Warm Blue Cheese Dip with Garlic and Bacon

My sister in law brought this dish to a game night and I was hooked. Everyone loves this dip. You can eat it with anything - pita chips, potato chips, tortilla chips, wings, celery, etc. It makes anything taste great. Listed below is a 'double recipe'. Half this if you don't want so much.

Ingredients

- 1 pound of bacon 4 garlic cloves 16 ounces cream cheese (two packs)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup half and half
- 8 ounces blue cheese
- 4 Tablespoon chopped chives (optional)
- 6 tablespoons smoked almonds (2 ounces)

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350° F.
- 2. Cook back on a skillet over medium-high heat until almost crisp. Drain excess fat from the bacon.
- 3. Add garlic and cook until bacon is crisp, about 3 minutes.
- 4. In the mixer add all the items and mix until smooth.
- 5. Transfer to an oven proof dish and cover with foil. This can be prepared a day ahead of serving if desired and refrigerated.
- 6. Bake until heated through, about 30 minutes.
- 7. Sprinkle on top with chopped onions.