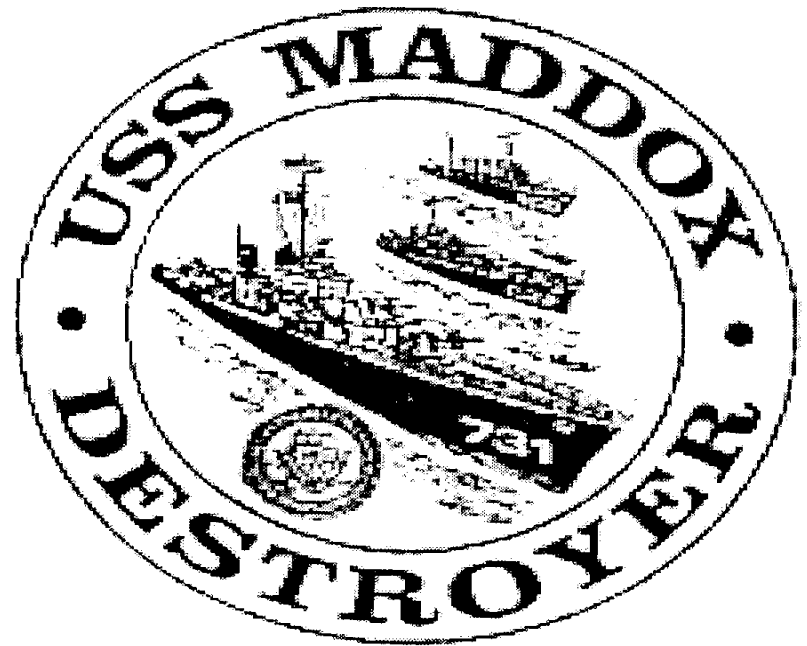




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July, 2016

USS Maddox Association Officers and Board

Officers

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

Board of Directors

Hoot Gibson	2016
Dan Holland	2016
Bill Metcalf	2016
Ed Pirie	2016
Richard Lagro	2017
Joe Stout	2017
Dennis Stokhaug	2017

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



I don't have much to say but I would like to invite all to Albuquerque, NM. This year's reunion will be a lot of fun. I am looking forward to seeing friends and shipmates from over the years. If you have never been to one of the reunions I urge you to attend. Come and get involved in your organization, who knows you might enjoy it

Slats



As you can see from the list of Officers and Appointees, the Association is in need of some of the members to step up and volunteer to take the positions of Secretary and Historian. These jobs are important for the smooth running of the Association and we hope someone will be willing to accept them. If you are willing to do so, just talk to one of the Board Members so your name can be brought up at a Board Meeting.

THE NAVY'S NEWEST SHIPS

In one of the earlier issues of the *HOWGOESIT* we had a story about the Littoral combat ships that the Navy was building and all of the concerns that were raised about them. This was an important story for folks here in Wisconsin because of the huge financial impact it had on our state. The Marinette Marine Corp. shipyard employs about 2,000 people building those Littoral ships. They had already delivered 3 of those ships to the Navy and there were 7 more in various stages of construction. So in Feb., 2016 it came as quite a disappointment when Senators urged the Navy to delay deployment of those vessels. But as time will have it, in April, 2016 the Navy awarded money for another littoral ship to be built along with the 7 already under construction in WI. More of those ships are also being built in Mobile, AL., which I understand is a different version of the ones built in WI.



In May, 2016 the next generation of destroyer was delivered to the Navy, the Zumwalt-class guided missile destroyer. This ship is optimized for stealth and operations close to shore. A crew of 143 began a 4 month long training process aboard ship under the leadership of Capt. James Kirk before the planned Commissioning in Baltimore on Oct 15th. The Zumwalt is the first of a 3 ship class, The Michael Monsor, and the Lyndon B. Johnson still under construction.



Now the Navy has the Sea Hunter, an unmanned ship which has been referred to as looking like a cross between an extremely slimmed down whale and an F-16 fighter jet. It is designed to stalk submarines and other vessels. The ship is a 132 foot long, self driving ship which can hunt down enemy submarines, mines ,

THE NAVY'S NEWEST SHIPS (Cont'd)

And they could be used for surveillance. Sea Hunter will be able to travel up to 10,000 nautical miles on its own. The ship was Commissioned on 4/7/2016 and arrived in San Diego 5/4/16 and was off loaded from a sea barge and transported under its own power to Space & Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific. The Sea Hunter relies on radar, sonar, cameras and global positioning systems to cruise without a single Human ever setting foot on board. If all goes according to plan, the program will transfer to the Navy in 2018. You can see more pictures and read more about the Sea Hunter on the internet. Just type Sea Hunter US Navy into your search engine and you will find many articles about it along with several pictures.



This is certainly a long way from the likes of the Maddox, the Brush, the Preston and the Moore, just to name a few. As someone very near and dear to me always says, "this isn't the world we grew up in."



GRIN AND BEAR IT

Strength of mind: A person who can only eat one salted peanut.

My neighbor wore both of his winter jackets when he painted his house last summer. Directions on the can said, "Put on two coats".

Poker face: The face that launched a thousand chips.

USS MADDOX (DD168)

Dennis Stokhaug

The first ship to bear the Maddox name was a Wickes Class, the little versions of a destroyer. They were less successful designed ships. Few were remaining past 1936.

Laid down on July 20, 1918 and launched Oct. 27, 1918 she was commissioned March 10, 1919. On July 17, 1920 she was designated DD168. and Decommissioned on June 14, 1922. Inactive for 18 years she was recommissioned June 17, 1940 and again decommissioned on September 2, 1940,



The same day, under the destroyer-naval base agreement, she was transferred to Great Britain and in the Royal Navy commissioned as HMS Georgetown. The British named these ships after towns of the same name in both countries.

In 1942 she was transferred to the royal Canadian Navy. In 1943 the ship was returned to England. Finally in 1944 she was turned over to the Soviet Navy and renamed Doblestny (Glorious or Valiant). During the month of February 1949 she was returned to England and the Royal Navy and then sold for scrap.

I heard that a bronze wheel was bought by a dealer from a private collector of marine artifacts. The dealer later sold it and according to an attached label it is from the original Maddox (Georgetown) and was presumably used for emergency steering. It was saved while the ship was being scrapped. The wheel is now in the process of being polished up and will have wooden handles replaced on the spokes.



USS MADDOX DESTROYER ASSOCIATION REUNION Sept 8-11 2016

MCM ELEGANTE HOTEL
2020 Menaul Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107
1-866-650-4900
505-884-2511

The reunion information has been sent out and hopefully you have all filled out the registration form, called the hotel, and made arrangements to get to Albuquerque. We hope to see all of you there. There has been a tour of Albuquerque scheduled for Friday and will include:

A stop outside the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

Trip to the Turquoise Museum (Bring your piece of Turquoise to learn about its origin and value

A cruise down historic route 66 with a stop for lunch at the 66 Diner, a former Phillips 66 station. (Individual checks)

A visit to the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History
This is a Smithsonian affiliate established in 1969 as the National Atomic Museum to learn about atomic energy from its early development to today's peaceful uses.

Of course the Hospitality Room will be open all day for anyone who does not wish to attend the tour.

Saturday is another busy day with the Men's Breakfast and Annual Meeting, and the Ladies Breakfast (with the \$10 gift exchange).

Free time to spend visiting in the Hospitality Room or you can take the hotel shuttle to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center to see the 2 P.M. dances. There is a \$6.40 senior admission

Evening begins with and Open bar at 6:00, followed by a Buffet Banquet.

The time flies by quickly and Sunday brings the Farewell Buffet Breakfast and once again we will head home looking forward to next year's reunion.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

EVIL EXISTS IN THE WORLD



About a week ago, Kathy asked if I could get a Chaplain's Corner together as she was putting another *HOWGOESIT* together. A couple ideas (topics) surfaced for me, but nothing of depth materialized. Then, this evil event in Orlando occurred..

It is probably safe to say most of our Association members faced evil (an enemy), at one time or another, during their tour of duty while on the USS MADDOX. The ship, during its active duty years, fought in WWII, Korea and Vietnam, and I believe most of our members were aboard during one of those War years. Therefore we can say we have faced evil.

I, in no way will try to explain evil, nor will I try to analyze why someone commits evil. Every acclaimed news analyst and expert have weighed in on doing exactly that - it's their job. An evil can be born in an individual, expand into a group and can take over a nation. For me there is a story that I am reminded of that points me to what the problem is in the case of most evil deeds. It brings all of this into this Chaplain's Corner at this time. It is at the very heart of why God (and his teachings) need to be a part of our lives - and, hopefully that of other's lives.

The story goes like this. About 500 yrs. ago an Indian Tribe was living in peace and were quite well off. One day an 8 yr. old lad said to his father, "Father, while you and many other men were out on that hunting trip, a 15 yr. old boy did some really bad things and now he has to be punished. What made him do that evil thing"? His father said "I don't know why or how that evil got into him - I don't have all the answers. Why don't you go ask the chief - he is a very wise man."

So, the young lad went to the chief and said, "Wise chief, how did evil enter that 15 yr. old boy who did that terrible thing"? The chief said, "Well lad, there is a war going on inside all of us all the time. The lad was listening very intently and after a moment of silence said, "Well, if a war is going on, that means the good wolf and bad wolf are fighting. **Which one wins**"? Without hesitating the chief said, "**The one you feed**".

Be careful which one we feed. God bless all of you and your loved ones.

A Servant of the Lord.

Justin McMenamy

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LET'S PRAY FOR THOSE DECEASED SINCE OUR LAST "*HOWOESIT*"

Association members:	Clinton "Ward" Bond
	Mel Cunningham
	Hugo Meuer
	Russell Harvey

Non members:	Sam Terrana
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Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.
May their souls rest in peace.
Amen

WARD BOND

Ward served on the Maddox in 1964. The following are excerpts taken from his Obituary in November, 2015:

C.W. “Clint” Bond, formerly of Amite, LA who later became president of Ethyl Corporation, died on November 29, 2015 of congestive heart failure.

Ward attended the United States Military Academy where he excelled and lettered four years in crew. His senior year, he captained the team which won the coveted Eastern Sprints title. He was engineering officer on the USS Maddox in 1964 during the Gulf of Tonkin incident, where many believe Lyndon Johnson sent this destroyer with another, USS Turner Joy as “sacrificial lambs” to justify war with North Vietnam. Ward was a very fine poet and photographer of all things Baton Rouge, compiling hundreds of images unique to our city, whose history was also his passion. He was influential in creating our floating museum, the USS Kidd, securing major items in its nautical collection on the levee.

After serving four years in the Navy, he returned to Louisiana where he soon shunned a “corporate” job for an amazing list of entrepreneurial endeavors, working with inventors and engineers on start-up businesses, such as Talking Signs, Inc., an infrared wayfinding and information system for people who are blind. He later partnered with Mitsubishi of Japan to manufacture and install the transmitter/receiver devices in airports, bus and subway terminals, even major intersections in cities in the U.S., Canada, Norway and Japan. Ward became a respected advocate of the blind community and was lovingly called “the Thomas Edison of wayfinding.” Ward loved to encourage young artists and entrepreneurs in his community.

When the camera pans the old-timer audience during a song, hands are waving high in the air—not like the kids, in unison, but waving in all directions. This is either an indication that members of our generation march to his or her own drummer - or are just

WARD BOND (Cont’d)

disoriented.” - C. Ward Bond. A memorial celebration was held January 3, 2016 in Baton Rouge.



CAPT. MELVILLE CUNNINGHAM

Mel was a member of the crew of the USS Maddox (DD622) during WWII, an FC 3/C petty officer and a plank owner. The following are excerpts taken from his obituary June, 2016:

After WWII Mel entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 1947. Upon graduation in 1951, he entered flight training & received his wings in 1952. He was assigned to Fighter Squadron 191 aboard the USS Oriskany in the Korean Theatre. Mel was then selected for the Naval Test Pilot School at the US Naval Air test Center. Upon graduation he was assigned to Armament Test until ordered to the Fleet Air Gunnery Unit. He ran the last Top Gun weapons meet for the day fighters. He was one of the top 20 Aviators screened for the Mercury Space Program.

After an exchange tour with the Air Force, Mel served as the Aide-Flag Secretary to Commander Carrier Division Six in the Atlantic Fleet & attended the US Naval War College. In June 1964, he was ordered to Attack Squadron 81 where he served as operations officer, executive officer, & commanding officer while being based on the USS Forestall, USS Saratoga & the USS Shangri-La. He returned to the Naval Air Test Center in 1968 where he developed the procedures for dynamic aircraft engine testing that are now the standard for the Navy and Air Force. From that assignment he reported to the USS Midway as executive officer to for the carrier’s first combat tour in Vietnam. In 1976 he became commanding officer for the US Naval Air Station, Atlanta, GA. Mel retired from the Navy in Nov. 1978. Mel is survived by his wife of 65 years, Dorothy (Dottie), two grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Melville Cunningham Jr.

LADIES CORNER



Welcome to the Ladies Corner. I am hoping that you will enjoy this and will contribute stories, events, recipes, etc. to this page over the next year or so. We are a large part of the Association also so I hope this will be a permanent page in the newsletter every issue but I will need your help to do this. How about some birthday, anniversary wishes (no ages will be printed), births in the family, etc.

In that vein, we can all wish Sarah Wannamaker a Happy Birthday on Sept, 4th. Bob & Sarah also welcomed their first grandson, Christopher earlier in the year.

On a sad note, Sandy Bayley received a call from Cheryl Gauvey, Grace Mikita's daughter to let her know that Grace passed away on June 1st. Grace was not able to attend last year's reunion but she and her daughters were at many prior reunions and she will be missed. If you would like to send a note or card, you can send it to Cheryl Gauvey at 215 N. 19th Ave., New Brighton, PA 15066

Also, if you would like to send a card to Dottie Cunningham her address is 5024 Isla Vista Ct., New Port Richey, FL 34655. Dottie's health has kept her away from the reunions & I am sure she would love to hear from you.

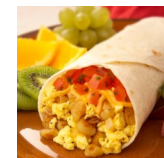
Remember, if you want to take part in the Ladies Gift Exchange at the upcoming reunion, you need to bring a \$10.00 gift with you to the Ladies Breakfast on Saturday morning.

Let's have fun with this page and I look forward to hearing from all of you.

LADIES CORNER (cont'd)

Here is a quick and easy supper recipe sent in by Sue Fairbanks:

CROCKPOT TACO CHICKEN BURRITOS



4 Boneless Chicken Breasts (frozen is fine)
1 can Rotel 1 packet Taco Seasoning
1 can condensed Cream of Chicken soup
Tortillas

Place chicken in bottom of your crock pot and sprinkle taco seasoning on chicken.

In bowl combine soup and Rotel. Pour over chicken.

Cook on high 4 hours.

Shred chicken with 2 forks and stir.

Put mixture inside warm tortilla and roll like a burrito.

Dollop of sour cream and sprinkle of cheese inside burrito is optional.

*"You don't stop laughing when you grow old,
You grow old when you stop laughing."*

STRAWBERRY JELLO SALAD

A family favorite from Kathy Stokhaug

1/2 cup boiling water 1/2 cup chopped pecans
2 pkg (small) Strawberry Jello 1 Cup sour cream
10 oz can crushed Pineapple (well drained.)
10-16 oz frozen Strawberries

Add boiling water to Jello & stir until dissolved. Add strawberries (frozen) and mix gently til broken up. Chill until slightly congealed. Add pineapple and pecans and mix. Put half of mixture into lightly oiled Jello mold & chill. Fold sour cream into remaining mixture and pour over first layer. Chill until set, remove from mold and serve. Can also be made in a pan & cut into squares to serve.

A MADDOX STORY

Edward Garrity

After Boot Camp in San Diego in 1955 I went to Radar man 'A' school at Treasure Island, San Francisco. I reported aboard the Maddox on 1 Jan '56. Shortly after I arrived aboard a new CO came aboard, William (Bill) Norrington. We all noted that he wore Dolphins of the sub service but I never heard any discussion of them by anyone. In CIC where every officer sooner or later stands watches and in conversation around the ship, no one seemed to know the story of the Dolphins and I doubt anyone asked Capt Norrington about them. In my mind Capt. (then Commander) Norrington was a great CO. In due course he was relieved and went off to a new assignment. I had many great memories of him. At the time I had a cousin, Charles (Chuck) Fleming who was a career Hospital Corpsman who migrated into submarines, and in the late 60's served aboard USS Rasher (SS-269). He was especially proud to serve on the sub that was number two of all US subs, in tonnage sunk during WWII. Recently I received a copy of a book "Red Scorpion" by Peter Sasgen. Here I learned that Capt. Norrington had been a plank owner aboard Rasher and served throughout the war as a young officer there. We had, as our Commanding Officer a certified war hero and had no idea who this William E Norrington really was. He did retire as Captain, and passed away in 2010. After retirement he taught high school math in the San Pedro, CA area and rebuilt old pianos as a hobby.

Note: Capt. Norrington completed 7 war patrols in the Pacific on the USS Rasher as navigation and executive officer. He received the Navy's Silver Star for service on the Rasher. He served as Captain of the Maddox during the Korean conflict and of the oiler Ashtabula during the Vietnam War.

LOOKING FOR



In May Dennis received an email from a former Maddox Sailor, Edward Garrity. Ed served on the Maddox in 1956 and wrote the following: "I have not been active as a Maddox Association sailor and here at the ripe old age of 79 I am interested in contacting former shipmates, especially those who were Radar men or others who trooped through CIC in the late 50's." If you would like to contact Ed you can do so at his email address: seeker3369@yahoo.com. Also be sure to check out a story from Ed on the previous page.



Did you know David Mallow? He was on the ship during the Gulf of Tonkin incident and was a sonar tech. David passed away last year and one of his friends, Joey Shepard and David's son are looking for anyone that may have known him. You can get in touch with Joey at gotstuk@gmail.com.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Kathy Stokhaug

As the editor of *HOWGOESIT* I will miss Mel Cunningham and his devotion to helping this newsletter continue, either with ideas for articles or stories written by him. He always remembered that he started as a tin can sailor by his devotion to the Association

I must apologize for the lack of newsletters sent out over this last 9 months. Dennis and I have had some health issues that have taken up a good portion of our time but we are on the mend now and I will strive to get this "ship" back in the water. Please continue to send in your stories and memories of the Maddox to share with your shipmates. See you in September in Albuquerque.