

THE VOLUNTEER VOICE!

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The April/May work week was held April 28th to May 5th with 14 volunteers on board! Our mission for this week was to free up the Water Tight (W/T) doors on the weather decks so they could be closed during inclement weather and during the night times, and the crew came through with flying colors! **Penn Jones** and **Barry White** rehabbed dogs and door mechanicals to the point where all weather deck doors can now be closed (if not completely dogged) to keep out the weather. When they were not posing for news photos (ahem!) **Adrienne Hoffman** and **Rachel Hedrick** wire brushed, spot primed and painted out almost all the lifeline stanchions and lots of the waterways on the main deck. **Patricia** and **William Weatherread** along with **Robin Thomas** came by and helped start wire brushing the foc'sle area, with **Patricia** and **William** returning the next day to do some more! **Jace** and **Yoli Brannen** worked hard on the foc'sle area also, getting it ready for it's "paint out" by **Barry White** later in the week. Looks great guys! **Ross Beasley** came by and helped us with the paint prep on the stbd Side main deck forward. Something tells us he's done that kind of paint work before!

Robin Avance took on the job of rehabbing two of the 20mm ready boxes on the fantail and did a super job! He wire brushed, primed, and painted out these boxes, which are now sited inboard of the depth charge racks where they were originally. Well done to all!!



SOME OF OUR VOLUNTEERS: L to R; **Myrna Roedell, Rip Roedell, Mac Christy, Barry White, Yoli Brannen, Jace Brannen, & Penn Jones.**



Rachel Hedrick started her new career in Marine Salvage by retrieving some pineapples that passing ships threw over to local fishermen!



Rachel loves mixing paint!



A great achievement! The “new” door hung on the superstructure 01 deck! Thanks to the ships welder, Tony. Here **Robin** and **Mac** give the job a “thumbs up”!



Ready to move! **Robin's** 20mm boxes ready to be placed in their positions. As can be seen in this view, the shrapnel shields are missing on the boxes and will have to be fabricated.



Looks like **Patricia Weatherread** worked herself into a corner, with only a broom for company! Where is **William!**



The best chow in the restoration fleet! That's the reputation that **Myrna** and **Rip Roedell** have built! Sadly, they will no longer be able to cook for the volunteers, so we are looking for a new "Work Week" cook or cooks! Let **Mac Christy** know if you are interested.



After a fine meal!

The crew pauses after one of **Rip and Myrna Roedell's** fine meals. L to R are; **Barry White, Mac Christy, Adrienne Hoffman, Rachel Hedrick, and Ross Beasley.**

NEXT WORK WEEK!

November 12th (Monday) to November 18th (Sunday) 2012

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RESTORE THIS HISTORIC SHIP!

WANTED!

A cook or cooks to prepare the food for our volunteers at the November Work Week.

Please contact Mac Christy

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Thanks to all who helped with the Work Week!

And remember, "Rust Never Sleeps!"

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