

**THE LEGACY OF STAN HOLLOWAY**  
**CAPTAIN, US NAVY, SEAL**  
**1946 – 2009**

The late CAPT Stan Holloway, USN SEAL (ret) was the man on the cutting edge of the piracy problem with a mind that was always problem solving; a man that did not look for a different way to solve a problem: he looked for a better way. Drawing from his experience and knowledge he was driven to provide a Less-than-Lethal solution to the problem of piracy on the high seas, littoral waters, and the sea ports. Stan was a “gentle giant” born and raised in Laramie, Wyoming who spent most of his adult life in the military serving his country as an Army artillery officer in Vietnam and then the Navy where he joined the ranks of as a Naval Special Warfare Officer SEAL. He was also recently inducted into the Artillery Hall of Fame in FT Sill, OK.

Piracy is a problem that has existed for as long as mankind has ventured onto the waters of the world. The modern pirate is no exception; only the tools of the trade have been modernized and their rationale has expanded into protecting territorial waters from those that want abuse them for fishing, polluting, and plundering of the local resources. Also, the areas of the world that are seeing increased piracy continue to be plagued with civil war, lack of central governments with the ability to enforce state and international maritime law, and those that provide safe harbor for the pirate bands.

This problem was present to Stan by the Technology Management Company of Chantilly, Virginia to focus on the ever changing and challenging maritime environment and the problem of safeguarding the slow and low freeboard ships that transit the world, providing the services that make companies profit and countries economy grow in this electronic age. We rely on these vessels and crews to provide the products for infrastructure connecting one continent to another, one country to another, and ultimately, one person to another.

Stan accepted this challenge just as he had with every opportunity in his life and presented a Less-

than-Lethal solution to a violence filled environment.



The belief to detect and discourage the pirates as early as possible and give them a way out of a fight would provide the shipping industry with the ability to continue transit or even operate in these areas without escalating the problem. Pirates need surprise, violence of action, and the ability to get close enough to the vessel to board in order to steal from the vessel and crew or capture to ransom the vessel. If one takes away their ability to surprise the crew one removes the pirates only advantage. One possesses the high ground so it is yours to lose. Using people with mature judgment, modern technology and equipment, and those who understand the environment one operates in can solve the problem.

Unfortunately before Stan could field the proof of concept, he lost the battle for his life from complications of a brain tumor that he fought hard for several years., Stan’s vision saw the light of day one hot humid afternoon in the Gulf of Aden with the sea churning; the pirate watch notified the ship master of three dhows approaching the left side of

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the vessel approximately 1000 yards off the port side of the vessel. The assembled team of mature professionals envisioned by Stan to support the vessel and crew with technology and tactics that would deter the pirates manned their positions, readied the Less-than-Lethal technologies, and within minutes on their second pass, the set of dhows realized this ship was not to be boarded. Without firearms, this team employed Stan's Less-than-Lethal approach to repel piracy. The work for this slow moving vessel was just beginning in hostile waters, but with proven layered technologies and tactics, the vessel would continue its task with the knowledge that they could and would **detect** the approaching pirates, **deter** the approaching vessel(s) with Less-than-Lethal technologies, tactics, and procedures to **delay** until authorities arrived and **defend** their ship if necessary.

We at the Technology Management Company miss Stan's presence, ideas, and solutions in our daily activities, but we continue to reinforce the ideas, tactics, techniques and procedures to reinforce the Less-than-Lethal approach emphasized by the Maritime Industry and Global Governments.

“FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS”-

Our friend!