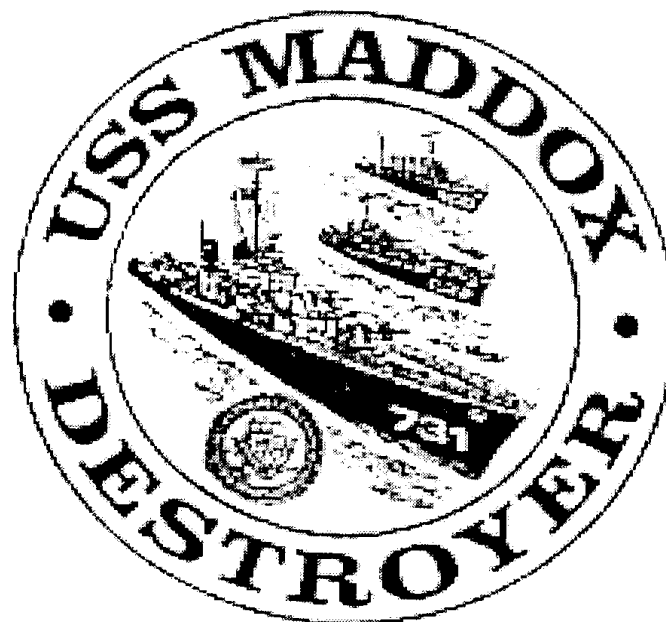




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## USS Maddox Association Officers and Board

### Officers

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

### Board of Directors

Bob Dinwiddie	2013
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Al Raines	2014
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### Appointed Positions

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



### **A Message from the President**

Greetings from beautiful ALABAMA! Spring is here! The grass and trees are green, the flowers are blooming, and the birds are building nests and singing making this a wonderful time of year.

I looked to our reunion in Mobile. I feel it will be an enjoyable time. A number of things are being planned to make your stay pleasurable.

Please make your reservations early if possible. If there is a need for you to cancel, the hotel's cancellation is very liberal. A full refund will be given with a 24 hr notice. Be sure and identify yourself as being part of the Maddox reunion group in order to get the negotiated rate. This helps the Association to receive such things as meeting rooms and other services from the hotel.

Thanks to Bill and Joyce in their hard work in coordinating this reunion. Thanks to Dennis and Kathy for keeping us updated on lots of issues. Thanks to John for maintaining our finances. And thanks to each of you who contribute so much to the Maddox family.

May God bless you and yours.

Dan Holland

## **Life Aboard Maddox in 1968**

Submitted by Richard Otterbourg

In our last newsletter we left off just as the Maddox arrived in Subic Bay on 27 July.

Maddox stayed in Subic for 5 days to install a new fire pump & to make other needed repairs. MMCS Fredrick Hoy, MM1 Roy Montgomery & FA Joseph MCC Haley worked long hours with personnel from the ship Repair Facility in Subic to install the pump. BM1 Robert Crosley had his work cut out for him trying to catch up with the rust caused by the storm. It was the rainy season in Subic. You could expect it to rain about every 15-20 min. making painting of the ship almost impossible.

I was not all work during our stay. The Naval Base has large recreation facilities where almost any hobby from swimming to slot car racing can be enjoyed. Clubs are provided where the men can relax. There are several Navy Exchanges available where the men can purchase foreign merchandise at reasonable prices. Each of those places was well patronized by Maddox sailors.

We left Subic on 1 Aug. in a rain squall enroute to rendezvous with the aircraft carrier USS Constellation (CVS-64) to escort her to the Tonkin Gulf & our station in Seventh Fleet operations. On 3 Aug., we left the Constellation & joined the carrier Intrepid (CVS-11). The Intrepid is home ported in Norfolk & is deployed to the Seventh Fleet for a tour of duty as attack carrier. While in company with the carriers we had the opportunity to observe carrier flight operations. It is a very impressive sight to watch the planes as they are hurled into the sky & scream around the horizon in close formation before slamming down on the deck of the carrier as they land.

Late on the evening of 3 Aug, we received a message changing our schedule & assigning us & the USS Boston (CAG-1), a heavy cruiser, as a task unit assigned to Operation Sea Dragon. Operation Sea Dragon is assigned the mission of disruption of North Vietnamese lines of supply to South Vietnam through the destruction of waterborne logistics craft (WBLC) & coastal roads & bridges in North Vietnam. This assignment was what we had

been trained for & one for which we are well equipped. Our six-five inch guns provide us with more fire power than the majority of destroyers & make us best suited for the task at hand.

We rendezvoused with USS Boston late on the afternoon of 4 Aug. to receive some materials from them & to discuss the operation ahead. Our primary responsibility is firing suppression fire at coastal gun emplacements to discourage their firing at us while we are conducting a mission. Boston, with her eight inch guns, is able to shoot far inland at targets while we shoot at the gun emplacements along the coast. We operate so that we approach the coast no closer than is necessary to perform our mission so that there is a minimum of danger of exposing ourselves to fire from the guns which line the coast of North Vietnam. Yet sometimes we must go close to do our mission.

By now, most of you have heard about the two "shoot-out" we had either through the news or through letters from your loved ones aboard Maddox. On both of these occasions, we necessarily closed the coast more than we normally would to do our mission. The first occurred on 8 Aug., while Boston was firing at some WBLC's far up a river, several coastal gun emplacements opened fire. Most of the firing was directed toward Boston. The closest shot to us was about one half mile away. Never the less, it still caused quite a bit of excitement. Within seconds after the coastal guns opened fire, Maddox five inch guns, under the control of director officer, LTJG Dan Miccia, opened fire on the coastal guns. The accuracy of our fire was remarkable in the heat of the moment. At least one large secondary explosion at the coastal gun emplacement & possibly several others can be attributed to Maddox fire. No damage was received by either Boston or Maddox.

The second one occurred on 11 Aug. at about 0900. We were just finishing a mission when several coastal gun emplacements opened fire on us. We maneuvered to avoid the fall of the North Vietnamese shells which were hitting all around us. The closest round fell about 10 feet off the port bow & splashed water over the bridge. We estimated more than 200 rounds were fired at us. Once again, our guns answered the North Vietnamese fire. I don't know what damage we inflicted upon them. We escaped

### Life on Maddox (cont'd)

without damage. After it was over, a number of the crew members recovered pieces of shrapnel from North Vietnamese shells lying on the decks.

I cannot put into words the praise I have for each crew member aboard during these actions. Each man aboard performed as a veteran. I cannot single out any particular man to praise without shorting others. The Engineers gave us the speed & the gun crews fought back with all they had. They are truly men who have been tested in the field of battle & won. I am truly fortunate to be associated with this crew & I am proud to go anywhere with them at anytime.

Everything since the 11 Aug. firing has been quiet. We spent most of 12 & 13 Aug. evading a typhoon & in replenishing stores & fuel. We have another three days to go on Sea Dragon before we are relieved to proceed to our next assignment.



I hope this letter has provided each of you with an insight into the part your loved ones are playing aboard Maddox & the job Maddox is doing in the Vietnam conflict. Our efforts, when combined with those of others will help to end this war soon & stop the spread of Communism in Southeast Asia & the Free World. I regret that I've not been able to mention each man aboard by name but their efforts have not gone unnoticed. You can be justly proud of them, as I am, for a job well done. They are superb. Until my next letter, I remain

Sincerely yours,

J.G. SHAW

**\*\*J.G. Shaw was Commanding Office of The USS Maddox in July/August of 1968**





**2013  
USS MADDOX REUNION  
MOBILE, AL  
SEPT. 12 - 15  
Holiday Inn Airport**

Please plan on joining us for the 2013 Maddox Assoc., reunion in Mobile, AL. There is a wonderful tour scheduled of the Naval Aviation Museum planned along with some surprises. If you would like more information on the museum you can check it out at [www.navalaviationmuseum.org](http://www.navalaviationmuseum.org). The hospitality room is Always open for visiting and sharing stories, a Saturday night banquet and much more. Pictures will also be taken this year.

If you have not received your reunion information please contact Dennis Stokhaug via email at [maddox64@aol.com](mailto:maddox64@aol.com) or by phone at 262-679-9409.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**



In order to keep the Association running smoothly it is necessary to have volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors and in other positions as needed. Please be sure to fill out your nomination form and send it to Hoot Gibson, Chairman of the Nomination Committee. Most importantly, when Hoot calls and asks you to consider running for an office in the Association, please give it some consideration and say Yes!!! It doesn't take but a couple of meetings at the reunion and some e-mails during the year to be a Board Member and your input will help the Association stay alive and well.

## SUGAR & SPICE & ALL THINGS NICE



Ahoy Ladies! In asking for some input into a name for our “Ladies Page” in the last issue, I want to thank Judy Lagro for her suggestions including the one I have used this time around. Some of the others were “Trendy Biddies”, “Lady of the House”, “Witty Women”, “Petticoat Junction”, & “Women, Wisdom & Wit”. Now it is up to all of you to give your feed-back by voting for one of these or suggesting one of your own. Please let me hear from you, it helps a lot to have input from others.

I’m sure some of you remember that while we were at our reunion in Reno, Judy Dinwiddie told us of the birth of her great nephew, Walker. Mom had a ruptured uterus at 28 weeks and they learned later that the fatality rate for the mother and child was 90%. They had a rough go of it but in Feb, after our last newsletter went out, Judy reported that Walker weighed 14 lbs , a great improvement over his birth weight of less than 3 pounds and although he still has some development issues they hope he will catch up by the time he is two years old. So Walker and his Mom are both doing well and that is wonderful news and I wanted to share it with all of you.

We also want to give a shout out to Dottie Cunningham who has recently been in the hospital. Please keep Dotti in your thoughts and prayers.

If you have any family news, anniversaries, birthdays, births, illness, etc., please share them with us, it is another way to keep in touch throughout the year.

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.  
Winston Churchill

## EASY BAKED BEANS

3# Pork & Beans	1# Bacon
1# Ground Beef	1 Tbls. Dry Mustard
1 Cup Brown Sugar	1/2 Cup Ketchup
1 Cup chopped Onion	2 Tbls. Molasses

Brown meat and onions and drain. Add beans.  
Cut bacon into pieces and fry. Drain. Add to bean mixture.

Add rest of ingredients to bean mixture.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours. OR

Let simmer in slow cooker for 2-3 hours on low temp.

Kathy Stokhaug

*SMILE* -- it confuses people

SPECIAL  
MAGIC  
IN  
LIVING  
EVERYDAY

Sound travels slowly. Some things  
You tell your teenagers don’t  
Reach them until they’re in their  
40’s.

“We are here on Earth to do good to  
others. What the others are here  
for, I don’t know”.....

W.H. Auden



## USS MADDOX DD-622



After the last “*HOWGOESIT*” went out Dennis received the following email from the Nichols Family:

Thank you for putting together the website detailing the USS Maddox. Attached is a picture that was among the things my grandfather, Lawrence Kreissler, left me. It says on the back “Charlie Richards - friend lost in the war”. It is a picture of Charlie Richards & Margaret (Linn) Kreissler in front of the WWI memorial in Kansas City, MO.

Lawrence & Charlie were from the small town of Appleton City, MO. Charlie was one of the 210 men that lost their life with the sinking of the USS Maddox.

Another WWII veteran from Appleton City, Clyde Thomas, served with the 1st infantry, 32nd field artillery as a medic. I was told that while he was in North Africa he witnessed the sinking of a destroyer....which he later found out was the USS Maddox and that Charlie was lost.

Charlie Richards, Navy; Lawrence Kreissler, Army-Air Force; Clyde Thomas, Army. They are three of the roughly 350 men and women from this town of 1,100 that served during WWII.

Thank you for honoring the sacrifice of men like Charlie Richards.  
Ken Nichols

Charlie Richards and  
Margaret Kreissler



## USS MADDOX DD-622



Here is another email about the 622:

My name is Richard Vitacco, President of the East Bronx History Forum. I am doing research on a Walter Daley Scott who was on the Maddox DD-622 which was sunk off the coast of Sicily. Our organization runs a Memorial & Veterans Day Service in the Van Nest section of the Bronx. The past few months Walter Daley Scott has been the focus of my investigation for the upcoming Memorial Day service. Your website has given me a lot of information about the servicemen on the DD-622 which will be useful for our Memorial Day event. If there is any way to post the contents of this email on your site I would be most appreciative. Any additional information about the honorable Walter d. Scott from any other servicemen or family members would be most helpful.

Richard Vitacco, President  
East Bronx History Forum

Mr. Vitacco will be sending pictures of the Memorial Day service and Dennis will post them on the web site.

Jacob Garrigus, the grandson of John Paul Garrigus who served on the Maddox in WWII as a Chief Petty Officer has written and he is looking for anyone who might have served with John. Jacob is a junior at Hendrix College and has decided to do some research on his grandfather and would also like some general information about the Maddox during that era. If you can help Jacob, please let Dennis know and he can put you in touch with him.







## **Stars & Stripes Honor Flight**



The Stars & Stripes Honor Flights in the southeastern portion of WI. has been celebrating their success of sending all WWII veterans, who were on their waiting list to Washington D.C. to visit their Memorial there. You may have an Honor Flight program in your area and it is a great way to honor WWII Veterans. These veterans along with a chaperone are flown to D.C. where they visit the WWII Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, along with Korean War, Viet Nam, Lincoln and several other memorials as time permits. One of the most popular events of the trip is the “mail call” on the plane coming home where each veteran receives mail from family, friends, and even school children they don’t know. Once they arrive back at Mitchell Field in Milwaukee they are greeted by thousands of people who come out to give them a hero’s welcome. It is an amazing thing to watch and see the joy on the faces of these guys. Now that the waiting list is small and there is room on the planes, the Honor Flight will be taking Korean War and terminally ill veterans from other conflicts to Washington D.C. to visit their memorials.

Stars & Stripes Honor Flight, Inc. has also accomplished another great event with the filming of Field of Honor. This is a documentary about these Honor Flights and had its movie premier at Milwaukee’s baseball stadium, Miller Park in Aug. of 2012. This premier set a World Record for a premier by having 28,442 attendees. Field of Honor captures stories and the spirit of WWII veterans. It is out on DVD or you can search for it in your browser.

We hope that your area has Honor Flights along with local sponsors who help raise funds for these flights. Wisconsin has been great at raising the money for this wonderful cause; we hope your state has had the same success.

From the Editor:

For the last 2 years Dennis & I have spent 3-4 weeks visiting our daughter & son-in-law in FL, usually some time in Feb/March so we can escape the “frozen tundra” of Wis. We also touch base with Bob & Sarah Wannamaker during that time & find a location some place between Venice, FL & North, SC to meet & spend a few days together. This year we decided on Tallahassee, FL and had a great couple of days “catching up”. On the night before we were to head off in opposite directions, I heard on the radio that the station we were listening to was in Valdosta, GA. I thought that sounded familiar so I asked Bob & Sarah if Al & Mary Raines didn’t live there? We had some discussion & decided that was indeed where they lived. The next morning Sarah came to breakfast armed with her maps & a suggestion. Since we were only 1 hour from Valdosta & they had to go through it on their way home, why not drop in on Al & Mary. We headed north and were soon at their home, but unfortunately they were not there. We remembered that Mary’s mother lived closed by so Bob & Den began knocking on doors until they found her. She graciously called them home to visit with old Maddox buddies. We were very surprised when they drove up on a motorcycle equipped with a kit that turned it into a 4 wheeler of sorts. We had a great visit and lunch before we all had to head out in different directions. Have you visited someone you served with on the Maddox? Let us know so we can share that visit & be sure to look for Al & Mary on their “bike” at the Mobile reunion.



Den & Bob getting the feel of the “open road”

## Chaplain's Corner

### DIVINE ASSISTANCE



When, where and how does “Divine Assistance” come to us? In an everyday existence of a 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. routine, unless we are stopped in our tracks by some event, this thought seldom crosses our mind or our heart.

However, within all of our lives, there are those crisis moments when we are faced with the need for something greater than that which comes from pure human knowledge, strength or power. Today, Sunday, April 21”, these thoughts become profound due to the events of the last few days while watching the news coverage of the “Boston” marathon tragedy, the “West, Texas” explosion, and so many other “pain in the heart” events. The big tragedies make communal what most of us face in our small environments. Without diminishing the horribleness of those on the National News, I am drawn to that which is happening to people right around me (and around you) -- within families, and within the complex close relationships we have with friends and neighbors. To speak frankly, I cross paths every day, with those facing sudden and unexpected crisis -- their emotional roller coaster ride is painful. They have to lift themselves out of the heavy pall of the immediate silence that hits when told of an acute terminal illness, a heart attack, a child airlifted to Children’s Mercy Hospital, a terrible accident, or a notice of a spouse’ divorce request, etc.. The myriad interactions of body, mind and soul will be deeply touched and felt -- and the sharing of all that with those immediately around them. Yes, true friends and our families help, and we couldn’t do without them -- but in the depths of those silent moments, something (a greater power) has to come from somewhere.

But, where can that extra come from? **Divine Assistance!** In my life and in my mind, there can be nothing else to offer as a reason

## Chaplains Corner (cont’d)

of where that additional strength comes from. Whether we are mindful or consciously aware of that as being the truth, it exists. The fear of letting go -- and letting God, many times is a deterrent to the “peace” that can come to one who accepts and allows this “divine assistance” to sink into their being.

The Lord, God Almighty, has to be our answer. For those who can believe -- let our prayers strengthen our resolve to quickly offer help to the “people in crisis” who live and shop and work and socialize with us every day. Please blossom where God has you planted -- be the light which confirms that this “divine assistance” is there for the asking. These kinds of prayers are a cry to an absent God. **His** love is beyond all human understanding. May God bless all of you.

A Servant of the Lord,

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## PRAY FOR THOSE DECEASED SINCE OUR LAST “HOWGOESIT”

Members: Clarence Pearson and Raymond Pieroni.  
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

