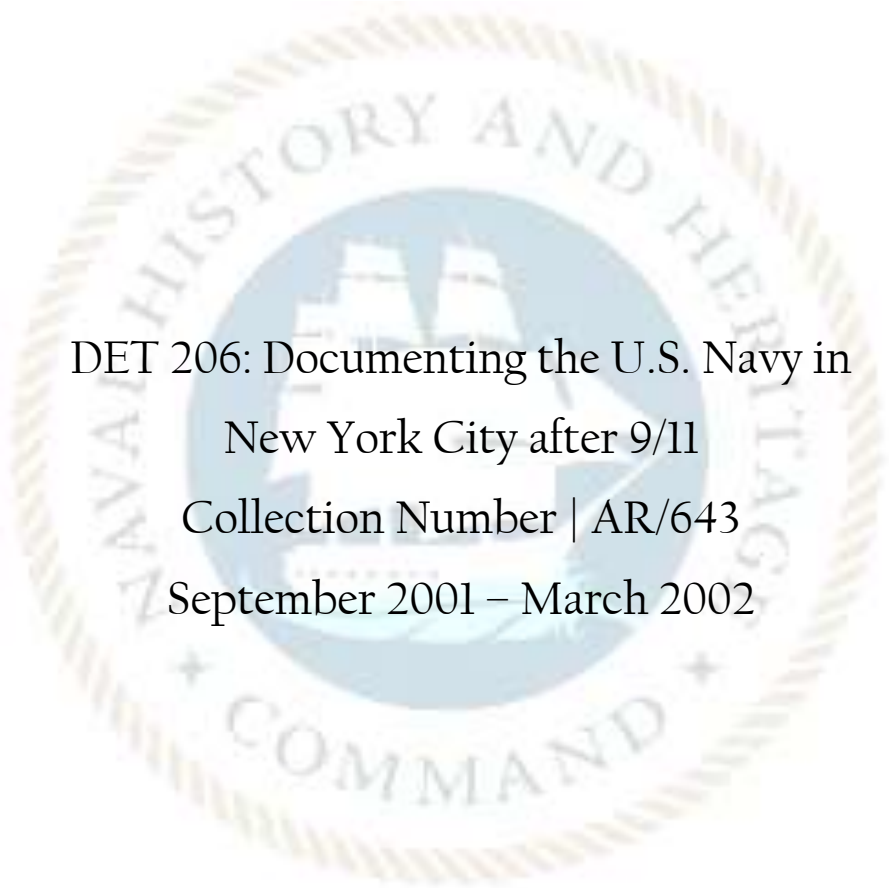


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Collection Title | DET 206: Documenting the U.S. Navy in New York City after 9/11

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Collection Creator | Navy Combat Documentation Detachment 206

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Content Dates | September 2001 – March 2002

Extent | 3 Boxes [3 Hollinger Boxes]

1.38 Cubic Feet

1.25 Linear Feet

Language | English

Classification Level

Unclassified

Restrictions

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No Restrictions. Use reference copies of digital media files.

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Materials collected by Navy Combat Documentation Detachment 206 Reservist

Administrative Note + History

Navy Combat Documentation Detachment 206 (DET 206) was established in 1991 as a reserve unit attached to the Naval Historical Center (NHC). DET 206 was established to support historical documentation of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Since its establishment, reservists assigned to the unit have deployed to commands around the world to document naval activity, missions, conflicts, and significant events. The reservists typically gather oral histories and historical materials. In 2018, DET 206 leadership renamed the unit the Navy Combat Documentation Unit (NCDU).

DET 206 reservist Commander Peter A. Schneider deployed to a number of Department of Defense installations in the New York area to document the Navy's contributions in New York City following the attack on the World Trade Center on 11 September 2001. His schedule for the trip was as follows:

3-5 March: Naval Submarine Base New London Groton, Connecticut

5-7 March: Naval Station, Newport, Rhode Island

7-8 March: Naval Submarine Base New London Groton, Connecticut

11 March: Navy Office of Information, East

12 March: Fleet Support New York

14 March: Fort Dix, New Jersey & Lockheed Martin Moorestown, New Jersey

15 March: Naval Weapons Station Earle, New Jersey

Related Materials/Collections

Navy Archives 11 September 2001 Collections:

AR/668 Pentagon Attack Narrative Accounts

AR/670 DET 206: Documenting the Attack on the Pentagon on 9/11

AR/671 Naval Historical Center Pentagon 9/11 Collection

AR/688 DET 206: Documenting Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) – CINCLANTFLT & SECONDFLT December 2001

AR/705 DET 206: Documenting OEF – CINCUSNAVUER London and 9/11

Scope + Content

This collection contains historical materials and oral histories collected by DET 206 (NCDU) reservist CDR Peter A. Schneider in February and March of 2002. The historical materials and oral histories document the contributions of the U.S. Navy in New York City following the attack on the World Trade Center on 11 September 2001.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into eight series.

Series 1: Commander Navy Region Northeast Historical Materials

Series 2: Fleet Support New York Historical Materials

Series 3: New Jersey Naval Militia Historical Materials

Series 4: Office of Information East Historical Materials

Series 5: Personal Accounts

Series 6: Provisional Joint Task Force

Series 7: Subject Files

Series 8: Audiovisual and Digital Media

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Commander Navy Region Northeast Historical Materials

This series contains information on the response to the attacks mounted by various members of Navy Region Northeast, including Earle Naval Weapons Station, New London Public Works, Norfolk Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, and Providence Reserve Center. Also in this series are public remarks by Master Chief Powden and Captain R.W. Ruple in the months following the attack.

Series 2: Fleet Support New York Historical Materials

This series holds a variety of reports, including a patrol summary from USCGC *Campbell* and after action reports from USNS COMFORT and Combat Camera Atlantic. Other items in the series document personnel and taskings in the search and recovery, relief, and security efforts.

Series 3: New Jersey Naval Militia Historical Materials

This series has documents describing the history and organization of the Militia and their activities in New York in the aftermath of the attack.

Series 4: Office of Information East Historical Materials

This series has press materials and compilations of media coverage following the 11 September 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center.

Series 5: Personal Accounts

This series consists of first-hand narratives by personnel in New York at the time of the attacks and those who participated in search and relief efforts. This series does not contain the oral histories (see Series 8).

Series 6: Provisional Joint Task Force

This series contains a log of the Task Force's activities, a copy of Operation Order 001-01, and personnel check-in forms.

Series 7: Subject Files

This series contains a variety of items. Among the documents in this series are a map of operations and security checkpoints in the World Trade Center area, a copy of the Naval War College Review that included a special section on the attacks, news clippings, and photographs.

Series 8: Audiovisual and Digital Media

This series contains VHS tapes with media coverage of the attacks, a tape containing media coverage of USNS COMFORT, and a recording of the World Trade Center flag being raised on USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT. The contents of the VHS tapes are not available digitally. This series also has CDs, which hold copies of the oral history interviews that CDR Schneider conducted and numerous photographs of the World Trade Center site, relief activities, and personnel. All of the

materials on the CDs are available digitally. There is an overview of the oral histories at the end of the container list in this finding aid.

Container List

Series 1: Commander Navy Region Northeast

Box #	Folder #	Title
01	01	Atlantic Division/Engineering Field Activity (EFA) Responses to Sept 11
01	02	Naval Weapons Station Earle Responses to Sept 11
01	03	Navy Region Northeast Mobilization
01	04	New London Public Works Post Sept. 11 Actions
01	05	Norfolk Fleet Industrial Supply Center 9/11 & Operation Enduring Freedom
01	06	Portsmouth Public Works Response to Sept. 11
01	07	Providence U.S. Naval Reserve Mobilization Brief
01	08	Remarks: Master Chief Powden Acting Command Master Chief (CNRNE Groton), 11 SEP Remembrance Moment, 11 December 2001
01	09	Remarks: CAPT R.W. Ruple II CNSB New London, SUNY Maritime Alumni Dinner, 18 September 2001
01	10	Remarks: CAPT R.W. Ruple II CNSB New London, Holiday Festival of Lights, 6 December 2001
01	11	Remarks: CAPT R.W. Ruple II CNSB New London, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Event 7 December 2001
01	12	Remarks: CAPT R.W. Ruple II CNSB New London, Veterans/Retiree Seminar, 8 December 2001
01	13	Remarks: CAPT R.W. Ruple II CNSB New London, Southeastern Connecticut Navy League Dinner, 3 January 2002

Series 2: Fleet Support New York

Box #	Folder #	Title
01	14	USCGC Campbell Patrol Summary, December 2001
01	15	Combat Camera Atlantic After Action Report, October 2001
01	16	USNS Comfort Operation Noble Eagle After Action Report, October 2001
01	17	CNRNE Det. New York Tasking
01	18	Fleet Week Rescue Center, October 2001

Series 2: Fleet Support New York (cont'd)

Box #	Folder #	Title
01	19	Personnel on Memorandum Orders to Manhattan, November 2001
01	20	World Trade Center Action Items

Series 3: New Jersey Naval Militia

Box #	Folder #	Title
01	21	Five Year Plan, 2001
01	22	Homeland Security: Then and Now, 2002
01	23	Joint Command
01	24	New Jersey Naval Militia and Operation Noble Eagle, March 2002
01	25	News Clippings, October 2001 – March 2002
01	26	Roster, 2002

Series 4: Office of Information, East

Box #	Folder #	Title
01	27	Compiled Media Coverage, September-October 2001
01	28	Press Releases, September 2001

Series 5: Personal Accounts

Box #	Folder #	Title
01	29	Lessons Learned From Crisis Response, CAPT G. Mark Hardy, USNR
01	30	Lessons Learned: Interview with Two Reserve Chaplains, Frank Cohoon
01	31	New York City Disaster: Observations and Photos, CAPT Joseph C. Frantz, USNR (ret.)
01	32	Nine One One, CEC(SW) Bernard M. Bunny
01	33	SITREP From Ground Zero, CDR G. Mark Hardy
01	34	Terror Attacks/NYC Account, CAPT Karen Baetzel, USNR
01	35	World Trade Center, Earl J. Baim

Series 6: Provisional Joint Task Force

Box #	Folder #	Title
01	36	Activity Log, September 2001
01	37	Operation Order 001-01, September 2001
01	38	Personnel Check- In Forms, 2001

Series 7: Subject Files

Box #	Folder #	Title
02	01	Map-World Trade Center Area of Operations
02	02	Naval War College Review Autumn 2001
02	03	Downtown Site Security Policy
02	04	<i>The Navy Chaplain Magazine</i> , September-October 2001
02	05	NEPLO CNRNE Quarterly Activity Report, FY 01 4 th Quarter
02	06	News Clippings - <i>The Dolphin</i> Base Newsletter, September 2001 – March 2002
02	07	News Clippings - <i>The Earle Missile</i> Base Newsletter, October 2001 – February 2002
02	08	News Clipping - <i>The Newport Navigator</i> Base Newsletter, September 2001 – March 2002
02	09	News Clippings – <i>The Post</i> , March 2002
02	10	Operation Rainbow Hope Public Affairs Guidance
02	11	Photographs – EO3 James Murray, USNR, New York Naval Militia
02	12	Task Force Steel Handout – New York Army Guard 42 nd Infantry Division, September 2001
02	13	TF Tailwind, Battery Park – 26 September 2001 Memo on Transition of Badges
02	14	Weapons of Mass Destruction Incident Response Workshop (Conference Materials from Naval Station Newport, RI)
02	15	Arc of Instability (Conference Materials from Naval Station Newport, RI)

Series 8: AV & Digital Media

Box #	Folder #	Title
03	01	Audio/Video: Fold/30985: BetaCam: WTC Ground Zero Flag Raised o USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71)
03	02	Audio/Video: Fold/30986: Compiled Media Coverage (VHS): USNS Comfort
03	03	Audio/Video: Fold/30987: Compiled Media Coverage (VHS): September 11 Attacks & Response (Tape 1 of 2)
03	04	Audio/Video: Fold/30988: Compiled Media Coverage (VHS): September 11 Attacks & Response (Tape 2 of 2)

Series 8: AV & Electronic Media (cont'd)

Box #	Folder #	Title
03	05	CD: Fold/30989: U.S. Navy in New York City Disk 1: After Action Reports & Oral Histories (SEE END OF CONTAINER LIST FOR ORAL HISTORY DETAILS)
03	06	CD: Fold/30990: U.S. Navy in New York City Disk 2: Photos – Images of 9/11 Compiled by Submarine Base New London PAO
03	07	CD: Fold/30991: U.S. Navy in New York City Disk 3: Photos – USNS Comfort and World Trade Center Site taken by Fleet Combat Camera Atlantic
03	08	CD: Fold/30992: U.S. Navy in New York City Disk 4: Photos – World Trade Center Site taken by Fleet Combat Camera Atlantic
03	09	CD: Fold/30993: U.S. Navy in New York City Disk 5: Photos – Images of aftermath in New York City provided by U.S. Coast Guard
03	10	CD: Fold/30994: U.S. Navy in New York City Disk 6: Photo Duplicates
03	11	CD: Fold/30995: U.S. Navy in New York City Disk 7: Photo Duplicates
03	12	CD: Original Processing Documents Completed by NHC Staff

Oral Histories (Abstracts & Audio Available Digitally)

- Baetzel, Karen CAPT & Turocy, David CAPT 3/5/2002
U.S. Navy Reserves; Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers
Subject Terms/Key Words: Communications/ Disaster Field Office (DFO)/ Emergency Preparedness Liaison Office/ Federal Emergency Management Agency/ FEMA/ Reserve Issues/ Uniforms/ USNS Comfort
- Beard, Timothy D. III RADM 3/14/2002
New Jersey Naval Militia; Commander, New Jersey Naval Militia Joint Command
Subject Terms/Key Words: Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT)/ Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/ Floods/ Funding/ National Guard/ New Jersey Naval Militia/ Publicity/ Security/ Uniforms
- Burns, Patrick 3/12/2002
Civilian; Director, Fleet Support New York
Subject Terms/Key Words: Air Cover/ Amphibs/ Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers/ Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/ Fleet Week/ Ground Zero/Navy Combat Camera/ Office of Emergency Management/ Politics/ Rats/ Reserves/USNS Comfort/ USS Bataan/ USS Bulkeley/ USS George Washington/ USS Leyte Gulf/USS Shreveport/ Volunteers"

Oral Histories (Abstracts & Audio Available Digitally) (cont'd)

- Cosgrove, Dana 3/5/2002
Civilian; Deputy to the Commander
Subject Terms/Key Words: Cyberterrorism/ Office of Emergency Management/ USNS Comfort
USS Bulkeley/ Vulnerability
- Elliott, William COMO 3/15/2002
U.S. Navy; Commander, Combat Logistics Squadron TWO
Subject Terms/Key Words: Blue Collar Navy/ Force Protection/ Fuel/ Logistics/ Military Sealift
Command (MSC)/ Outsourcing/ Public Relations/ Sustainment/ USNS Comfort/ USS Detroit
- Ellis, Mitzi LCDR 3/4/2002
U.S. Navy; Flag Secretary
Subject Terms/Key Words: Emergency Control Center/ Fleet Week/ Anti-Terrorism Force
Protection (ATFP)
- Estrada, Steve LCDR 2/7/2002
U.S. Navy Reserves; Commander Navy Region Northeast DET New York
Subject Terms/Key Words: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/ Reserves/ USNS
Comfort/USS Bulkeley
- Frantz, Joe 3/6/2002
U.S. Navy Reserves (Ret.); Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer (Connecticut)
Subject Terms/Key Words: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/ New York Naval
Militia/ Uniforms/ USNS Comfort
- Gentry, Jim LCDR 3/7/2002
Civil Engineer Corps, U.S. Navy; Facilities Engineer
Subject Terms/Key Words: Security
- Gillespie, James I. Jr. CAPT 3/14/2002
U.S. Navy Reserves; Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer (FEMA Region II)
Subject Terms/Key Words: Amphibs/ Communications/ Defense Coordinating Officer (DCO)/
Federal Coordinating Officer/ Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/ Navy Emergency
Preparedness Liaison Officers (NEPLO)/ Politics/ Posse Comitatus/ Presidential Visit/ Public
Affairs/ USNS Comfort/ USS George Washington
- Greenleaf, George A. CAPT 3/6/2002
U.S. Navy Reserves; DoD Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers Program Director
Subject Terms/Key Words: U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM)/ Consequence Management/
Crisis Coordination Center (CCC)/ DOD Resourced Database/ Emergency Support Center (ESC)/
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/ Pentagon/ Posse Comitatus/ Public Relations/
Reserves/ Shadow Government/ Suicide Bombers/ USNS Comfort/ Weapons of Mass Destruction
(WMD)

Oral Histories (Abstracts & Audio Available Digitally) (cont'd)

- Hardy, G. Mark CAPT 2/7/2002
U.S. Navy Reserves; New York City; Provisional Joint Task Force
Subject Terms/Key Words: Bloomberg Building/ Ground Zero/ New York Provisional Task Force
- Hennessey, Tom CAPT 2/11/2002
U.S. Navy Reserves; Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer (Maine)
Subject Terms/Key Words: Army/ Disaster Field Office/ Force Protection/ LIDAR/New York Naval Militia/ USNS Comfort /USS Howard
- Ianiello, Errico LCDR & Driver, Albert Jr. LT 3/14/2002
New Jersey Naval Militia; Chaplain, Flag Lieutenant
Subject Terms/Key Words: Camp Respect/ Chaplains/ Disaster Medical Team (DMAT)/ Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/ Ground Zero/ Security
- Indovino, Frank CWO4 3/12/2002
U.S. Navy Reserves; Commander Navy Region Northeast DET New York
Subject Terms/Key Words: Coast Guard/ Ground Zero/ Marines/ Medics/ New York Naval Militia/ Secure Telephone Unit (STU)/ USNS Comfort/ USS Bataan
- Lederer, Ed LCDR 2/8/2002
U.S. Navy Reserves; Eyewitness
Subject Terms/Key Words: Witness/ Midtown
- Mook, Patricia L., Rauchon, John CTAC, & Oranje, Ronald YN2 3/5/2002
Civilian; U.S. Navy; Casualty Assistance Calls and Funeral Honors Support Program
Subject Terms/Key Words: Casualties Officers/ Chaplains/ Media/ Pentagon/ USS Cole
- Murray, James EO3 2/11/2002
U.S. Navy Reserves; New York Naval Militia
Subject Terms/Key Words: Ground Zero/ Marines/ New York Naval Militia/ Security/USNS Comfort
- Neimeyer, Charles P. Dr. 3/6/2002
Civilian; Dean of Academic Affairs, Naval War College
Subject Terms/Key Words: Al-Qaeda/ Clash of Civilizations/ Homeland Defense/ Intelligence/ Islam/ Saudi Arabia/ Seapower/ Strategic Overreach/ Terrorism/ Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)
- Rovner, Jerry H. CAPT 3/14/2002
New Jersey Naval Militia; Deputy Commander
Subject Terms/Key Words: Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT)/ Homeland Defense/ Ground Zero/ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/ New Jersey Naval Militia
- Schmidt, Craig CDR 3/15/2002
U.S. Navy; Chief Staff Officer, Naval Weapons Station Earle
Subject Terms/Key Words: Fast Action Support Team/ Humanitarian Service Medal/Media/ Military Sealift Command (MSC)/ USNS Comfort/ USS Detroit/ USS George Washington

Oral Histories (Abstracts & Audio Available Digitally) (cont'd)

- Shane, Kelly 3/4/2002
Civilian; FISC Norfolk Det. Philadelphia Onsite Contracting Officer
Subject Terms/Key Words: Fleet Industrial Support Center (FISC)/ Husbanding Contract/ USNS Comfort
- Shaw, Claude B. CAPT 3/15/2002
U.S. Navy; Commanding Officer, Naval Weapons Station Earle
Subject Terms/Key Words: Casualty Assistance/ Decontamination/ Defense Threat Reduction Agency Firefighters/ Fleet Week/ Force Protection/ Logistics/ Military Sealift Command (MSC) New Jersey Naval Militia/ Reserve Support/ SOLID CURTAIN/ USNS Comfort/ USS Cole/ USS Detroit
- Stensland, John CAPT 3/4/2002
Supply Corps, U.S. Navy Reserves; Northeast Region Business/Supply Office
Subject Terms/Key Words: Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA)/ Fleet Week/ Fuel/ Husbanding Contract/ P3s/ Reserve Affairs/ Supply System/ USNS Comfort
- Stubbs, Will CDR 3/4/2002
U.S. Navy Reserves; Director, Navy Mobilization Processing Site
Subject Terms/Key Words: Anti-Terrorism Force Protection/ Fleet Week/ Mobilization
- Tighe, Robert MA1 2/6/2002
U.S. Navy Reserves; New York City; Provisional Joint Task Force
Subject Terms/Key Words: Bloomberg Building/ Ground Zero/ Joint Task Force Search and Rescue
- Tracy, Michael C. RADM 3/4/2002
U.S. Navy; Commander Navy Region Northeast and Submarine Group Two
Subject Terms/Key Words: Al-Qaeda/ Emergency Command Center (ECC)/ Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/ Fleet Week/ Force Structure/ Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR)/ P3/ Reserve Support/ Submarines/ Weapons of Mass Effect (WME)
- Washburn, Mary E. CAPT 3/5/2002
Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy Reserves; Chaplain
Subject Terms/Key Words: Axis of Evil/ Casualty Assistance Calls Office (CACO)/ Conscientious Objector/ CREDO/ Good and Evil/ Islam
- Waterman, David LCDR & Sandoz, Kathleen LT 3/11/2002
U.S. Navy; Navy Office of Information, East
Subject Terms/Key Words: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/ Fleet Week/ Public Affairs Guidance (PAG)/ USNS Comfort/ USS Bulkeley/ USS George Washington
- Westlye, Don DCCM 3/12/2002
U.S. Navy Reserves; Command Master Chief, Commander Navy Region Northeast DET New York
Subject Terms/Key Words: Amphibs/ Army/ Combat Camera/ Corpsmen/ Ground Zero/ Logistics/ Politics/ Reserves/ USNS Comfort

Oral Histories (Abstracts & Audio Available Digitally) (cont'd)

Wilson, Sharon

3/4/2002

Civilian; Radiological Emergency Coordinator

Subject Terms/Key Words: Emergency Control Center/ Naval Reactors