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Farewell, Good Pard...

Corporal Dennis Zank—May 25, 1961 – Jan. 8, 2018



Photo by Robert R. Beech

Next Club Meeting:

Sunday, February 18, 2018

1:00pm – Robbins UMC, Eaton Rapids

February is Black History Month

2018 Club Leadership

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Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

Thanks to all who submitted
information for this month's issue.

Deadline date for submissions is the 25th

of each month. Please have all reports,

articles, notices, etc. in print-ready form.

I am able to accept documents in most of the
usual word processing programs or formats.

If accompanying maps or images are
needed, **please** include them (in jpg
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that any items coming from another source
are properly credited, or have obtained
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Personal news items are welcomed and
encouraged, or photos of special
events. Original articles (800-1000 word
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reenacting are also desired.

Email submissions to me at:

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Jackson, MI 49203

Thank-you.

Ellyn Painter, Editor



Dennis Durwood Zank

May 25, 1961 - January 8, 2018

Dennis Durwood Zank, 56, of Charlotte, died unexpectedly on Monday, January 08, 2018 in Detroit. Dennis was born May 25, 1961 in Midland, MI, the son of Karl Durwood and Norma Joy (Gross) Zank. As a child, his family moved from Big Rapids to Charlotte, where he graduated high school in 1979. He received a mechanics license from Lincoln Technical Institute in Indiana before working several years as a heavy machinery mechanic in various places, including EATRAN, Spartan Motors, and DENSO Manufacturing. Most recently he worked as a well inspector and sold real estate with Location Realty in Hastings.

Dennis earned the rank of Eagle Scout and stayed involved in scouting with his sons. He took great pride in carpentry, crafting many beautiful woodworking pieces for his family and friends. Dennis also enjoyed Civil War reenacting, participating in many reenactments as a member of the Sons of the Civil War Veterans and the Seventh Michigan. He was also a lifetime member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3552 in Charlotte. Above all, Dennis cherished time spent with his family.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Sandra Zank; sons, Brian Zank, Mike (Lindsey) Zank and Dustin (Samantha) Zank; grandchildren, Kelly, Avry, Kayleigh, Meihla, Lainey, and another on the way; great-granddaughter, Sheila; his parents, Durwood and Norma Zank; siblings, Dennise Zank-Devries, Jeff (Kelly) Zank and Jodie (Chris) Vieau; grandmother, Nondis Zank; mother-in-law, Marge Pilbeam; and 8 nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 12, 2018 at Nashville United Methodist Church in Nashville, MI with Rev. Karen Kinney officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the church, just prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Dennis on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.



Military Report

Max events have been identified for 2018. Please look for them in this newsletter.

On the military side I hope that you make every effort to attend our max events. It's always better when we have larger numbers; it allows us to do more things when we are at an event, often places us in better positions in the line of battle and just magnifies the camaraderie that we all enjoy.

Please look for an email from me soon about the NCO/Officer training March 3 provided by our own Tom Emerick. Whether you are a private or an officer you will learn and benefit from this comprehensive training by one of the most knowledgeable teachers in reenacting. If you can only do one thing this spring this is it!

Registration for Gettysburg. Please visit the website and register. I would like to begin to discuss rides and ride sharing, assignments of NCOs and officers and the like as early as possible.

We will also be continuing the idea of a company mess for at least one meal a day through most events. This is another positive shared experience for the military and many hands make the burden lighter.

I am saddened by the loss of our beloved Corporal Dennis Zank.

Special order number 1 January 1863 (2018)

- 1. In honor of Corporal Zank, his position will not be filled this campaign.*
- 2. All officers, NCOs and privates are authorized to wear a mourning ribbon, band or other sign of respect through the 1863 campaign if they so desire.*
- 3. When the roll is called through the campaign season, Corporal Zank's name will be called and a designated NCO shall respond "Ascended into the service of the Lord".*

Captain Doug McComas

7th Michigan Company B

1st Sergeant Jarrett will be working with the men on military decorum and ritual. We will continue to be informal after hours but make increased efforts at authenticity during event times. This will include using the "chain of command", roll call, salutes where appropriate, passes for leaving camp and the like. We will not "go overboard" but I believe we will all benefit from increasing our awareness of the routines of camp life.

We have literally turned over all NCOs and have a first season Lieutenant. I ask you patience and understanding as we all make our mistakes and learn our roles. I beg your forgiveness in advance for the failings you will see from me on the field, the "brain dead" times, the places where my frustrations with myself get wrongly directed at others or when my embarrassment makes it difficult to laugh at myself. I value all of you tremendously and my personal goal is to do a better job of showing that this season.

I am truly excited about the upcoming season. New men, new NCOs, new experiences, new events. I love the spirit of cooperation and friendship that has returned to the hobby and across clubs and other boundaries.

Let's have fun, educate and strive to represent the men we portray in the most authentic light.

I remain your most obedient servant,

Captain McComas

Quartermaster's Report

We still have some new gear left from the Slayton contingent, but the new stuff is going fast so plan on looking at the Jan. meeting. We have 6 pounds of powder left. Powder is \$18 per pound, caps are \$7 per hundred. We will be securing a new supply of powder and I expect that the price will go up after the current supply is sold. We will have powder, caps and paper at the upcoming meetings and at events that I will attend this summer. Let me know if you hear of anyone wanting to sell their kit. We are always looking for "new" stock for the Quartermaster.

Education Director's Report

We have a program scheduled for May 11, 2018 at Birney Middle School in Southfield. We usually car pool or meet there at noon to 12:30. More details to follow. We have not heard from Ovid Middle school as to whether they are going to have a program this year.

Nicole Mai needs club members to provide a program for a class of home-schooled children on Tuesdays from Jan. 9 – Feb. 27. Both military and civilians

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Education Report, continued...

would be welcome to participate. Location is the Foster Community Center in Lansing during the day. The programs are an hour in duration. Please contact Don if you can help or for more info. 517-393-3475
djkeverett@comcast.net
Or contact Nicole directly at: 517-703-4107

Treasurer's Report

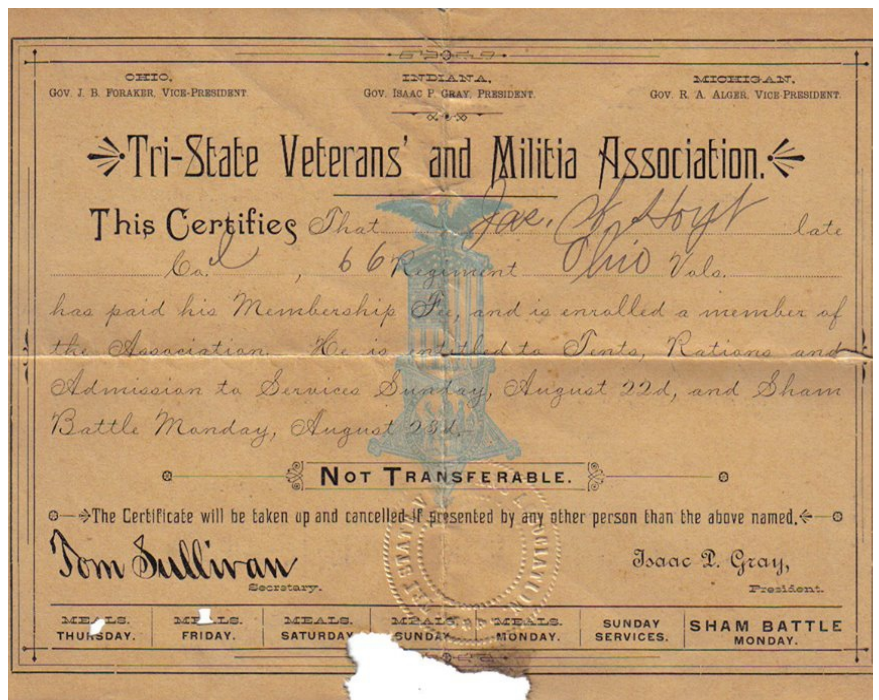
Dues are due. Dues are \$16 for a single member and \$19.20 for a family. Due to the new cutoff from Greenfield Village **Dues will need to be received by Feb. 20, 2018 so that I can prepare our roster and have it to them before Feb 28th. Please note the early cutoff.** The following people **HAVE NOT** paid their dues as of Jan. 20th 2018.

Hannah Adams/Jae McGee
Al Baerren
Gilbert/Cynthia Carlson
Rev. Robert/Sandra Chapman
Dan Conklin
George Conklin
Kevin/Gina Courter
Ian Halbeisen
Joy Henderson
Marilyn/Ned Hughes
Daniel O'Connell
Anson/Lorrie Roland
Julie Sarge
Craig Searles
Ian Searles
Marie Searles
Robert/Dawn Smit
Wyatt Strauss

If you have paid your dues and are on this list contact me to correct any errors.

New rosters will be available after Feb 20th. If you want a roster before then you will be getting last year's roster.

Don Everett,
Quartermaster/ Education Director/
Treasurer



For all the Civil War Reenactors and former Civil War Reenactors: Civil War reenacting is neither new nor a 20th Century creation. As far back as at least 1886 (and probably further), Civil War reenactments have been taking place. The differences are that they were fought by Grand Army of the Republic members and later, their sons (Sons of Veterans, USA), and were referred to as "Sham Battles" rather than "Reenactments." The above picture is a membership certificate into the Ohio-Indiana-Michigan Tri-State Veterans' and Militia Association, which entitled a Jas. Hoyt - formally of the 66th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, tents, rations, and admission to Sunday Services on August 22nd and Sham Battle on Monday, August 23rd. Although not stated, the year of this certificate is 1886.

Keith G. Harrison, Board President

Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic

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Fundraising for G.A.R Memorial Hall & Museum

I'm raising money for Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall & Museum. Every little bit helps. This cause means a lot to me, and I believe that we can make a difference together. Thanks! Check out info about this nonprofit (US 501(c)3 Nonprofit Organization)

The mission of the GAR Memorial Hall and Museum (Museum) is to collect, conserve, and exhibit artifacts and records relating to the two largest post-Civil War veterans organizations (Grand Army of the

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GAR Fundraising, concluded:

Republic and to a lesser degree, the United Confederate Veterans), and to help educate, inform, and foster the memory of the member veterans and the significance of their contributions to the post-Civil War history of the United States. 224 South Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan is where the Museum is located.

Keith Graham Harrison • November 19, 2017

Update: December 26, 2017 at 3:49PM - Thus far we have raised \$660 of the \$4,000 goal for Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum. All donations are tax deductible due to the fact the the museum is a federally recognized 501 (c)(3) Michigan Non profit organization. Again, we appreciate any contribution that you may be able to make.

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On Living History:

“Complex and Complicated Stories” An Excerpt from Colonial Williamsburg

by Jim Kirschensteiner

Living history is one of the aspects of our hobby that can be a challenge to accurately portray and carry out. When we interact with spectators at living history events it may be helpful to hear what Mitchell Reiss of Colonial Williamsburg wrote in the winter 2018 edition of “The Magazine of Colonial Williamsburg, Trend and Tradition”. In his article, Mr. Reiss addressed the relevance of accurate historical interpretation in today’s world. He noted that America’s past offers “critical lessons and perspective for today’s generations – who, it must be remembered, are learning far less U.S. history than any generation in modern memory. Not surprisingly, as that education has declined in schools, so has students’ interest in history. This, I believe, is nothing short of a crisis. If these young, more diverse Americans view our founding story, and indeed all of history, as rarified and untouchable – meaningful, perhaps for *other* people, but not for them – all hope that we can come together as a Nation is lost.”

Colonial Williamsburg does its level best to champion the cause of relevance by connecting *all* Americans with our common inheritance. That means presenting the most complete, vibrant and accurate portraits possible of complex human beings and events. It is my opinion that this ideal is as applicable to our Civil War and Victorian era impressions that we do at living history events as it is for Colonial Williamsburg. We should strive to do the best we can as pointed out in Mr. Reiss’ excerpt.



Col. Robert Gould Shaw's Sword Found : Missing for 150 Years

Www.postandcourier.com - See the full article and photos of the sword of Col. Robert Gould Shaw, commander of the 54th Massachusetts all-black volunteer regiment. The sword was recently found after having been missing for 150 years. It was discovered in the attic of a Boston-area home, having been stolen after Shaw was killed during the 54th's attack on Fort Wagner, South Carolina in July of 1863.

(Note: the sword pictured above is NOT the Shaw sword).

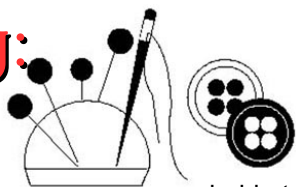
Several other news sites also cover the story, including:

<https://blavity.com/colonel-robert-shaw-sword-found-150-years-old>

<https://www.northeastshooters.com/xen/threads/col-robert-shaws-sword-found-after-years-of-believed-being-lost.336920/>

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2017/07/13/here-how-col-robert-gould-shaw-famed-civil-war-sword-was-lost-and-found/dpYvLbHll5vhiB3e6u83bN/story.html>

Sewing Party:



The January 20th gathering was held at Joan's house and there were 14 ladies present. Vonda brought her many hats, bonnets etc, and gave a wonderful presentation. We helped newest member Hannah and new members Nicole and her daughter Lily with questions they had. There was plenty of food, as always, and we all had a good time.

Sunday, January 21st Club meeting, Ladies' Session:

We talked about our upcoming sewing parties. In February it will be at Sue Colegrove's house and we decided to do Brunch and meet at 10:00.

March meeting will be at Carol Smith's house in Durand; we elected to meet at Nick's restaurant at 10:00 for breakfast and just have snacks in the afternoon (more to follow on this, as we probably car pool there).

Julie Everett (filling in for Sue)



Photos by Tom Emerick



Club News Items:



what Tom Edwards did over the summer!

See the attached PDF article, "From Microbiology to Sailing the Tall Ships" written by Tom Edwards, about his summer excursion. It was shared by Steve Church, who elaborates: "Tom submitted the original story to the Mich. Dept. Health and Human Services in-house newsletter "LabLinks".



Ellyn Painter recently finished sewing a docent's reproduction 1830's dress at the behest of the Michigan History Museum in Lansing. "it was my first non-Civil War historical dressmaking project. What a wonderful learning experience it was, as the style and sewing techniques are significantly different than for CW. I felt honored to be chosen for this project, and look forward to working again with the Museum. Thanks, Dave Downing, for recommending me for this job!"

Civilian Report:



Hi everyone

After meeting with Meridian Village and speaking with Doug, we are now in the process on setting up a 2 day event for September 7th & 8th.

As I said, it is in the planning stage. If there are questions or concerns that you would like me to bring up please let me know.

I am working on the following ideas:

- 1) a place for modern camping
- 2) a place for authentic camping for those that would like to do that
- 3) use of the cabin

I have some ideas for activities we might like to do and will share them at the February general meeting.

Our next ladies' sewing circle is Sat. Febuary 17 at Sue Colegrove's house -

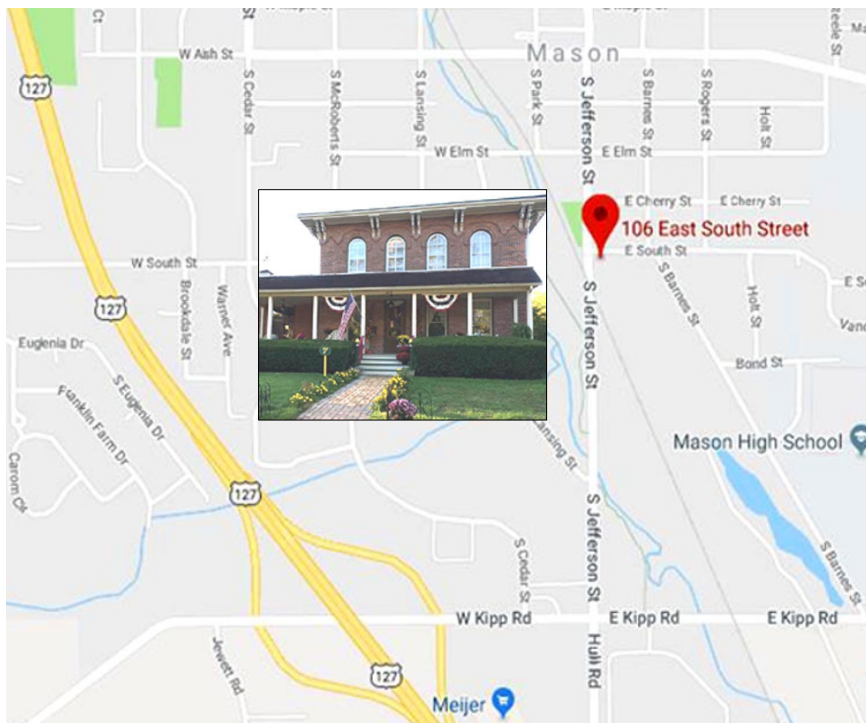
3415 S. Catherine Lansing Mi

We will be having brunch and snacks
Sue

March 3, 2018 - Military School of Instruction-- Mason, Michigan

We will once again be holding our winter training session for all ranks; enlisted, NCOs, Company and Field Officers. Lessons will concentrate on the duties and positions of NCOs and officers throughout formations most commonly employed at re-enactments. Other topics covered will include Dress Parade, Manual of Arms, firing positions/commands, military etiquette, Skirmish Drill, Color Guard, Roll Call, bugle signals, etc. Instruction will be taken from *Casey's Infantry Tactics*, *U.S. Regulations (1861)*, and Dom Dal Bello's *Parade, Inspection and basic Evolutions of the Infantry Battalion (4th edition)* or PIE. Instruction will be composed of equal parts indoor, classroom review and drilling outside (weather permitting) so dress accordingly. Military uniforms are to be worn. Modern footwear is optional. Enlisted need to bring rifles, bayonets, and accoutrements (no ammunition) and officers their kits to include swords. All US and CSA comrades from fellow mid-western units are invited to attend. School commences at 9:00 AM sharp and will conclude by 4:00 PM. Early birds are welcome to arrive after 8:00 AM. Coffee and donuts (breakfast) and lunch will be provided free of charge. All attendees need to RSVP so we have adequate food and drinks for all. Please bring a camp stool or small chair to ensure we have enough seating. More news to follow. Contact is Tom Emerick at tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com or (517) 604-6116. Drill location is at 106 E. South Street, Mason, Michigan 48854.

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
Tom



Take US-127 to the Kipp Road Exit 64. Travel eastbound ½ mile to second stop light at Hull Road in front of the Meijer's store. Turn left (north) at the light onto S. Jefferson St. (Hull Rd. becomes Jefferson St. for northbound traffic). Drive ½ mile, cross over the railroad tracks, and turn right onto E. South St. We are the first house on the right.

At the January club meeting, Tom reported he has already received confirmations from four other units (US and CS) planning to attend the drill session. He encouraged the Club's military members to individually RSVP as soon as possible to ensure enough food and drinks for everyone.



Club Selects Key Events for the Season

"Key Events", "Max Effort Events" or "Primary Events"...we've used different names over the years, but the intent is the same. We want to insure as good a turnout by the 7th Michigan at the events that matter most to the club. We chose these events on a number of criteria including the following:

- Well run and worthwhile events that are well attended by the public
- Events sponsored by ourselves or by other clubs we want to support
- Events with recruiting possibilities
- Those with a wide variety of activities for both Military and Civilian

Frequently we end up selecting the same tried and true events, but occasionally there is one that is new or different. A more complete listing of this year's events is available in the December Newsletter. If you are interested in attending more events than the ones we have selected below, feel free to do so.

Here are the ones the club has selected for emphasis this season along with the club member who has agreed to be the "Coordinator" for each event...

May 27 - 29...Greenfield Village Civil War Muster...mostly Military and Authentic Civilians are aiming at this one. Dave Downing will be acting as our coordinator for this event.

May 26 -28...Coldwater Civil War Days...Due to the elimination of modern camping at GFV we also selected a modern camping friendly event for the Memorial Day weekend. Tom Emerick will be coordinator for this year's event.

June 16-17...Turkeyville Event...promises to be bigger and better than ever. I will be coordinator for this event.

July 5-8...155th Gettysburg Event...already has a sizable contingent of military interested in attending and some civilians are talking about it as well. Doug McComas will be coordinating for the club.

July 21-22...Charleton Park Civil War Days...we are co-sponsors of this event which always proves to be worth the while. Don Everett will be our coordinator.

August 24, 25 and 26...Jackson Cascades Civil War Muster...the wounds and hard feelings are starting to fade. One of our own, Kim Horning, is involved with the planning committee. So, we thought we'd give it a try this year. Kim will also be acting as our coordinator.

September 7-9...Meridian Village Civil War Weekend...sponsored by ourselves and the 102nd USCT. This event will be similar to the one we did there last summer, but two days long instead of a few hours of one day. This is our opportunity to build a small, manageable event in our own backyard. Sue Colegrove will be our coordinator.

Also in September...while not selected as key events, there are two other events you might want to consider if you don't mind back to back weekends:

September 15-16...Van Raalte Farm, Holland, MI...always popular with the military...and...

September 22-23...Gowns and Guns, at Greenmead Historic Village, Livonia, MI sponsored by the 17th MI.

October 6-7...Mooresville Civil War Days, South Haven, MI...was attended last year by three of our military and they reported it was a well run, small event on private land. They were well treated by the Arkansas unit that runs it and fell in with the 1st MI. We don't have a lot of details on this one since they didn't attend the Reenactor Conference, but we'll provide more later. Chris Sodman will be our coordinator.

October 13...Harvest Ball, sponsored by us at the First United Methodist Church in Lansing. Last year's ball was both a social and financial success. Gilbert and Cyndi Carlson are our coordinators.

Here's looking forward to another great season of reenacting for the 7th Michigan that sees us continue to grow our club both in numbers and stature in the reenacting community.

Respectfully submitted by

Bob Smith



"A copy of the minutes of previous club meetings is available upon request to all members in good standing."

Doug McComas, Club Secretary

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Special Feature: From Microbiology to Sailing the Tall Ships

Author: Thomas F. Edwards

This summer, I was able to sail on the US Brig Niagara for 5 weeks. The Niagara is a replica of the brig used in the 1813 Battle of Lake Erie. She has a spar length of 200 feet, is 31 feet abeam, and has a mast height above the deck of ~120 feet. Below deck, the galley is forward, the berth deck and engine room amid ship, and the wardroom and officers berths aft. The 8-week tour scheduled port calls at Bath, Ontario, Sorel-Tracy, Quebec, Quebec City, Rochester, New York, and Port Colburn, Ontario. At each port, we conducted day public deck tours, and a day sail in New York. I joined the vessel at Bath, was assigned a sea bag, hammock, and a 4' X 10' space on the berth deck. The hammock is tied to cleats as close to the deck beams as possible so the crew can walk below.

The crew complement is the Captain, four mates, including the boatswain, an engineer, four cooks, twelve seaman, (Able, Ordinary, Apprentice), and twenty or so trainees. The Galley, with its wood-burning stove, turned out really good meals. Orientation included climbing harnesses, PFD and immersion suit training, drills for fire, Man Overboard, Abandon Ship, General Quarters (GQ), and assignment to a watch. During GQ, it's all hands on deck to an assigned a duty station; for the trainees usually a fender while docking. The trainees were encouraged to go aloft, but it was not a requirement. One becomes acclimated to the heights and your harness is always clipped in, except when climbing the ratlines on the shrouds.

Highlights of my experience:

The St. Lawrence Seaway has a total of fifteen locks. The Welland Canal has eight locks, and there are seven more between the 1000 islands and Montreal. Lock passage requirements include bracing the yards so they are almost parallel fore and aft, removing the ships boats and davits, and placing channel guards port and

starboard. We also had to remove part of the head rig and the upper masts. After tearing the ship apart, we got to put it all back together upon arrival at each port. There is no sailing in the Seaway, just motoring. Passage through Canadian waters required taking on a Pilot, who was an authority on a particular stretch of the St. Lawrence. Our first Quebecois pilot, who apparently had never been on an 1812 era tall ship, looked at our tiller and said, "Qu'est-ce que c'est?" English translation, "What is it?" It was the tiller for steering; an over all humorous moment.

The best Port of Call was Quebec, with its 18th century buildings and cobblestone streets that has the ambiance of a European city. As an Atlantic seaport, more than one hundred tall ships from all over the world were present. We had two free days in the city and at the end of the festival; there was a parade of sail, a reenactment of a parade that took place in 1867, when Canada became a confederation. We fired one of our 32# carronades.



Thomas Edwards pictured during the deck tour at the 32# carronade

From Microbiology to Sailing the Tall Ships

*In the Eisenhower Lock,
St. Lawrence Seaway*



While underway, two helmsmen are assigned to the tiller that also requires tackles to move due to its size. On one watch, I was the assistant to a twenty-year old Ordinary Seaman (O.S.) who has been sailing since her early teens. The Boatswain and a Quebecois pilot were on the bridge. The ship was motoring upriver in a stretch of water just before the Snell Lock, known as Lake Francis, which is more of a strait with fast currents than a real lake. It was around midnight, cold, overcast and rainy, and we were in our foul weather gear. The lookout reported a bridge ahead that was the Seaway International, which crossed the river from New York to Cornwall Island in Quebec. The narrows under the bridge is a treacherous bit of water, so our pilot began giving rapid course corrections to the Boatswain, who relayed them to the helmsmen. The primary helmsman, with her eye on the binnacle (compass) would repeat the course correction and execute the command. As we approached and passed under the bridge, we received

about sixty course corrections, some as much a 60° from port to starboard or vice versa. After about twenty frantic minutes, we arrived at the still waters before the Snell lock in New York. As our watch was relieved, the Boatswain hugged the O.S. and said it was the best steering he had ever seen. Our pilot certainly was aware of the dangers of that stretch of water, but being used to piloting large container ships, did not understand the response times of a tiller sailing ship. With no wind we motored to Rochester, NY, where we were able to day sail. After Rochester, we passed through the Welland's eight locks. Starting at 1:00 am, we were at general quarters in the rain and cold until 10:00 pm. After another port call at Port Colburn, we headed for our homeport in Erie, Pennsylvania. Lake Erie had enough wind for some actual sailing. My favorite experience was learning the finer points of sail handling, coiling, steering, and charting. I disliked washing dishes, cleaning up, and moving heavy items like the bunks, etc. ***Life on a sailing ship is neither easy nor comfortable, but worth the experience.***



*The Niagara
Aloft on the Main Mast*



*Deck Tours,
Sorel-Tracy Quebec*