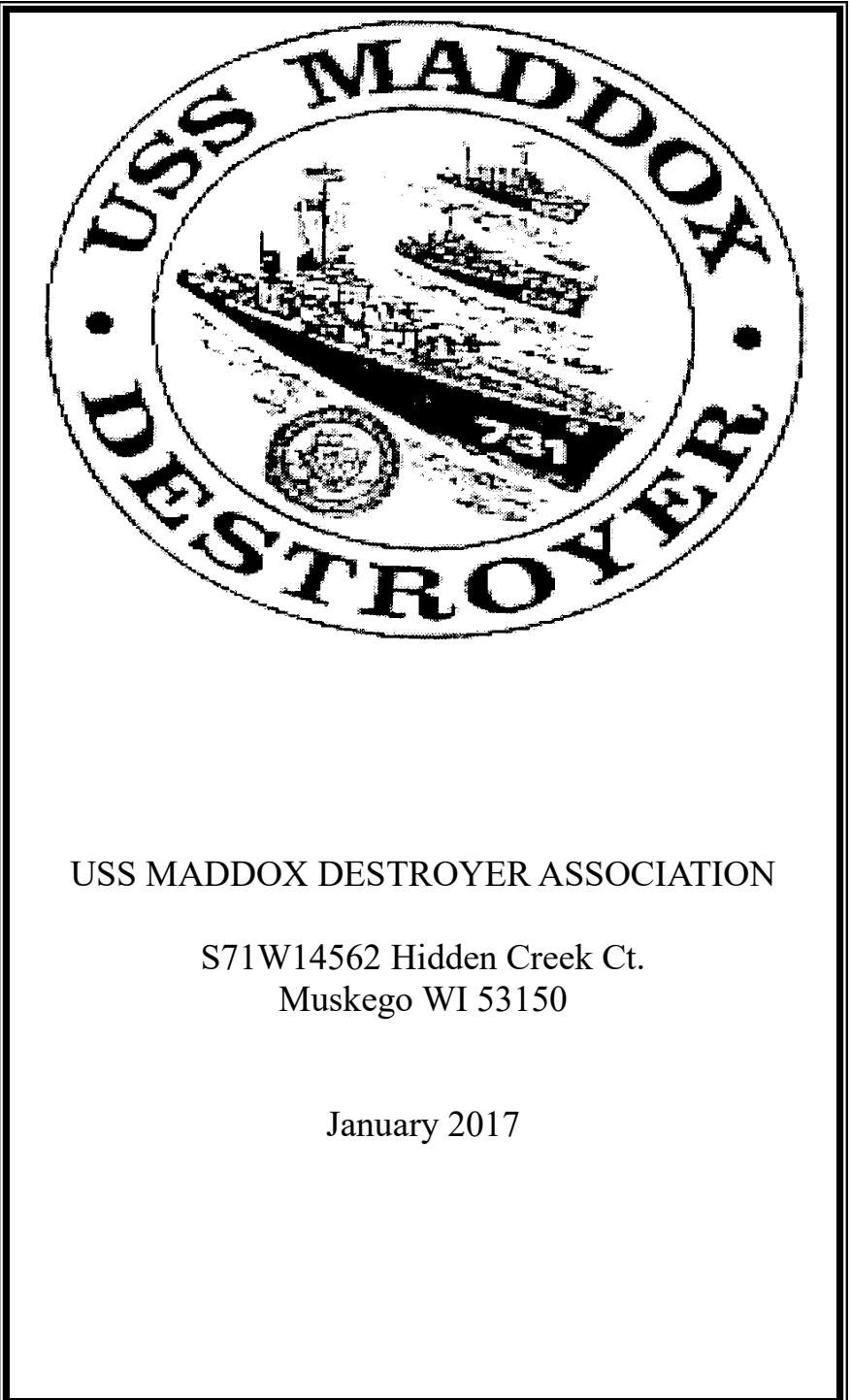


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## **USS Maddox Association Officers and Board**

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Vice President:		
Secretary:	Open Position	Appointed
Treasurer	Sandy Bayley	Appointed
Chaplin:	Rev. Justin McMenamy	Appointed
Parliamentarian:	Cliff Gillespie	Appointed
Historian:	Joe Stout	Appointed

### **Board of Directors**

Richard Lagro	2017
Joe Stout	2017
Dennis Stokhaug	2017
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Nominating Committee Chairman:	Hoot Gibson
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Newsletter Editor:	Kathy Stokhaug



### **A Message from our President Bob Wannamaker**



I hope all our shipmates and families have had a wonderful Christmas season and have a Happy New Year. Like me, I am sure by now most of our shipmates have broken their new Year's resolutions.

Our Association has had a tremendous loss by the passing of John Bayley, our Treasurer for many years, and we will surely miss him. However, Sandy Bayley has been kind enough to assume the Treasurer responsibilities and is doing an excellent job. Many thanks to her for working with John's computer records to keep our treasury functioning.

Another thank you to Joyce and Bill Metcalf and Dan Holland for their planning work for our east coast reunion in Jacksonville, Florida on September 21-24, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel. The hotel was chosen by our Board of Directors for its location near the airport and Interstate 95 Jacksonville Bypass for our members who drive. Also a big thank you to Kathy and Dennis Stokhaug for Kathy's *Howgoesit* and Dennis's awesome web site. When you see these folks at the reunion, please tell them, Ed and Norma Pirie and Chaplin Justin McMenamy, thanks for their work in the Association.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Jacksonville on September 21-24. May everyone have a very healthy and prosperous New Year in 2017.

Bob

## ZUMWALT Update

We have been following the story of the Navy's biggest and most advanced destroyer since it was commissioned last October. The 610-ft Zumwalt was the first ship in its class and San Diego is its home port. The problem is that the GPS-guided rocket-powered projectiles developed for the new 155mm Advanced Gun System cost about nearly as much as a cruise missile at \$800,000 apiece. This makes them too expensive for the Navy to buy in large quantities for the Zumwalt.

The projectiles were supposed to be less expensive than missiles giving them a cost effective way to hit targets from 70 miles away giving a clear path for amphibious landings. The current price compares with \$1 million for a cruise missile, which has a range of 1,000 miles. Officials say this price is expected to grow. Right now the Navy will buy an initial purchase of 90 but there are no further plans to buy more but they are evaluating alternatives. The Zumwalt was to have been stocked with 600 projectiles. Two other ships in this class are under construction in Bath, Maine.

The developers of the projectiles blamed the low production rate of ships, only 3 are being built, compared with 32 originally planned. The defense contractor is said to be working with the Navy on options. It will be interesting to see how this works out.

I did just see an article that says the Navy has a proposal to bring the fleet up to 355 in a 30 year projection which would be a big boon to shipyards although there does not seem to be a clear plan on how they will achieve this financially. The plan calls for an additional 47 ships including an aircraft carrier built in Virginia, 16 large surface warships built in Maine and Mississippi, and 18 attack submarines built in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Virginia. It also includes more amphibious assault ships, expeditionary transfer docks and support ships. There are many who believe this is a very ambitious. It was pointed out that a larger fleet would be better for both the sailors, who would enjoy shorter

## ZUMWALT Update (cont'd)

Deployments, and for the ships, which would have more down time for maintenance. We will have to wait and see how all of this plays out.

## Sea Hunter Update

In our July issue we had an article about another new Navy ship, Sea Hunter. It is an unmanned ship and was in San Diego for sea trials. These at-sea tests took place off the coast of San Diego. The Sea Hunter met or surpassed all performance objectives for speed, maneuverability, stability, sea keeping acceleration/deceleration, and fuel consumption, as well as providing confidence in mechanical systems reliability in an open-ocean environment. Sea Hunter is designed to operate for extended periods at sea with no person on board. While initial vessel tests require a pilot on board the ship, later tests are planned to have no personnel on board. The completion of performance trials is the first milestone in the 2-year test program.

**HELP WANTED:** Are you willing to help out the Maddox Association, attend some meetings during the annual reunion, take notes, etc. We are in need of a Secretary to handle these duties. For more information please contact Bob Wannamaker at [maddox731@tds.net](mailto:maddox731@tds.net) or (803) 247-5545 for details.



**USS MADDOX REUNION**  
September 21-24 2017

**Jacksonville, FL**  
**Crown Plaza Airport Hotel**

More information regarding the reunion will be mailed out at a later date. Make your plans now to join in on the fun in Jacksonville. We will keep you up to date with information as plans are made, although it looks like a tour of a Navy base & ship is a possibility. Stay tuned..

Statement of Melvin Laird  
At September 23, 2014 Conference  
In honor of Professor Walter Oi

When President Nixon endorsed the All Volunteer Force, the Laird-Packard Defense team had the responsibility for implementing it. The success of our volunteer military for over 40 years has been one of my legacies as Secretary of Defense and Advisor to the President. But so much happened between the times that candidate Richard Nixon called for the abolition of the Draft in 1968 and its implementation in 1973.

Both in late 1968 and early 1969 President Nixon asked me for recommendations for the study commission on the all Volunteer Military force. I sent him my recommendation for chairman and membership. I recommended my friend, former Secretary of Defense Tom Gates, as chairman and all but two of the final members of the Gates Commission.

I called Tom Gates telling him of my recommendation as a matter of courtesy. He objected to my nominating him and insisted he did not want to serve in this capacity. I said to him, "Tom, if the President calls you with such a request would you turn him down"? Tom replied, after a reasonable pause, "Mel I have never turned down a request of a President of the United States." I realized then and there that we had a chairman for All Volunteer Force Commission.

There was of course, a debate on the topic of the establishment of the Gates Commission and the issuance of its report about a year later recommending the country move to an All-Volunteer Total Force. I recommended to the President that we should not implement it immediately; rather we should gradually reduce draft calls to zero by the end of fiscal year 1973. That is exactly what happened.

The Gates Commissions' unanimous vote for a volunteer force would not have been possible without staff to not only conduct

Statement of Melvin Laird (cont'd)

the analyses but also to show that it was viable and cost-effective. It also had to translate the analyses into a form people and public policy makers could understand. There are very good analysts on the Commission's staff, but the economist most associated with cogently arguing for a volunteer military and then carrying the banner for it for the past 40 years was Professor Walter Oi. Walter had the ability to speak in plain English and even to tell a good story to get his point across. He had such an ability to convince skeptics. People listened to Walter because he was able to capture the essence of an argument. That was so much a part of Walter's character. Not only was he a first rate economist (he should have been a Noble Prize winner) but he influenced public policy. He played a most influential role in what has turned out to be one of the most significant public policy initiatives of the 20th century. For that we bless you, Walter and Marjorie too. And as a former Secretary of Defense, you have my utmost gratitude, and the gratitude of our Nation.

Melvin R. Laird

This story was sent to me by Secretary Laid after our July 2016 *HOWGOESIT* was published. I heard several times from Sec. Laird after we would mail out an edition of the newsletter, always complementary notes. Although this was typewritten he wrote on the page: "Kathy, I started on this great Tin Can in World War II after commissioning in Bath Maine. Here is a story for your files. Sorry I can't make the reunion this year but at 94 it's too tough to travel." MRL



## Book Review

Submitted by Dennis Stokhaug

### EXTREME FORGIVENES

WWII German Pilot sinks American Destroyer but finds forgiveness. Written by Bruce W. Frazer and Carol E Glasgow.

This is a book about Kurt Fox's life from childhood through his service in the Luftwaffe and after the war. During the war he flew dive bombers. He was one of the few pilots who flew the first German Jet, the ME 262. Dr Fox was the only German Jet fighter pilot that immigrated to America after the war. Before immigrating to America he earned his medical degree in Munich. Upon arriving in America he became a country doctor who practiced for 29 years in Fairfield, VA. He became a productive, respected American citizen who gave of himself in many ways. After his retirement he volunteered his medical services at two Indian Reservations.

Kurt Fox was the pilot of the Junkers88 that sunk the USS Maddox (DD622) on July 10, 1942. Brian Lindner (the historian for the National Life Group) was the prime mover in locating the German JU88 pilot. Dr Fox was invited to attend a meeting with the survivors in 1995. Dr. Fox was quoted as saying "I knew in my heart that it had been a severe loss and this haunted me for much of my life. It may have haunted the survivors on the receiving end equally." This tells of his poignant meeting with the survivors who inducted him into their organization as an Honorary Member. Dr. Fox said that meeting them face - to - face was a truly liberating experience. One- by - one the survivors voted to make him a member of their survivors group. It was Extreme Forgiveness.

Dr. Fox died September 8, 2012 at the age of ninety in Charlottesville, Virginia.

This book has been added to the list of good books to read about the USS Maddox that is on the web site.

### DID YOU KNOW?



104 YEARS AGO ON July 1, 1914, an edict was issued that no alcohol of any sort was allowed on a naval vessel or station. Prior to that time, beginning in 1794, sailors were allotted a half pint of distilled spirits (rum) per day. Later, in 1806, sailors were encouraged to substitute whiskey for rum as it was less expensive and the amount was reduced to four ounces per day. Sailors who wished not to imbibe or were underage were paid an extra three to six cents per day. This continued until 1914.



It was just before Thanksgiving 1967 & we were ferrying dead & wounded from a large GRF west Pleiku. We had run out of body bags by noon, so the Hook (CH-47 Chinook) was pretty rough in the back. All of a sudden we heard a 'take-charge' woman's voice in the rear. There was Martha Raye with a Special Forces beret & jungle fatigues, with subdued markings, helping the wounded into the Chinook, & carrying the dead aboard. 'Maggie' had been visiting her SF 'heroes' out 'west'. We took off, short of fuel & headed to the USAF hospital pad at Pleiku. As we all started unloading, a USAF Captain said..."Ms. Ray, with all these dead & wounded to process there will not be time for your show". To our surprise, she pulled on her right collar & said..."Captain, see this eagle? I am a full "Bird" in the US Army Reserve & on this is a 'Caduceus' which means I am a Nurse, with a surgical specialty...now take me to your wounded!" He said, "Yes ma'am...follow me." Several times at the Army Field Hospital she would cover a surgical shift, giving a nurse a well-deserved break.

Martha Raye is the only woman buried in the Special Forces cemetery at Ft. Bragg, N.C.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### PEACE and HOPE



May the grace and peace of God, Our Father, be with you all.

We have just come through the most joyous of celebration seasons -- **Christmas!** Family and friends were good to me this year in that I received stacks of Christmas cards. After having said a prayer seeking inspiration in order to put this message together, a thought struck me. I needed to relook at something, so I browsed through most of my cards -- and behold most of them had the message of either "Peace or Hope" or a combination of both strongly stated in them or at least interwoven into their message. Seems the Hallmark Cards (as well as other company's) writers have zeroed this theme into these cards. And . . . that's how it should be . . . it is God's Word becoming "Incarnate" (made flesh) and dwelt among us, to show us how to love and how to live. It's the birth of Jesus.

As your chaplain, I am merely a messenger bringing you a message. I would like to put a face on PEACE and HOPE, especially on HOPE, for all who may be going through a difficult time, because sandwiched between these 2 is FAITH and LOVE. To do this, I want to relate a story about a family that I remember reading about years ago (I do not remember where I saw it).

This was a beautiful family -- a mother, father, and 5 children. By the time the last child, a girl, came along, they discovered there were 4 qualities, or characteristics, or virtues that their family had. They were "**PEACE, FAITH, LOVE, and HOPE**".

One day, when the youngest girl was about 6, the mother conceived an idea -- lets have 4 lit candles on our table for our "family dinner" each Sunday evening -- one candle for PEACE, one for FAITH, one for LOVE, and one for HOPE. That went

well for several years and they would occasionally dwell in conversation about what those candles stood for. But one Sunday evening, when the oldest son, about 16, came into the room after mother had lit the candles, he declared there is no peace in my life right now, my best friend and I had a big argument, and with all the wars and all the suffering from terrorist acts & murders happening in our city, there is no peace -- the PEACE candle should not be lit and blew it out. The next child came in and blew the FAITH candle out and said, I have so many doubts about my FAITH, that this candle doesn't deserve to be lit, and blew it out. About that time, the 9 yr. old girl with head down, came into the dining room and said there is no more love in my life -- Emma (who was my friend) told me this morning that she didn't want to spend time with me any more -- she found more friendship with Jason and wanted to hang out with him. She doesn't like me anymore, in fact, I don't think anybody loves me any more -- so, there is no need to keep the candle of LOVE lit, and she blew it out. Suddenly, the 6 yr. old girl came running in from next door where she had been with a friend. She saw the flames were out on 3 candles and began to cry. She said loudly, "Why aren't you burning?" But, then she stopped and exclaimed, "**I know, as long as the flame on our candle of HOPE is burning, we can re-light our candles of PEACE, of FAITH, and LOVE, with the flame from HOPE.**

It's a powerful message for all of us. As long as God's graces assist us in keeping the flame of HOPE lit in our life, we can overcome the struggles, the down moments, the heart aches and disappointments that come into our lives. We too can re-light whichever candle of PEACE, FAITH, or LOVE goes out. May your candle of HOPE gain strength because the promise is that tomorrow will be better.

A Servant of the Lord. God bless you.

Rev. Mr. Justin McMenamy

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## Chaplain's Corner (Cont'd)

Let us pray for those deceased since our last "*HOWGOESIT*"

Members: John Bayley  
Melvin Laird  
James "Jim" Putman

May their souls rest in peace. Amen.



Some of you may remember Jim Putman, he attended our reunion in Branson in 2011. He lived about 40 miles away in Alpena, AK. and came to Branson to join in the reunion for the day. Jim graduated from high school in 1948 and enlisted in the Navy. He was on the Maddox 1951-1952 during the Korean War and Justin worked with him. While in the Navy he also worked as a journalist in Japan & in Arlington, VA, at the Pentagon. After retiring from the Navy Jim joined the National Park Service and got his College degree. During his career in the Park Service, he was a ranger & historian on both sides of Great Falls Park in MD. And VA. And a historical interpreter at Turkey Run Park, Ford's Theater and the Old Stone House in Washington, DC.

One of Jim's most distinctive attributes was his great compassion for animals. He was always surrounded by rescue dogs and cats and any stray animal that came along. Jim had an interesting and active life and Justin remembers that he entertained several of our members for 5-6 hours with his impressive, in depth knowledge of all that he was involved with before he headed back to take care of his animals.



By now I'm sure that everyone knows about the passing of the Association's newly elected President John Bayley. John was a long time member of the Maddox Association and served as Treasurer.



John served on the Maddox from 1962-1965. He was the communication officer during the Gulf of Tonkin incident. He stayed in the Navy Reserve and retired with the rank of Commander.

John was a great leader for the association and will be greatly missed.



Former Defense Secretary Melvin Laird, a one-time Navy Officer from Wisconsin who survived a Kamikaze attack & who oversaw the drawdown of American Troops in Vietnam, died Nov. 16, 2016 at age of 94. Laird served on the destroyer USS Maddox in the Pacific in WWII & carried shrapnel from the crash of the Japanese plane until his death of respiratory failure in a Fort Myers, FL hospital. Bob Williams, a friend & former campaign aide to Laird said he had kept a clear mind & concern for the nation into his final days. Williams said Laird had been thinking recently about ways to ensure that whoever won the Presidential election, picked a capable secretary of defense to lead the nation's military. "He took that seriously because of the power you had & the power to influence the president," Williams said of the defense secretary job. Laird served during WWII & received the Purple Heart. In WI he served in the state senate. As a vigorous advocate of an all-volunteer Army, he ended the draft in this country.

This was taken from the obituary in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. To read more about Sec. Laird there is an authorized biography "With Honor: Melvin Laird in War, Peace and Politics" by Dale Van Atta.

## SUGAR AND SPICE AND ALL THINGS NICE



I hope everyone is doing well and getting through the winter with no major storms or issues in your area. We are already looking forward to the Maddox reunion in Jacksonville, Florida in September. It is always nice to get together and see everyone. Please encourage your husband to get in touch with some of his old buddies and invite them to join us. The "more the merrier" always works. I know there is a lot to see in Jacksonville and I am sure that it will be another great time.

As always I am looking for interesting articles to put on this page. If you have anything you would like to share, please let me know and I will be happy to put it in. the newsletter. If you could encourage your husband to send a story about the Maddox that would also be appreciated, we are always looking for fun stories to share with the group. I know they all have them.

We wish a big 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' In advance to the following upcoming birthday gals:

- 2/16 Judy Holland
- 3/5 Sandy Bayley
- 4/22 Lois Schultz
- 5/27 Becky Gillespie



Looks strange having only the Ladies on the birthday list but that is how it worked out, but don't worry the guys will begin to catch up in the months coming after May.

## EASY BAKED BEANS

3 lb can Pork and Beans  
1 lb Ground Beef  
1 C Brown Sugar  
1 C Chopped Onion

1 lb Bacon  
1 Tbls dry Mustard  
1/2 C Ketchup  
2 Tbls Molasses

Put Beans in baking pan.

Brown meat and onions drain. Add to beans.

Cut Bacon into pieces and fry. Drain and add to beans.

Add remaining ingredients to Bean mixture and stir all together.

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

I like to put all ingredients in my Crock Pot and simmer for a longer time. They can then be served right out of the pot and be steaming hot. Everyone always loves these so be prepared to give them the recipe.

Don't you hate it when you  
put something in a safe place  
so you don't lose it...  
Then freakin' forget where that  
safe place is !



I don't know about all of  
you but this certainly is  
my story.

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