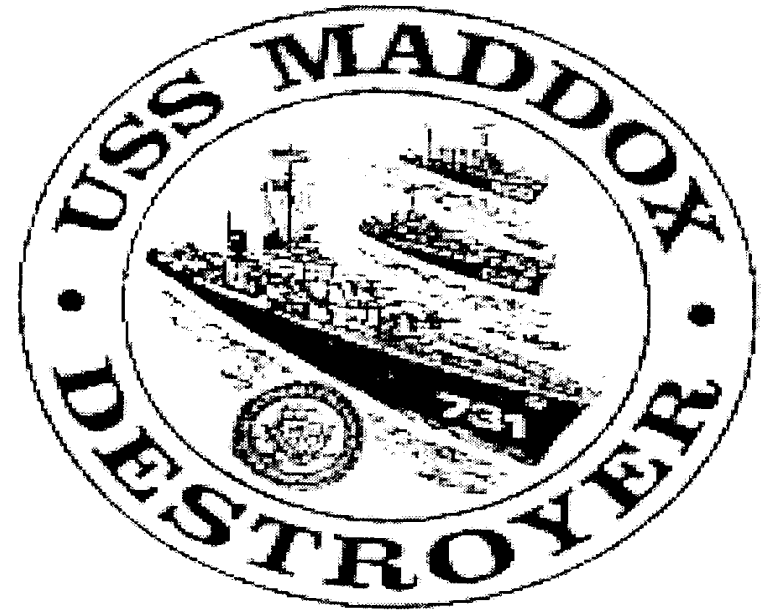




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## USS Maddox Association Officers and Board

### Officers

President:	Jim Slattery	2016
Vice President:	Al Raines	2016
Secretary:	Bob Wannamaker	Appointed
Treasurer	John Bayley	Appointed
Chaplin:	Rev. Justin McMenamy	Appointed
Parliamentarian:	Cliff Gillespie	Appointed
Historian:	Roy Hyer	Appointed

### Board of Directors

Richard Lagro	2015
Joe Stout	2015
Dennis Stokhaug	2015
Hoot Gibson	2016
Dan Holland	2016
Bill Metcalf	2016
Ed Pirie	2016

### Appointed Positions

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



### **A Message from the President Jim Slattery**



Time is coming on fast for our reunion in Wichita and I look forward to it as I do all of our reunions. I have not been to the Salt Mine or to the museum. Every time I go by the Salt Mine in Hutchinson I say I'm going to stop and see it and never do (my granddaughter was there and enjoyed it.) I do believe it will be different than anything we have seen in the past. Now for the Museum, I think it is planned for Thursday, thanks to John Bayley, to see the model of the Maddox and the other things they have there. I know this is an added tour and hope we get many of you to join us in enjoying the Museum.

Keep in mind one of the first orders of business will be to decide if we are going to Albuquerque, N.M. or are we going to Boise, ID in 2016. I thank all who serve either as Officers, Board of Directors, or appointed Board Members. Without you we would not have a good reunion. Now lastly, I want to thank Joyce Metcalf from the bottom of my heart for all the years she gave us to make every reunion the best it could be.

May all of you have a safe trip to Wichita and we will see you there.

God Speed.

Jim (Slats)

## A MADDOX MEMORY

About December 10, 1951, the U.S.S. Maddox (DD731) left San Diego for Korea. We stopped at Hawaii at Christmas time. The skipper announced that all divisions could decorate for Christmas and that they would be judged and the winner would have a beer party. R-Division won. We left Hawaii after Christmas and then went to Midway to refuel. When we got there, no one was on the island. The guys went all over the place. We found a water cooler in the bowling alley and thought that we needed it in the forward engine room. We took it aboard and hooked it up. In the machine shop was a like-new lathe. Ours was worn out from making ash trays out of shell casings so we carried it aboard and down to the machine shop. We unbolted the old one and put the new one in its place. We then took the old one and threw it over the side of the ship.

We went on to Korea and did our tour, then on the way home, before we got to Midway there was a radio announcement saying the Maddox was not welcome at Midway. We pulled in at Midway and refueled and had our beer party on the dock. There was no shade and it was very hot, but the beer was cold and we enjoyed it.

Hubert C. "Hoot" Gibson  
Engineman, USS Maddox  
Portage, Michigan

Thanks to Hoot for sending in this story. Do you have a memory of your time on the Maddox? How about sharing it with your fellow shipmates. We would love to hear your story, just forward it to [kstokhaug@aol.com](mailto:kstokhaug@aol.com), or mail to her at S71W14562 Hidden Creek Ct., Muskego, WI 53150.



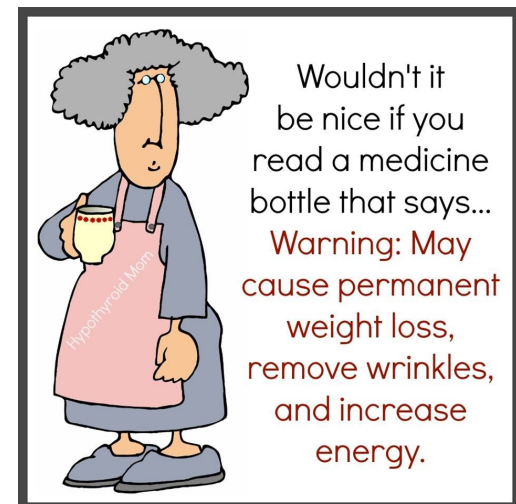
## SUGAR & SPICE AND ALL THINGS NICE



I hope everyone is enjoying good health and weather and are looking forward to another Maddox reunion. I am sure we all have the same feeling of being with "family" when coming and we look forward to including those of you who are coming for the first time into that family. You will hear many stories of things that happened on the Maddox, some you may already know, some you never heard before but to see the happy smiles and loud laughter coming from our "sailors" always makes for a great time.

I only heard from 2 of you about the updating of the Ladies email addresses and those remained the same so I am assuming we are all good with what information we have. If not, let me know.

Wishing a Happy Birthday to those of you who have recently celebrated or about to celebrate your birthday. It would be nice to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, new additions to the family, etc., so please pass those little tidbits along and they will be included in the newsletter, minus the birth year of course. Looking forward to seeing all of you in September.



## **THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL**

### **Interesting Facts about the Korean War Veterans Memorial**

It was only after the conclusion of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that the idea to create such a memorial for the Korean War Veterans Memorial arose. Even then, it took until Oct, 1986 to be authorized by Congress. In 1988 Pres. Ronald Reagan created an advisory board which chose the site for the memorial in 1988.

There were 1,400 entries for the design of the Memorial. Maya Ying Lin, a college student at Yale, submitted the winning design. The final design was selected in collaboration between several designers.

The groundbreaking happened on June 14, 1992 & then President George H. W. Bush conducted the event. On July 27, 1995, the 42nd anniversary of the armistice that ended the war Pres. Bill Clinton and Kim Young Sam, Pres. Of the Republic of Korea, dedicated the memorial to the men & women who served in the conflict.

The memorial is in the form of a triangle intersecting a circle. The circle contains “the Pool of Remembrance”. The shallow pool has a 9m diameter. It is lined with black granite & surrounded by a grove of trees with benches.

The walls of the triangle are made of more than 100 tons of polished “Academy Black” granite from CA.

Within the walled triangle are 19 stainless steel statues designed by Frank Gaylord, which depict soldiers on patrol facing an American flag. They are approximately 7’3” tall (heroic scale) & consist of 14 Army, 3 Marines, 1 Navy, 1 Air Force. Of the 19 they represent an ethnic cross section of America with 12 Caucasian, 3 African American, 2 Hispanic, Oriental, 1 Native American Indian. Each statue weighs nearly 1,000 pounds. The figures are in full combat gear, dispersed among strips of granite & juniper bushes, representing the rugged terrain of Korea. On reflection

from the walls, the soldiers appear to be 38 in number, representing the 38th parallel which divides Korea. Three of the statues are in the woods, so if you are at the flagpole looking through the troops, you can’t tell how many there are. Because the statues are made of stainless steel, a reflective material, when seen in bright sunlight it causes the figures to come to life. The blowing ponchos give motion to the column, so you can feel them walking up the hill with the cold winter wind at their backs, talking to one another. At nighttime the fronts of the statues are illuminated with a special white light; the finer details of the sculptures are clearly seen & the ghosts appear.

On the main wall created by Louis Nelson, more than 2,500 photographic images have been sandblasted. These images were taken directly from photos of soldiers, sailors, marines, & airmen who fought in the conflict. All names, rank & company insignia were removed & no records were kept that would allow for specific identification of the images.

The “Pool of Remembrance” honors the dead, the missing, the POWs & the wounded from the United States & United Nations Forces.

Next to the “Pool of Remembrance” there are inscriptions which list the number of American & United Nations soldiers killed, wounded, missing in action, & held as prisoners of war side by side.

In another nearby plaque are the words “our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met” inscribed.

On the south side of the memorial there are three Rose of Sharon bushes, South Korea’s national flower.

“Freedom is Not Free” is an inscription inlaid in silver on a nearby Granite wall.

## STRANGE & MYSTERIOUS SEA STORIES



### THE DERELICT

The "Dundee Star", a scottish bark, ( a ship with 3 or more masts) was abandoned by its crew in a gale off Midway Island, and drifted completely around the world in 4 years and finally piled up in 1891 on Midway Island. This was the very spot from which she started her phantom voyage

### THE CYCLOPS

The largest ship to vanish without a trace in the history of the Navy was a collier known as the USS Cyclops. To this day, the ship has never been found.

### THE ECLIPSE

The sailing ship, "Eclipse", was struck by a meteor in the mid-pacific. The masts were carried away, and the vessel abandoned with the loss of 3 lives.

### THE LARGEST SAILING SHIP TO DISAPPEAR

The five-masted bark "*Kobenhaven*" disappeared into the unknown. Although she carried radio equipment and auxiliary engines, 70 cadets, members of the most prominent family in Denmark, she vanished without a trace. Her fate is still unknown.

### MAN WHO SURVIVED 3 SHIPWRECKS

Frank Tower survived the sinking of the Titanic, the Lusitania, and the Empress of Ireland.

Information submitted by Dick Lagro

## NAVY TRIVIA



### DOG WATCH

Dog watch is the name given to the 1600-1800 and 1800-2000 watches aboard ship. The 1600-2000 4-hour watch was originally split to prevent men from always having to stand the same watches daily. As a result, sailors dodge the same daily routine, hence they are dodging the watch or standing the dodge watch.

### SOUNDING BELLS

By tradition sixteen bells are struck on midnight of New Years...the oldest person on the vessel strikes the first 8 no matter what his rank (enlisted or admiral or whatever)...the second 8 are struck by the youngest person the vessel.

### NAVY BLUE

Blue has not always been navy blue In fact it wasn't until 1745 that the expression navy blue meant anything at all. In that year several British officers petitioned the Admiralty for adaptation of new uniforms for its officers. King George chose a blue and white because they were the favorite color combinations of the first lord's wife, Duchess of Bedford.

August 27, 1802 the Secretary of the Navy signed an instruction which set a pattern for the dress of the U.S. Navy in Blue and Gold.

### CHIEF'S BELL

It is at the Navy Memorial, Navy Heritage Center, Gallery Deck. The inscription on the front has an anchor with the words "Chief Petty Officer Centennial 1893-1993" around it.



**USS MADDOX  
DESTROYER ASSOCIATION  
2015 REUNION Sept 10-13  
Wichita, KS**



Held at the Wichita Marriott Hotel located at 9100 Corporate Hills Dr, Wichita, KS 67207.

Thursday: Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Hospitality Room and will continue all day. There will also be a tour of the Museum of World Treasures at 1:30 p.m. Meet in the hotel lobby if you would like to go along.

Friday: At 9:00 am the bus leaves the hotel for a tour of the salt mine museum for those who signed up to go. The Hospitality Room will be open all day.

Saturday: Starts early with the 8 am Men's & Ladies Breakfast. The Men's Breakfast will be followed with a Business Meeting that is important for all members to attend.

The Ladies Breakfast will be followed with a social hour and the \$10.00 gift game.

Pictures will be taken this year before the Banquet. Dennis Stokhaug will be our speaker with pictures of Maddox Memorabilia.

If time permits, the Hospitality Room will be open after the Banquet.

Sunday: There will be a Board of Directors Meeting before Breakfast. At 8:00 there will be a Farewell Breakfast.

There is a restaurant in the hotel and also many more within a 2-3 mile radius featuring any type of food you might be looking for.

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**REUNION (Cont'd)**

The hotel also has a Fitness Center, Pool, Shuttle service, Free parking if you are driving in and free internet service, It is also near to Waterfront Shopping & Dining.

Of course the Hospitality Room will be open every day and will be kept well stocked, as always, by Ed and Norma Pirie with snacks and drinks for everyone's enjoyment.

Never having been to Wichita, I decided to send for some information and knowing that the Wannamakers and Stokhaugs are not the only ones who take advantage of sight-seeing in whatever city the Maddox Reunion takes us, I thought I would share a few with you. There are 4 truths when we go sightseeing together, we are going to end up in a candy/ice cream store, an historical museum, or a car museum and an antique store.

With that in mind I did find the Nifty Nut House in Wichita that has nuts, candy and much more. I understand they will allow you to sample anything you may want to purchase and the variety is endless. The reviews suggest you might want to take up to an hour to visit.

The Old Cow Town Museum is an Old West Museum with the staff in period costume demonstrating every day activities from an 1870's cattle town. Also includes historic buildings.

Along the Arkansas River there is a River walk and a statue entitled The Keeper of the Plains. I understand it is very impressive and even more so at night when the Fire Pot is lit. Nearby is also a Veterans Memorial that has great reviews as a "must see".

But much to my dismay, I could not find a car museum, 19 museums listed but nothing for a car museum. (Sorry Bob & Dennis).

Of course it is always nice just to enjoy everyone's company in the hospitality room, before you know it the reunion is over.

## LOOKING FOR .....



The following emails were sent to Dennis :

I am looking for any shipmates that might remember my father William Meredith Shaw who served during the Korean war. He had pictures of the Maddox and a carrier the he was on during the war. Julie Parks.

If you remember William, you can contact her at [julieparks147@yahoo.com](mailto:julieparks147@yahoo.com). Of course you can also always contact Dennis or me and we would be happy to pass along any information to Julie.



Hello, I am writing to you from Ohio. A few years ago I picked up a painting from a Goodwill store along with a wooden carved Tiki and on the back it had the name Gary L. Smith with the dates 47- 48 and said USS Maddox. I am wondering if you have any information on this sailor? Thank you. Bella Jordan.

If you remember Gary and might know his hometown please let Dennis know so he can get the info to Bella.



We have heard from Ken Rubin, the son of Manuel (Manny) Rubin that Manny passed away in July, 2012. Manny was a seaman on the Maddox. Ken has his father's diary from his time in the service & is in the process of digitalizing it so as to preserve the original diary. We have asked him to provide us with any stories he may come across regarding the time his father spent on the Maddox to publish here. If you remember Manny Rubin or have any information about his time on the Maddox that you would like to share with Ken, please contact me, I am sure he would be happy to hear from anyone who served with this father.

From the Editor: I told you about the ship's bell and the fact that it is located at the Museum of Military Memorabilia in Naples, Fl. Den & I had the pleasure of meeting the family of the last sea-going Captain of the Maddox & have been corresponding with Frederick, the son of Capt. Mains. He has sent the following invitation to any of the Maddox sailors and their families who might be in the area for Veteran's Day :



### **You are Invited !**

All members of the USS Maddox Association are Invited to join us in commemorating Veterans Day at  
The Naples Museum of Military Memorabilia in  
Naples, Florida.

**Wednesday November 11, 2015 starting at 10:00**

There will be patriotic speeches, special displays of  
Military memorabilia and much more !

All members of the Association are invited to  
Join us in personally ringing  
the Ships Bell of the USS Maddox  
In honor of all our servicemen and women

Den & I will be there again this year & we look forward to seeing any of you who might be in the area.





## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

LIFE'S NOT A RACE —  
IT'S A JOURNEY



From the moment we are born, all of us are on a journey. For believers in God & believe there is more to our existence than walking on & breathing the air of this Earth, it's a journey of HOPE.

This hope sure makes for exciting days - -the feeling that it is great to be alive, & to be grateful for the gift of the life that we have. But, a question? Where do we turn when we need someone to talk to? When a daily challenge causes us to ask "What do I do now?" Who is it we confide in? If we have a broken heart - - there are no prosthetics to fix it. When other physical parts fail or breakdown - - some can't be fixed with medical genius. If another misfortune hits us or a dear loved one - - whose shoulder do we cry on? When we participate in a joyful event, be it family, invited, celebration, etc. are we spiritually free to fully enjoy ourselves - - which in turn effects someone else. We can't think our way through tragedies or tough times - - we have to pray our way through them. When we happily (joyfully) celebrate, we lift others up - - we give them HOPE.HOPE that tomorrow will be better - - that there is a silver lining after the storm clouds pass.

These kinds of events happen on the path of our journey lead us (believers) to the one source - - to **Almighty God**. His love for us is omnipotent - - He cares, He is concerned, He will guide, help, inspire, & most times grant us a solution for circumstances. What believers do has to be contagious. Others have to want what we have.

So -- there is a path that grants us peace, goodness, & joy on this journey which leads us through the events of our lives, through

FAITH (believing), we attain a relationship with God. Who created us out of love. He is the source & He is always there for us. When all else fails you - - please try God. Find a quiet place that you can call your chapel, & PRAY.

Keep the FAITH! May God grant all one of the best days of this year! God bless you.

A Servant of the Lord,

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

Manuel Rubin

Association Members

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Gordon Sovereign

John Fisher

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

May their souls ret in peace.

Amen