has signed an affidavit stating that the investigation was a sham; and that Admiral Isaac Kidd threatened the crew with jail if they spoke about the attack, and subsequent investigations by the military cannot be relied upon; and

WHEREAS, Dozens of eyewitnesses have come forward stating that the attack was premeditated and life rafts were machine gunned (an international war crime); and

WHEREAS, That there is no greater sacrifice one can make than to give his or her life for their Country; and

WHEREAS, The Sailors and Marines and their families should have closure of this tragic attack and its aftermath; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED,

By The American Legion of the United States that we call upon the Congress of the United States to immediately investigate the attack on the U.S.S. Liberty that was perpetuated by the armed forces of the State of Israel on June 8, 1967, in order to determine the truth behind the attack, and the cover up, and bring closure to the families and crew; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That we support the efforts of the U.S.S. Liberty Veterans Association calling for an investigation to unmask the truth; and, be it

FINALLY RESOLVED,

By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention, assembled in Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 29 - July 1, 2012, that The American Legion, Department of Michigan agrees to forward this resolution to the National Organization for action at the 2012 National Convention.