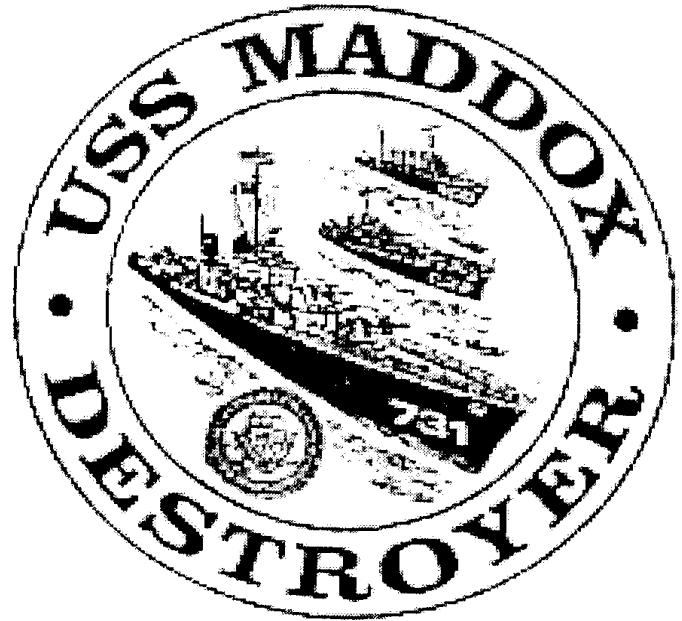




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**February 2014**

## USS Maddox Association Officers and Board

### Officers

President:	Dan Holland	2014
Vice President:	Jim Slattery	2014
Secretary:	Bob Wannamaker	Appointed
Treasurer:	John Bayley	Appointed
Chaplin:	Rev. Justin McMenamy	Appointed
Parliamentarian:	Cliff Gillespie	Appointed
Historian:	Roy Hyer	Appointed

### Board of Directors

Al Raines	2014
Russell Harvey	2014
Ed Pirie, Jr.	2014
John King	2014
Richard Lagro	2015
Joe Stout	2015
Dennis Stokhaug	2015

### Appointed Positions

Nominating Committee Chairman:	Hoot Gibson
Membership Committee Chairman:	Dennis Stokhaug
Webmaster:	Dennis Stokhaug
Newsletter Editor:	Kathy Stokhaug



### **A Message from the President Dan Holland**



Greetings Shipmates! I hope you are surviving this weather, in most places, it is the coldest in years. Even here in Alabama, we have seen single digits. Spring will come!

We have been in touch with a few more shipmates since the last reunion. It is so important to reach as many as we can to keep the Maddox family strong as long as possible.

One way to reach others is to wear our colors (hats and T-shirts). You may be pleasantly surprised at the number of people who will greet you in a positive way. This is a welcome change to the attitudes when most of us were in uniform. Veterans are now appreciated.

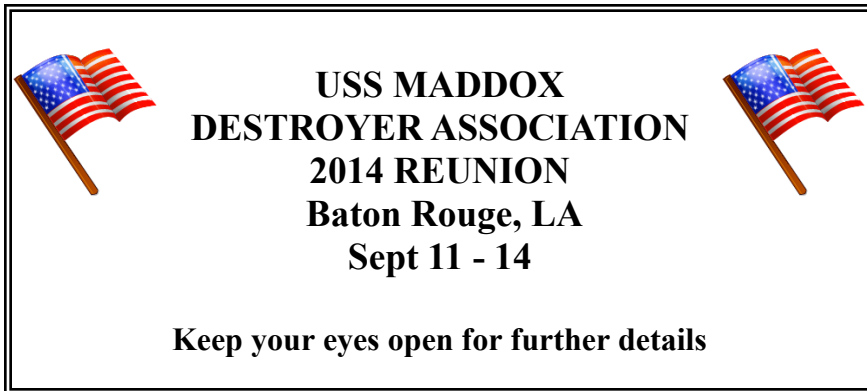
Our 25th reunion is fast approaching. We will be in Baton Rouge, LA Sept. 11-14th. There are many things to see and do in the city and surrounding area, including a destroyer. Baton Rouge was chosen for the 25th year because this was the location of the first reunion.

It has been decided to go to Wichita, KS in 2015. There is a museum located there that has a replica of the Maddox, which greatly influenced that decision. We will be negotiating with them to possibly house all of our Maddox memorabilia. If you

## Message from the President (cont'd)

have items regarding the Maddox that you would like to donate to the museum, please bring them to the 2015 reunion.

Thanks again to all of you who have been so helpful in all of our Maddox Association endeavors.



## DAN'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

By Dan Holland

Shortly before Christmas, I went to a sporting goods store in Florence, AL, to purchase a tree stand. The one I had wanted was on sale but sold out. I asked the manager if he could order me one. He said he could but not at the sale price. While I was looking at other stands, another man came up and wanted to purchase the same one I wanted. I told him that he was out of luck, that they were sold out.

I was wearing my Maddox hat and so our conversation began. He has also been in the Navy as an Arab linguist. So, we had lots of things in common. He called the manager to see if they had one in Huntsville, AL, about 100 miles away. They didn't have any but he was able to locate some in another town. The

## Dan's Christmas Gift (Cont'd)

man I had met asked that the store hold 2 and he would go pick them up. I tried to give him money for mine, but he wouldn't accept it, just to wait until he came back with them.

About 8 pm that night, he called for directions to my house. He brought it all the way to my house. I tried to pay him for the stand and trip expenses but he refused saying, "I usually do something good for someone this time of year and you are elected."

A friend from church helped me put up the stand and the first time I hunted from the stand, I killed a deer. My minister, who is an avid deer hunter, came to help me get the deer to the truck. We took the deer to his house where he skinned and processed the deer and packaged it for the freezer, and would not let me pay him!



## SHIPS/MADDOX DECK LOGS

By Dennis Stokhaug

I have received inquiries from people who served aboard the Maddox in the 60's and are now suffering from illness that they consider to be from Agent Orange. Their benefits are being denied by the VA as we know; the Maddox is not on the list of ships they claim was exposed to the chemical. The deck logs are available by writing to the National Archives. Tell them the dates or months that you want the deck logs for; they will send a form back to you with the estimated cost. The copying fee is .80 a page, and there could be as many as 50 pages per month. It may take up to 90 days to receive the logs once you send back the form. If you or if you hear of someone who needs help, the deck logs of the Maddox are available at this address:

National Archives at College Park  
8601 Adelphi Road  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Representative Lynn Greer of the Alabama House of Representatives presenting the Resolution (shown below) adopted by the House of Representatives to Dan Holland, President of the Maddox Assn. at the Mobile reunion.



HR536

By Representatives Lynn Greer and Greg Burdine

**RECOGNIZING THE USS MADDOX ASSOCIATION REUNION**

*WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize the meritorious USS Maddox Association Reunion on September 12-15th, 2013, in Mobile with highest commendations; and*

*WHEREAS, the USS Maddox Association Reunion honors the outstanding crews who served upon the magnificent USS Maddox, DD-168, DD-622 Livermore Class Destroyer, and DD-731 Sumner Class Destroyer ships named after Captain William Alfred Maddox; and*

*WHEREAS, the USS Maddox ships have a proud and distinguished naval history; and*

*WHEREAS, notably, the USS Maddox, DD-622, received two battle stars for her World War II Service and the USS Maddox DD-731 was awarded four battle stars for World War II and six for the Korean War and the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for her service in Vietnam; and*

*WHEREAS, the determination, sacrifice, courage, and professionalism shown by the remarkable crews who served on the USS Maddox reflect immense honor upon the United States and the entire State of Alabama; with an unwavering commitment to excellence in the defense of freedom and democracy, these noble individuals are truly deserving of special recognition; now therefore*

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the USS Maddox Association and those who served upon the USS Maddox are highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere best wishes for all future endeavors.**

*I hereby certify that the above interim resolution was approved on this the 20th day of May 2013 pursuant to HR201 adopted in the 1988 1st Special Session of the Alabama Legislature.*

JEFF WOODARD, CLERK



**USS MADDOX ASSOCIATION REUNION 2013**  
**MOBILE, AL**

The Maddox enjoyed another reunion in 2013, this time in Mobile, AL. Of course the highlight of the reunion was getting to see everyone who has become part of the Maddox family. There is always much laughter and great story telling when everyone gets together. The tour this year was to the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. While touring around in the museum we were also able to watch a Chief Petty Officer Pinning Ceremony. The Museum also had an Art Gallery where we found the picture below. It depicts the Turner Joy and the hull of another ship on the night of Aug. 4, 1964. If you look closely at the 2nd picture you see that it is the Maddox, or at least the bow of it.



The inscription under the portrait reads:  
During night action in the Tonkin Gulf on 4 August 1964, a 5-inch gun on board Turner Joy (DD951) flashes as the destroyer fires upon attacking North Vietnamese torpedo boats. The battle, lasting some 2 1/2 hours and coming on the heels of attacks against Maddox to nights earlier, prompted retaliatory carrier strikes against North Vietnam and marked the escalation of American involvement in Vietnam.

Many of the attendees also visited the USS Alabama which sits at Battleship Memorial Park in Mobile along with the USS Drum, a submarine. The Alabama is a real treat for any sailor as you can go anywhere on her, top to bottom. You can man the gun turrets, get locked in the brig or day dream in the fire room. It was not



## 2013 Reunion (Cont'd)

hard to find the “Maddox Men” as they would group together to tell stories of their jobs on the Maddox as compared to the Alabama.

At our banquet Dan Holland shared a resolution adopted by the Alabama House of Representatives recognizing the Maddox and those who served on her for the commitment to excellence in defense of freedom and democracy, the resolution was offered in deepest admiration and appreciation.

Of course the reunion was over much too soon and as always a great time was had by all. Thanks to all those who did the planning for another fine reunion. We look forward to seeing more of you in 2014 in Baton Rouge.



## Visits with Maddox Association Members in Florida

By Sandy Bayley

While attending a literary seminar in Key West in January, John and I were surprised to run into another attendee, Carol Sheerin, widow of Roger who was on the Maddox from 61-63. We had a great time reminiscing about Maddox experiences over fifty years ago and talking about shipmates who served with Roger and John. Although Carol has attended two Maddox reunions, she will not be in Baton Rouge and sends her greetings to everyone.

Before returning home we visited with Mel and Dottie Cunningham in New Port Richey. We enjoyed a wonderful visit over lunch with these two special Maddox Association friends.



John with Carol Sheerin



John with Mel and Dottie Cunningham



Ross Lewis

If you have not had a chance to hear Ross Lewis or to see his book “Welcome Home/A Monument of Honor”, you can find out about him on his website at <http://www.welcomemonument.com>. His presentation at the 2013 reunion was very moving and the website has some quotes from members of the Maddox Association. You can also see two TV interviews he has done and learn more about the book and why he started this project. There is also information on ordering the book if you like.

## HOWGOESIT TRIVIA



There is an old saying in the South, "The Good Lord willing and the Creeks don't rise."

The phrase has nothing to do with running streams, but instead it is a flashback to the days of the Creek War in 1813-1814 and particularly, the Red Stick attack on Fort Mims, AL. In Aug, 1813, 700 Creek Indians destroyed the fort killing 250 defenders and capturing many more. Thus the saying : "The Good Lord willing and the Creeks don't rise"

The Sandwich comes from the eighteenth century John Montague, who was the fourth Earl of Sandwich. This man liked to play cards and didn't like to take time out to eat. He solved the problem by putting slices of meat between two pieces of bread and ate while he continued to play cards.



As Dennis and I were leaving Mobile, we saw this table for members of the military set up in the hallway. There are books and magazines to take with them, information on what to see and do in Mobile, pictures and letters from school children thanking them for their service, and even small bags of personal



items that they may have forgotten to bring along with them. Having a grandson in the Marines, we were curious about what organization might sponsor this and upon talking to an airport worker we found out that it is done by the airport itself. What a nice gesture on their part and one that would be nice to see in other airports around the country. Thanks Mobile for this show of "thanks" to our Military Personnel.



This photo was emailed to Dennis from Barry Coombs CDR USN (Ret). He does volunteer work for "Find A Grave" and came across this in Tryon, NC. It says "In Memory Of GM3/C Marion "Pig" Williams Who Gave His Life For His Country Aboard the USS Maddox July 10, 1943."



Early in January Dennis received an email from the brother of Dan Till, a member of the Maddox Association family, with the sad news that Dan had passed away on Jan. 3, 2014 at the young age of 60. If you can't place the name, you might remember Dan by the big black cowboy hat he always wore. Dan will be buried at sea per his request.

### WEB SITE

[www.ussmaddox.org](http://www.ussmaddox.org)



Be sure to visit the website for updates on the next reunion, etc. You can read this newsletter, see the pictures in color, look for new shipmates who have added their names to the list, find a list of books you might be interested in reading, etc. Also, if you are a Facebook user, Roy Hyer has a page at USS MADDOX ORG



## SUGAR & SPICE & ALL THINGS NICE



Before we know it we will be off to Baton Rouge for the 2014 Maddox reunion. This is the 25th reunion for the association so if you have any ideas to help make it the best one ever, please pass those along to the officers and members of the board. If you have some special ideas for the ladies, pass them along to me, let's make this a group effort to make this reunion special.

With all the terrible weather we have had this winter, I could not pass up this cartoon. It gave me a good laugh on a very miserable snowy day, I hope it does the same for you even if you are sitting in the warm sunshine.



Let your Smile change the World  
Don't let the world change your Smile

### **It's the Doors!**

Have you ever walked into a room with some purpose in mind, only to completely forget what that purpose was? Turns out, doors themselves are to blame for these strange memory lapses. Psychologists at the Univ. of Notre Dame have discovered that passing through a doorway triggers what's known as an event boundary in the mind, separating one set of thoughts and memories from the next. Your brain files away the thoughts you had in the previous room and prepares a blank slate for the new locale.

It's not aging, it's the door!

Whew! .....Thank goodness for studies like these!

By Mary Raines



## Chaplain's Corner



### **GOODNESS**

Goodness demands that it be shared. Goodness is centered and emanates from God.

For: God is good - - all the time. All the time - - God is good! God longs to share His goodness, and He expects us to do the same - - to share our goodness and our blessings.

Secular people sometimes become curious about how believers experience their faith. It's that people of faith see and feel and experience "goodness" in a deeper, more sensitive, conscience way.

We can say that's a gift from God. It is not physical beauty nor the temporal glory of the scene, but there is an inner light that fuses a bond between the believer and his/her maker - - and that is what we love when we love God. It lets that person see God's goodness in all things that are not evil.

A little proof of the statement that "goodness demands that it be shared" can be seen in everyday things, for instance, like - - if we had a wonderful, delicious meal in a new restaurant, we can't wait to tell a close friend about it. If someone helped us change a flat tire on a busy expressway, we are anxious to share the story of that good deed. So, we can easily see the goodness when it's shared (even if it happened to someone else, and it's them sharing the story or event - - we see the goodness).

Perhaps in a moment of thinking about goodness emanating from God, we pause to be grateful and say thanks for the goodness of God, for providing an ample roof over our heads, plenty of warmth from the fireplace (furnace) and food in our home.

## Chaplain's Corner (cont'd)

To that thought, please allow me to share (and it will make a point), a reflection from Virginia's life--my beautiful, wonderful bride of 59 1/2 year, before she went home to God 3 plus years ago. The harsh winter we are enduring reminds me of this. She grew up on a farm 100 miles southwest of St. Louis among the rocks. No central heat in a non-insulated farm house--one wood/coal burning cooking/heating stove in the kitchen. The youngest of 8 children. Her siblings were gone by the time she was 10 and it became her lot to get up at 5:30 a.m., come down from a cold upstairs bedroom to start that fire in the kitchen. She shared her goodness. When sufficient heat was pouring forth, it was time to head for the barn to milk the cows. We had 2 homes built, well insulated, central heat/air -- 54 years in this present home. She had a habit. Every time she came into our home when the temperature was below freezing, she uttered a quick prayer of gratitude, "Thank you Jesus, for my nice warm house". Oh, to be grateful for the goodness of God, and for the goodness of each other.

Perhaps our lack of attention to our own goodness, combined with our craving for instant gratification and stimulation, has led us afar from seeing, for feeling, and experience God's goodness, and that of others' goodness around us. May God bless all of you.

A Servant of the Lord,

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## PRAY FOR THOSE DECEASED SINCE OUR LAST "HOWGOESIT".

Members: Herbert Hazelwood and Daniel W. Till.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
May their souls rest in peace.  
Amen.



From the Editor

I want to thank everyone who contributed to this edition of the *HOWGOESIT*. I would like to encourage all of you to send in any information you would like to share, stories or pictures, maybe a memory you have of your time on the Maddox or a visit you had with someone you served with. These are all ideas that have been given to me but I need your help to follow through on them. With the 25th reunion of the Maddox Association coming up in 2014 everyone should try to make a special effort to reach out to anyone you might still be in touch with that served on the Maddox and give them a personal invitation to the reunion. Send me their name and address and I will send the newsletter to them along with updates on the reunion. Let's all work to make this the best reunion it can possibly be!