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President Donald J. Trump
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**Subject: Quinquagenary Memorial Service Honoring the Death and Maiming
 of American Servicemen Aboard the USS Liberty – June 8, 2017**

Dear Mr. President:

Each and every year, for the past 50 years, the American president has failed, in his duty as Commander-in-Chief, to commemorate the death of thirty-four American servicemen aboard the USS Liberty, by visiting in-person with the survivors and family members at the yearly Graveside Reading memorial service.

Let me repeat that fact Mr. President:

At no time in the last 50 years has a sitting American president honored the USS Liberty by joining in remembrance, in-person at the Arlington National Cemetery on June 8th.

The servility of this behavior is only partially characterized by the following additional facts:

1. At no time in history has the highest military service medal in the land, the *Congressional Medal of Honor*, been awarded by anyone BUT the Commander-in-Chief. In truth, it is a stated duty of the president that he/she alone present this highest of awards.
2. The *Congressional Medal of Honor* ceremony takes place at the White House.
3. The *Congressional Medal of Honor* ceremony is broadly covered and reported by the news media.
4. **Except** . . . the only *Congressional Medal of Honor* to be awarded in violation of our military and political traditions, such as facts 1, 2 and 3 above, was that given in-secret to Captain William L. McGonagle, commander of the USS Liberty (now deceased) . . . at a closed meeting at a Navy ship yard . . . a full year later.

The USS Liberty versus *The Swamp*

Consistent with the traitorous Memorandum for the President of May 15, 1968, the USS Liberty Officer of the Deck, Lloyd C. Painter, explains that this behavior permeated all award levels:

“ When I received my Purple Heart, in a secret ceremony in the captain’s office, I was admonished under threat of court martial, ‘Don’t ever tell anyone where you got this, don’t ever tell anyone how you got this medal.’ ”

Mr. President, as our Commander-in-Chief, I ask you:

How would you justify to a young American that they join a military that is directed by the political establishment, *The Swamp*, to treat its servicemen and women, not with dignity and respect, but with subterfuge and disregard?

Request

I will not quote the many statements you have made about the ongoing poor treatment endured by the women and men of our military, and their families.

Regardless of your current schedule for Thursday, June 8, 2017, which marks the fifty-year anniversary of the death and maiming of hundreds of the USS Liberty; in behalf of that group:

I hereby request that you revise that schedule to accommodate the quinquagenarian memorial service for the USS Liberty. This Graveside Reading is scheduled to occur at noon, at the Arlington National Cemetery, Section 34, Grave 1817. Again, you would be the first president in history to do so.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

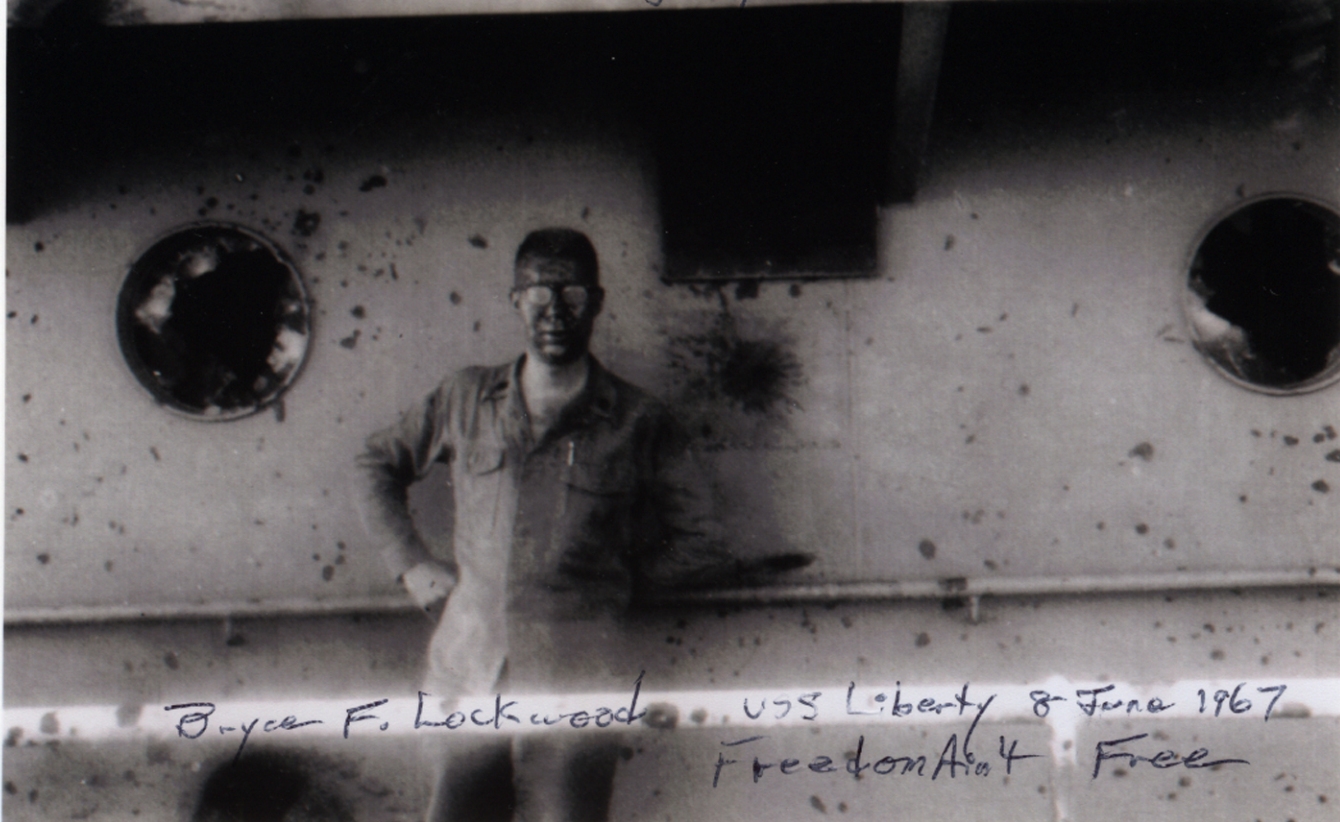
Respectfully yours,

Paul V. Sheridan

Attachment *

* Sargent Bryce Lockwood was the only US Marine aboard the USS Liberty on June 8, 1967.

To Paul V. Sherridan
Thanks for taking up the Liberty Cause!



Bryce F. Lockwood USS Liberty 8 June 1967
Freedom Ain't Free