

## Joe Meadors

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**From:** Depew, Kenneth <Kenneth.Depew@mail.house.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2020 1:36 PM  
**To:** Alex McDonald  
**Cc:** Joe Meadors  
**Subject:** Re: Military Issue  
**Attachments:** Re: Military Issue (17.7 KB); House Armed Services Committee Investigation 1971.pdf; June 2016 FRA Today USS Liberty Story.pdf; Senate Foreign Relations Committee 1967.pdf; Attack on a SIGINT Collector the U.S.S. Liberty.pdf

Mr. McDonald,

Pleasure to speak to you again.

I replied to Mr. Meadors on August 31<sup>st</sup> and did not receive a response (my sent email attached).

Even without Mr. Meadors' response I copied and pasted his request and emailed the request to CRS. I received the following response:

-----BEGIN CRS RESPONSE-----

To: The Honorable Dan Crenshaw

Attention Kenneth Depew

This email is in response to your request for information about an investigation on the USS Liberty attack that occurred on June 8, 1967.

I was unable to locate a copy of a Congressional investigation into the USS *Liberty* incident. According to "[The Spy Ship Left Out in the Cold: A half-century after one of history's most controversial attacks on a U.S. Navy ship, the wounds from the Liberty incident remain unhealed](#)", "by James M. Scott, *Naval History Magazine*, June 2017 (Volume 31, Number 3), there has been no congressional investigation.

I searched through [Congress.gov](#), ProQuest Congressional, the Washington Report on Middle East Affairs, the website of the Liberty Incident by A. Jay Cristol, and Congressional Quarterly, but found no congressional investigation or legislation directly focused on the attack.

However, in June and July 1967, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, *Foreign Assistance Act of 1967*. 90<sup>th</sup> Cong. 1<sup>st</sup> sess. conducted hearings regarding Foreign Assistance and mentioned the *USS Liberty* three times within the hearings on p. 233-234/PDF p.6-7, and p. 266-270/ PDF p. 9-13 on attached "Senate Foreign Relations Committee 1967." And in May 1971, the House Armed Services Committee *Review of Department of Defense Worldwide Communications*, 92<sup>nd</sup> Cong., 1<sup>st</sup> sess. completed an investigation into DoD communications, it discussed the *USS Liberty* within that context on p. 6-11/PDF p. 12-17 on attached "House Armed Services Committee Investigation 1971."

The National Security Agency completed a now declassified report in 1981 by William Gerhard and Henry Millington, *Attack on a SIGINT Collector U.S.S. Liberty*, U.S. Cryptologic History. (See attached "Attack on a

SIGINT Collector the *U.S.S. Liberty*.”). Within this report on p. 59-60/PDF 67-68, there is a reference to the 1968 House Appropriations Committee Survey and Investigations “Report on the Effectiveness of the Worldwide Communications Systems and Networks of the DOD, *U.S.S. Liberty* Incident.” I was unable to locate a copy of that report, it may not have been publicly released.

For additional information, see the National Security Agency’s [archive of declassified documents on the USS Liberty](#) and the attached article, “The *USS Liberty* Story,” *Fleet Reserve Association (FRA)* *Today* magazine, June 2016, starting on p. 18/PDF p.3.

-----END CRS RESPONSE-----

In the immediate aftermath of the attack there were Navy Court of Inquiry, NSA, JCS, and CIA memoranda and/or reports produced outlining their investigations into the matter. Congress is not the only body capable of conducting investigations. The documents provided to me by CRS are attached and are public, so please feel free to share.

In service,  
*Kenneth J. Depew*  
Legislative Assistant for National Security & Foreign Affairs  
Office of Representative Dan Crenshaw

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**From:** Alex McDonald <peacenotapathy@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 4:18 PM  
**To:** "Depew, Kenneth" <Kenneth.Depew@mail.house.gov>  
**Cc:** Joe Meadors <joe@ussliberty.com>  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Military Issue

Dear Mr. Depew:

Thank you again for taking the time to meet by phone with Tarek Abuata and me yesterday and for passing on the issues and positions that are important to us on to Rep. Crenshaw. Thank you again for meeting with me when I was in Washington D.C. in July 2019; at that time I also appreciated your feedback and learning more about Congressman Crenshaw's positions.

I also wanted to follow up on an issue that a friend Joe Meadors mentioned to you a couple of weeks ago; I have forwarded his email below for your reference. Could you please also provide the response to me as Congressman Crenshaw's constituent. What we need the congressman's help with is to find out if the US government investigated the June 8, 1967, Israeli attack on the *USS Liberty*. If it has, my request to Representative Crenshaw is for a copy of the investigation of the attack; I would like the Navy veterans of the *USS Liberty* to have a copy as well.

Thank you again for your time yesterday and for help on this *USS Liberty* matter.

Best Regards,

Kenneth Alex McDonald  
6331 Pineshade Lane  
Houston, TX 77008

On 8/31/2020 1:51 PM, Joe Meadors wrote:

Kenneth,

One of your constituents, Mr. Alex McDonald suggested I forward a copy of my request to you in hopes that it will receive a more timely response than it has to date.

Warmest regards,

Joe Meadors  
USS Liberty Survivor  
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**"I will never quit. My nation expects me to be physically harder and mentally stronger than my enemies. If knocked down I will get back up, *every time*. I will draw on every remaining ounce of strength to protect my shipmates and to accomplish our mission. I am never out of the fight." --USS Liberty Survivors' Creed**

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**From:** Joe Meadors <[joe@ussliberty.com](mailto:joe@ussliberty.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2020 10:20 AM  
**To:** '[dan.crenshaw@mail.house.gov](mailto:dan.crenshaw@mail.house.gov)'  
**Cc:** '[eliza.baker@mail.house.gov](mailto:eliza.baker@mail.house.gov)'  
**Subject:** Military Issue

The Honorable Dan Crenshaw  
413 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Crenshaw:

I am a survivor of the June 8, 1967, Israeli attack on the USS Liberty and serve my shipmates as Director of Operations of the [USS Liberty Veterans Association](#).

Among the awards won by the officers and crew of the USS Liberty are the Medal of Honor, two Navy Crosses, eleven Silver Stars, twenty Bronze Stars, nine Navy Commendations, 208 Purple Hearts, 294 Combat Action Ribbons, the Presidential Unit Citation and the Battle Efficiency "E" which makes the USS Liberty the most decorated ship in US Navy history for a single event since the end of World War II.

I have viewed some of your presentations on YouTube in which you either refuse to answer questions about the attack on our ship or provide responses that have no basis in fact.

In one of your presentations you leave your audience with the impression that the US government has investigated the attack on our ship.

It has not.

You can prove that fact from an unimpeachable source – the Congressional Research Service.

We are hoping you would show us the courtesy of doing just that.

Please contact the Congressional Research Service and ask them the question, “Has the US government conducted an investigation of the June 8, 1967, Israeli attack on the USS Liberty?”

Respectfully,

Joe Meadors  
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