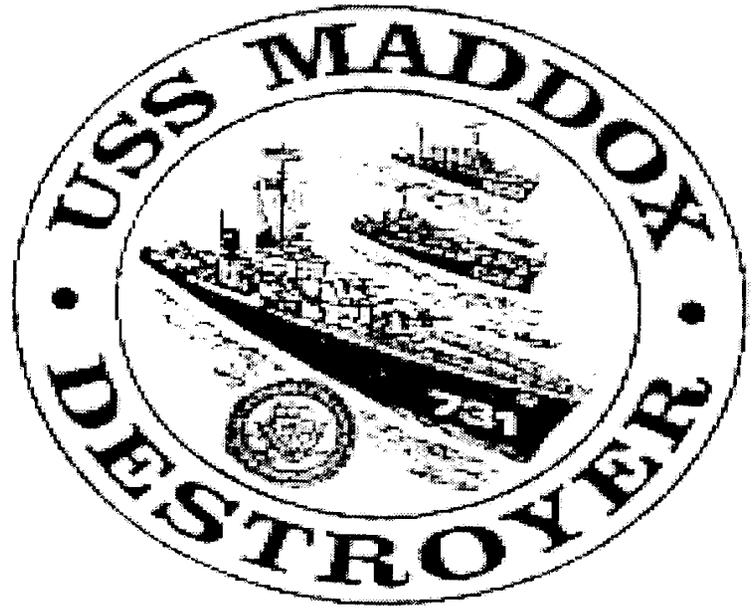




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Hoot Gibson	2016
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A Message from the President Jim Slattery



What a great time we had in Wichita. The attendance was not as large as I had hoped for in the middle of the country where the mileage was about the same from the East or the West Coast. In the Museum of World History we saw the model of the Maddox which showed a lot of differences from the ship we Viet Nam vets sailed on to the ship that was modeled after a Korean War ship. Our sailors could often be seen discussing and pointing out those differences. The Salt mine tour was a lot of fun even if my feet gave out, I don't think I will be able to do another walking tour.

I have so many to thank for all their help, new help and ones that have helped so many times before. With my memory, I will forget someone, so I will take this time to thank you all.

I wish to thank Bob Wannamaker for his job as Secretary for all these years. Bob has retired from the job this year so if someone would like to do the job, please contact me. I need to check on this but I think it could be a man or woman; we just need someone who is willing so the Board and I can appoint you to the position.

The next reunion will be held in Albuquerque, NM so get yourselves all set to go for a few days of fun meeting shipmates you saw last year and ones you haven't met in a long time.

Jim (Slats)

KRUISING KANSAS

Bob Wannamaker

Because of prior commitments following the reunion, Sarah & I decided to fly to Kansas while Dennis & Kathy decided to drive their new Ford. We both had a good trip to Wichita & the hotel gave us rooms in the nose-bleed floors on Sunday. My son & I had passed through Wichita several years ago on our way to California in our 1953 Corvette kit car. I talked the tired group into eating at the same restaurant where Keith & I had dinner, the famous Wichita Pizza Company. We enjoyed getting re-acquainted & planning for the next 3 days of site seeing around Kansas

Some of us decided to check out Paramount Antique Mall on the west side of Wichita & I did find a scale model of my Model A Ford Roadster with the exact paint scheme of Washington Blue with Tacoma Cream wheels. Then the girls found an estate sale in the paper & we loaded down Dennis's car to bring our treasures back to the hotel. All I can say is thank goodness UPS had a hub there because we had to ship all our purchases back to North since we had no room in our luggage. Sarah has done this in the past & it is getting to be a habit.

Tuesday morning we headed to Dodge City stopping along the way at Greensburg, KS. Greensburg is the county seat of Kiowa County where a terrible tornado destroyed the town in 2013. The town rebuilt with its modern buildings boasting solar & wind energy. The people were very friendly & we enjoyed chatting with the folks at the Big Well Museum. Dennis was amazed at the size of the well completed in 1888 & the adventurous nature of the people who dug this enormous hole down 109 feet deep & 32 feet in diameter. Personally, I would have dug a test hole, but these folks continued until they hit water. Water was a necessity for the steam locomotive & Greensburg could boast they had a continuous supply. They also had on display a 1,000 lb. meteorite which was found in 1949 in a nearby field with a hand-built metal detector. Both the largest pallasite found to date & the metal detector were on display in the museum.

We traveled on to Dodge City to see the Old Town & found the tourist office to get some recommendations on where to eat lunch.

She suggested we eat at the Bad Habit Sport Bar & Grill & she was right because that is where not only the local folks but also the federal, state, & local authorities were eating. The special for this day of the week was Dodge City Special Calf Fries & I had to ask what that was. What the waitress said does not bear repeating. We toured the Old Town & enjoyed the small museum & had a sarsaparilla at the long Branch Saloon. Sadly enough, we learned that when we watch the movies about Dodge City, there were no such people as Marshal Matt Dillon & Miss Kitty. We moved on with disappointment & made our way back to the hotel that evening.

Our next tour was the Kauffman Museum located on the Bethel College campus in North Newton. The museum emphasizes the cultural & natural history of the Central Plains & the immigration of the Mennonites to KS in the 1870's. The award-winning museum is a permanent exhibit "Of Land and People" which tells the story of the coming of the Mennonites from Europe to the central plains & their encounters with the prairie environment & its people. Outside, they had recreated what the plains & its vegetation would have looked like with the wildflowers & tall grasses. One could visualize how beautiful the plains were & how it could feed all the millions of buffalo before they were almost killed to extinction.

We received directions to a local restaurant in Newton & met many local folks who were very friendly. We walked across the street while Dennis left his "Batmobile" rest, to visit yet another antique mall. The name of the store was Metcalf's Antiques, but they didn't know Bill & Joyce. The store was unusually large with several floors & buildings. Thank goodness nothing was found but everyone enjoyed looking.

Thursday morning was the beginning of the reunion with meetings that included both Dennis & me. After lunch we had a treat following John Bailey to the Museum of World Treasures in downtown Wichita. I had been corresponding with one of the curators, Steven King, who had accepted Historians Joe Fanelli & Rich Corsette's memorabilia from our Maddox Assn. John & I got to view the material that was sent by them to the museum. Former President Ron Flock had also donated his uniform &

medals from the Korean War era. The model of the USS Maddox on display was built to look like it was fitted for the Korean War. The ship was reconfigured after the Korean War by removing much of its armament & radar systems after the attacks. The Maddox on display did not look like the ship the Viet Nam vets served on but the hull numbers were quite clear & the grand old model looked like a warship with all its deck guns & life rafts. I enjoyed the museum because the first thing I saw in the war of northern aggression was an exhibit of a camp & statue of a Confederate Colonel. I was further impressed with the Egyptian artifacts in a museum here in the middle of the US.

Later that evening we went down to see the display of “The Keeper of the Plains”, a 44 foot Cor-Ten steel sculpture by Kiowa-Comanche artist Blackbear Bosin. It stands at the confluence of the Arkansas & little Arkansas Rivers in Wichita adjacent to the Mid-America All-Indian Center. We took a walk along the river & saw the beautiful Korean Naval Monument. The river park also had a Viet Nam memorial for our veterans that was unique & inspiring. The city of Wichita had a wonderful display for all our war vets.

Friday was also an adventure for us after deciding to go to the Old Cow Town Museum, a history museum located near downtown Wichita along the Arkansas River. The museum sits on 23 acres & consists of 60+ historic & recreated buildings, including a period farm & out-buildings to show our younger generations how far we have come in the western part of our country. We were fascinated by the young Marine who became a blacksmith & worked at the blacksmith shop for many years teaching his apprentices. Dennis showed interest in the print shop with all the old printing presses & “talked shop” with the printers about when he set type when he first began his newspaper job. Later that evening our daughter, Julie dropped by the hotel with her friend Stephanie who lives in Kansas City, MO. Both attended the Beth Moore seminar ‘Living Proof’ at Wichita.

Saturday was also special for Dennis & Kathy when their daughter & son-in-law came up from their home in FL. We all had lunch at Red Robin. The week wasn’t a total loss as while we were enjoying the sunshine on the restaurant patio, enjoying

the sunshine, we saw several old cars driving by. Heather & Jason quickly looked up area car shows on their phone & discovered there was one right down the street. It was a wonderful car show with a live band playing & singing 50’s & 60’s music. There were some Mopar, Studebaker, Chevy, & Ford cars. Some of the Corvettes were very outstanding as well as many muscle cars. The event was held at a senior center & many were in wheelchairs or with walkers enjoying the cars of their youth. I would often see an elderly couple looking over a 50’s car & I would ask them if that was their car. They would have a big smile & say “It’s not ours, but I remember when I did have one.”



Saturday evening we had our reunion banquet at the hotel & our speaker for the evening was my friend Dennis. I cannot end this story without saying how much I enjoyed hearing him give the history of the three Maddox ships, especially when he talked about ringing the last Maddox ship’s bell that has been saved & placed in a museum in FL. Dennis was so compassionate about ringing that bell at the request of the last Captain’s wife, it makes one think they were with him. He did such a fine job, I am proud to be his friend & fellow shipmate.

We all left Sunday morning after breakfast to return home to wait another year before the next reunion.



USS MADDOX
DESTROYER ASSOCIATION
2016 REUNION



The 2016 reunion will be held in Albuquerque, NM

Watch here for dates and location



CHAPLAINS CORNER



God Can Lead Us

God can lead us to those in need of love & kindness - - to the most destitute, those dealing with broken relationships, those in need of prayer, & those needing hope in life restored, etc. In fact, if our hearts are open to **want to help** our fellow human beings, God will send them to us, but we have to recognize the opportunity when it's presented to us.

Mark Twain once said, "Kindness is something the blind can see & the deaf can hear." St Paul in Scripture says, "Love is kind, it is patient. It is not irritable..."

We have to let God move us beyond our comfort zone. We, on our part, have to become fully alive human beings, happy & grateful to the core for what we are blessed with - - and these feelings come to us through prayer & meditation - - to think & to keep God at the center of our life I often Remind yourself that I need to be the happiest person I meet all day.

The above thoughts hit me as I watched the gorgeous "fall" colored leaves fall off the trees In this annual spectacle of nature, we are reminded of one season coming to an end, & a new one beginning - - the season that's universally accepted as one of "giving". It's the perfect time to think of others. Ask yourself - - who are the happiest people you know? I have always found it to be those who perpetually seem to be about helping others.

To that end I would like to share a true story. Being ordained & available, I do a lot of funerals - - & out of that people ask me, in counseling, "How will I know when I am coming out of grieving? When will I know I am ready to move on?" When given time, I share this true story. In 1865 William Booth a former Methodist Minister, began to go into the streets of England to minister to the poverty stricken, homeless, hungry, street people. What emerged within a few years was a semi-military leadership. They brought the Gospel message into the streets & marketplace in a visible way. Their numbers increased by leaps & bounds & with

that, opposition to their style increased. They began to suffer persecution & even beatings. By 1911, they were suffering real physical injuries, & in order to bolster the troops to stay the course, their leader, William Booth, desperately wanted to get a powerful Christmas message to all of the Salvation Army Workers. It needed to be short & it needed to be an impact statement. After a week of praying & meditating & writing messages down he had a 3 word message, but he wasn't happy with it. Something inside of him kept saying, "That's too long - - get it down to one word." Finally, he had it. One word - - & he sent it to all the troops throughout the world.

It said --- **"OTHERS!"**

And that's what we are asked to do. We are asked to be among others- - to give of the vitality of our life to others to truly celebrate **"Thanksgiving and Christmas"** with others.

Keep the FAITH! May God grant all of us the best that this beautiful season has for us. God bless you & your loved ones.

A Servant of the Lord,
Justin McMenemy

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PRAY FOR THOSE DECEASED SINCE OUR LAST "HOWGOESIT"

Members: Paul Hurtubise
Dr. Malcolm Burris
Gordan Sovereign

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

SUGAR & SPICE & ALL THINGS NICE

It was so good to see all of these lovely ladies at our reunion in Wichita. We look forward to seeing more of you in Albuquerque in 2016.



We want to send out our Best Wishes and Thanks go to Joyce Metcalf who has so capably helped run these reunions but who is retiring from that job this year due to some health issues and wanting to cut back on her busy life. We look forward to seeing her at future reunions. Sandy Bayley has graciously agreed to take over many of the functions that Joyce took care of & we welcome her to that position.

Thanks to Sue Fairbanks for taking pictures this year. They all turned out so well and I appreciate her allowing me to use them in this “reunion” edition of the *HOWGOESIT*”

Congratulations to Bob & Sarah Wannamaker on the birth of their first Grandchild, Christopher Robert Wannamaker.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS

Pictures by Sue Fairbanks



Left to right: Bill Metcalf, John King, Hubert “Hoot” Gibson, Earl Miller, Justin McMenemy, James Langerak

VIETNAM VETERANS

Pictures by Sue Fairbanks



Front row left to right: Robert Church, Dennis Stokhaug, Gary Rogers, Bob Wannamaker, Bob Fairbanks, Jim Slattery.
Back: Elmer Walth, John Morphew, Doug Duzat, Joe Stout, Ed Schultz (behind Joe), Cliff Gillespie, Harvey Burdette (behind Cliff), Dan Holland, Don DuBois (behind Dan), Alvin Christmas,, Al Raines, Charles Burkett (behind Al) Ed “Fifi”Pirie, Gary Derner (behind Fifi), John Bayley, Dick Lagro, Bob Dinwiddie.



John Bayley



Harvey & Evelyn
Burdette



Charles Burkett



Dan Holland



John King



Dick & Judy Lagro



Alvin & Joyce
Christmas



Robert & Celestia Church
& daughter Robin Wise



Gary & Betty
Derner



James & Mildred Langerak



Justin McMenemy



Bill & Joyce Metcalf



Bob & Judy
Dinwiddie



Don & Cindy
DuBois



Doug Duzat



Earl Miller



John Morphew



Ed "Fifi" & Norma
Pirie



Bob & Sue
Fairbanks



"Hoot" & Evelyn
Gibson



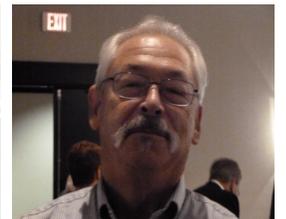
Cliff & Becky
Gillespie



Al & Mary Raines



Gary & Myrna Rogers



Joe Stout



Jim & Donetta



Bob & Sarah Wannamaker



Barbara Creel, Ed & Lois Schultz



Dennis & Kathy Stokhaug, daughter Heather & Jason Hamilton



Elmer Walth with Aneta Mose & Delores Denson

The Association was host to some new shipmates at the 2015 reunion. Don and Cindy DuBois joined us from Topeka, Kansas and Gary and Myrna Rogers came from Augusta, Kansas. We hope you had a great time and will see you at the 2016 reunion.

Another great reunion is behind us and work has already begun on 2016 in Albuquerque NM. We will keep you updated on the dates, plans, etc., for that reunion and we hope to see all of you there.



Thank you to our service men and women who have served or who are currently serving to preserve our Freedom.

Meet a Maddox Sailor



We had a shipmate who has been to previous reunions but not recently. We were happy to see Robert and Celestia Church along with their daughter Robin Wise at the 2015 reunion. Robert and Celestia have been to earlier reunions but not recently. Robert was in the service for over 25 years serving on many different ships He was in many conflicts during his time in the Navy serving in WWII, Viet Nam and was on the Maddox during the Tonkin Gulf incident. As with most of our servicemen, Robert doesn't talk much about his time in the service but as Robin pointed out to me that like many others, he has sacrificed a normal life to serve our country. Robert is 92 years old and we hope to see him at our next reunion.



Robert & Celestia Church
Daughter Robin Wise

Taken at the Museum of World Treasures
September, 2015

Editors Note:

I am looking for stories, events, birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc to put in the newsletter. It would be nice to honor those in our family on their "special occasions". Maybe a birth in the family, etc., a nice way to stay in touch with one another.

Also if you have a Maddox shipmate that you are in touch with but who doesn't come to our reunions let us know & we can send out a newsletter and encourage them to come & join us.

Kathy