



July 2015



New Executive Director

Please join us in welcoming Michael Culp as the new Executive Director of the USS Silversides Submarine Museum! Michael grew up in the Buffalo, NY area. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1979-1983 as a member of the 336th AGS, 4 TFW stationed at Seymour Johnson AFB, NC. Since then he completed Law School at the University at Buffalo School of Law and has been a practicing attorney for 21 years. In his spare time, Michael loves theater and participates whenever possible. In regards to his new position here, Michael says "I am thrilled to be involved in such a worthy organization. Veterans hold a very special place in my heart and having the opportunity to honor them through education and historical preservation is a dream come true. I hope to spend the next 20+ years building on the well-earned reputation of the organization and the high quality of museum experience so ably shepherded by my predecessors."



US Coast Guard Cutter McLane Update

Thanks to a lot of hard work and very generous donors, work is continuing on USCGC McLane with the goal of having her ready to attend the 2017 Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival for her 90th birthday! The winter was spent refurbishing the enlisted/berthing area. The port side and the forward bulkhead of the compartment, the exterior wall from the Chief's quarters, and the wall dividing the enlisted from Officers' Country are done. This only leaves the starboard side, behind the bunks and the deck to be refurbished. This month the plan is to remove

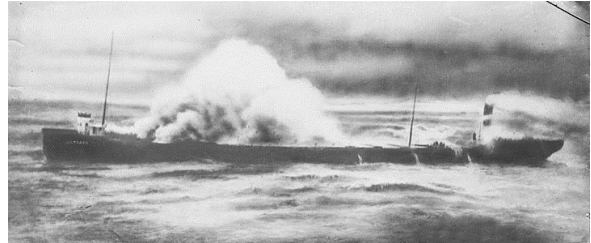


any and all loose paint and/or non-skid from the deck. The deck will then be primed and repainted including anything physically attached to the deck, i.e. bits, cleats, pad eyes, and the torpedo racks. If anyone is willing to make a donation for a specific area, that would be greatly appreciated and recognition of that would be noted in that area. We will continue to keep you updated on her progress!

GREAT LAKES FILM SERIES: STORMS, SHIPWRECKS, RESCUES and HISTORY

A series of four Ric Mixter films will be presented on Wednesdays in July at 11:00 am and 2:30 pm beginning on July 8th. Ric Mixter is the producer and creator of a series of intriguing Great Lakes documentaries.

He produced the outstanding video *STORM* that was presented in April at Muskegon Community College. The museum has received permission to show his videos in our theater. The series will be as follows:



July 8: *Cutter Rescues*: Video and Interviews of US Coast Guard members and the crews they rescued from perilous storms.

July 15: *Edmund Fitzgerald*: A video on the birth, history and death of one of the largest ships to sail the Great Lakes.

July 22: *Bombs Away*: A documentary about the closure of Selfridge Air Base.

July 29: *Best of In Depth: Lake Michigan*

The charge for each viewing is \$5.00 per person or FREE with your USS Silversides Submarine Museum membership.

*****Many of his videos are now also available for purchase in our Gift Store*****

Parades

We love a parade! We have been participating in several throughout the area with a USS Silversides Submarine Float, a WWII Scout Car, and our Vietnam Era "Deuce-and-a Half" Troop Transport. Be sure to look for us in the parades listed below.

Better yet **JOIN** the parade! Volunteers can share the fun by walking with us and handing out candy & coupons!

July 18 *National Baby Food Festival* in Fremont

August 1 *Coast Guard Festival Grand Parade* in Grand Haven

August 6 *North Muskegon Family Fun Fest* in North Muskegon

August 22 *Roosevelt Park Day* in Muskegon

