



# “Character Staffs”

by Eric M. Saperstein



Now in retirement, Stanley creates unique art through Artisans of the Valley by commission, passing his time as a whittler identifying with the old men sitting at his Grandfather's gas station in Hudson NY. Eccentric in his ways, and outspoken in opinion he can capture the essence of a theme for a unique walking stick.

Historian, and author of “Sharpshooters,” a soon to be classic historically accurate novel portraying the US Sharpshooters, Stanley passes much of his time studying, reenacting, talking, and we often wonder if trying to actually relive history. His combined skills of woodcarving, whittling, and intense store of knowledge on the civil war bring to light Robert E. Lee, Grant, Lincoln, and soldiers for another theme to the walking staff.

Animal heads, another path takes you into wildlife and nature. Centering around a creature of choice, hunters, outdoor enthusiasts, and pet lovers can display their interests atop a staff.



Photography by Tom Clark



Your life, your favorite historic or modern character, your personalized walking staff. Stanley extends his theme down the shaft using carving, woodburning, and painting techniques to adorn each one of a kind piece with all the details of it's barer's life. Fraternal symbols, college ties, hobbies, children, interests, or whatever else you can think of!

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Stanley with his oldest son Eric  
 Photo by Frank Jacobs



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