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1.75 Cubic Feet

1.96 Linear Feet

Language | English

Conditions of Access (*Classification Level*)

UNCLASSIFIED

Restrictions

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Provenance/Acquisition

Navy Combat Documentation Detachment 206 reservists deposited this collection at the NHHC Archives following its creation.

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).

On 12 October 2000, a boat carrying explosives was deliberately rammed into the side of the port side of USS *Cole* (DDG 67), while the destroyer was refueling in the port of Aden, Yemen. The resulting explosion took the lives of 17 USS *Cole* crewmembers and injured dozens more. The explosion ripped a massive hole in USS *Cole* at the point of impact and caused other significant damage. For three days following the explosion, crewmembers worked tirelessly to control flooding and perform other damage control. In the weeks following the attack, the crippled USS *Cole* was loaded onto the salvage ship MV *Blue Marlin* and hauled to Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi for repairs. USS *Cole* had been built at Ingalls Shipbuilding in 1994. MV *Blue Marlin* and USS *Cole* arrived in Pascagoula on 13 December 2000. After more than a year of repair work, USS *Cole* departed Pascagoula on 19 April 2002.

Related Materials/Collections

AR/340 USS *Cole* JAGMAN Investigation, 1990-2001, Navy Archives, Washington, D.C.

Scope + Content

This collection contains historical materials and oral histories that document the 2000 attack on USS *Cole* and the resultant repair work at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The historical materials include reports, photographs, correspondence, and news articles. The oral histories and historical materials were gathered by teams of DET 206 reservists in 2001. The collection also contains deployment documentation created by the DET 206 reservists before and after their deployments. Some historical materials were removed upon accessioning and could not be located at time of processing.

One DET 206 reservist team deployed to Naval Surface Forces Atlantic (COMNAVSURFLANT) in Norfolk, Virginia in March 2001. At COMNAVSURFLANT, the reservists interviewed 18 crewmembers who were serving on USS *Cole* at the time of the attack. The reservists also interviewed 11 individuals who were involved with the public affairs efforts and support for the crew and their families. The reservists also gathered historical materials documenting the attack, the ensuing investigation, and the responses to the attack by the United States Navy and Federal government officials.

Two DET 206 reservists deployed to Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi in April and May 2001. The reservists interviewed 22 civilians and Navy personnel who were involved with the repair work being done on USS *Cole* at Ingalls. The reservists deployed to Pascagoula also gathered historical materials that document the damage to USS *Cole* as well as the repair work.

Arrangement

This collection has been arranged into four series:

1. Deployment Documentation

2. Historical Materials
3. Oral Histories
4. Pascagoula Oral History Audio Cassette Tapes

The materials in Series 1 & 2 are arranged alphabetically. The materials in Series 3 are arranged by deployment and thereunder alphabetically. The cassette tapes in Series 4 are arranged numerically by tape number.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Deployment Documentation

This series contains administrative materials created by the reservists before, during, and after the deployments.

Series 2: Historical Materials

This series contains the historical materials gathered by the reservists during the deployments. The materials are organized within the series by theme.

Series 3: Oral Histories

This series contains the oral histories gathered by the reservists during the deployments. The oral histories are organized by deployment.

Series 4: Pascagoula Oral History Audio Cassette Tapes

This series contains the original audio tapes containing the oral history recordings created during the Pascagoula deployment. The collection is missing Tape #03.

Container List

Series 1: Deployment Documentation

Box #	Folder #	Title
01	01	CDs - Deployments Reports, Historical Materials, Oral Histories Files, 2001
01	02	Norfolk Reports, 2001
01	03	Pascagoula Interviewee Photographs, 2001
01	04	Pascagoula Reports, 2001

Series 2: Historical Materials

Box #	Folder #	Title
01	05	Basic Commerce & Industries, Inc. Damage Survey Memorandum for RADM Cobb, 9 February 2001
01	06	Chaplain Activities: Timeline & Flyer for Grief Support Group, 2000-2001
01	07	<i>Cole</i> Commission: DoD USS <i>Cole</i> Commission Report Executive Summary, 9 January 2001

Series 2: Historical Materials (cont'd)

Box #	Folder #	Title
01	08	<i>Cole</i> Commission: Transcript, Commission Briefing by Co-Chairs, 2 November 2000
01	09	COMNAVSURFLANT: Memorandum on Damage Control Efforts in USS <i>Cole</i> (DDG-67), 21 December 2000
01	10	COMNAVSURFLANT: USS <i>Cole</i> Lessons Learned - Public Affairs, undated
01	11	COMNAVSURFLANT: USS <i>Cole</i> Memorial Events Concept of Operations, 20 July 2001
01	12	George Washington Battle Group: USS <i>Cole</i> Crisis Battle Group Family Role – A Team Effort, undated
01	13	JAGMAN Investigation: SECNAV Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense, 18 January 2001
01	14	JAGMAN Investigation: Transcript, Briefing by SECDEF William Cohen, SECNAV Richard Danzig, & CNO Vern Clark, 19 January 2001
01	15	M/V <i>Blue Marlin</i> : Photographs & Vessel Description Packet, 2000-2001
01	16	Ordnance Offload at Naval Station Pascagoula, 2000-2001
01	17	Photographs: Hull Damage, October 2000
01	18	Photographs: NAVSEA Dahlgren Damage to USS <i>Cole</i> , 12 November 2000
01	19	Published: CHINFO Articles & Photographs, 2000-2001
01	20	Published: Magazine Articles, 2001
01	21	Published: News Articles, 2000-2002
01	22	SUPSHIP Pascagoula: PAO Materials, 2000
01	23	SUPSHIP Pascagoula: PAO Materials for USS <i>Cole</i> Arrival Events, December 2000
01	24	SUPSHIP Pascagoula: Repair Work Plan of the Day, 20 April 2001
01	25	SUPSHIP Pascagoula: USS <i>Cole</i> (DDG-67) Restoration & Re-Construction Presentation, March 2001
01	26	SUPSHIP Pascagoula: USS <i>Cole</i> (DDG-67) Test Approach, 12 April 2001
01	27	USS <i>Cole</i> : Cards & Letters to Crewmembers from Around the Nation, 2000
01	28	USS <i>Cole</i> : Change of Command Ceremony, 9 March 2001
01	29	USS <i>Cole</i> : Commissioning Day Book & General Ship Information, 1996-2001
01	30	USS <i>Cole</i> : Memorial Service at Naval Station Norfolk, 18 October 2000

Series 2: Historical Materials (cont'd)

Box #	Folder #	Title
01	31	USS <i>Cole</i> : Messages from CO CDR Lippold & HMMC Parlier, October 2000

Series 3: Oral Histories

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02	01	Norfolk: Campbell, Tayinikia D. HM3, 14 March 2001
02	02	Norfolk: Carlson, Gregory S. OS2, 15 March 2001
02	03	Norfolk: Dietz, Russell E. ET3, 15 March 2001
02	04	Norfolk: Fox, Valerie R., 20 March 2001
02	05	Norfolk: Gagliano, Joe LT, 16 March 2001
02	06	Norfolk: Gomez, Sarah B. IT2, 15 March 2001
02	07	Norfolk: Hodges, Christoper ENS, 19 March 2001
02	08	Norfolk: Jones, Daren L. OS1(SW), 15 March 2001
02	09	Norfolk: Kafka, Eric S. BMC(SW/AW/DV), 20 March 2001
02	10	Norfolk: Kent, Donald P. CWO2, 16 March 2001
02	11	Norfolk: Lippold, Kirk CDR, 22 March 2001
02	12	Norfolk: McDonald, Mark LCDR & Baker, Beth LCDR, 19 March 2001
03	01	Norfolk: Moir, James M. Jr., 20 July 2001
03	02	Norfolk: Monsam, Georgia MACCM(SW) & Johnson, Joy, 22 March 2001
03	03	Norfolk: Moser, Clifford HMC(SW), 21 March 2001
03	04	Norfolk: Moynihan, Dennis J. CDR, 21 March 2001
03	05	Norfolk: O'Neil, Jaja OS2(SW), 14 March 2001
03	06	Norfolk: Parlier, James HMCM(SW/AW/FMF), 31 March 2001
03	07	Norfolk: Pelly, Geoffrey Joseph SKC(SW), 19 March 2001
03	08	Norfolk: Peterschmidt, John C. LCDR, 20 March 2001
03	09	Norfolk: Pipkin, James R. Bob CDR, 21 March 2001
03	10	Norfolk: Sharpe, Matthew CDR, 23 March 2001
04	01	Norfolk: Slaven, George Chip Jr. CAPT, 23 March 2001
04	02	Norfolk: Sparenberg, Jeffrey GSCS(SW), 14 March 2001

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Box #	Folder #	Title
04	03	Norfolk: Sweeney, Kevin CDR, 16 March 2001
04	04	Norfolk: Sydow, Paula, 20 March 2001
04	05	Norfolk: Van Foeken, Jason LTJG, 15 March 2001
04	06	Pascagoula: Alvarez, Generoso FC2, 25 April 2001
04	07	Pascagoula: Austin, Joseph, 2 May 2001
04	08	Pascagoula: Brinker, Carey CAPT, 19 November 2001
04	09	Pascagoula: Butler, Sparky, 1 May 2001
04	10	Pascagoula: Chapman, Michael, 1 May 2001
04	11	Pascagoula: Fortenberry, James, 26 April 2001
04	12	Pascagoula: Gagliano, Joe LT, 19 April 2001
04	13	Pascagoula: Givens, Eric L. EM1, 23 April 2001
04	14	Pascagoula: Highland, Barry DCC, 20 April 2001
04	15	Pascagoula: Hughes, Tim LCDR, 24 April 2001
04	16	Pascagoula: Johnson, Philip N. CAPT, 25 April 2001
04	17	Pascagoula: Kiessling, Edward CAPT; Nelson, Harry A. CDR; & Nefferdorf, Bruce CWO3, 25 April 2001
04	18	Pascagoula: Kroboth, George J. GSM1, 23 April 2001
04	19	Pascagoula: LaCavera, Terra CAPT, 1 May 2001
04	20	Pascagoula: Metz, Steven CDR, 26 April 2001
04	21	Pascagoula: Peterson, Joe, 26 April 2001
04	22	Pascagoula: Salter, James B. LTJG, 19 April 2001
04	23	Pascagoula: Walker, Alexis Lex LT, 20 April 2001
04	24	Pascagoula: Woodfin, Denise LT, 30 April 2001
04	25	Pascagoula: Zitko, Mike, 19 April 2001

Series 4: Pascagoula Oral History Audio Cassette Tapes

Box #	Folder #	Title
05	01	Tape #01: Salter, Jim LTJG, 19 April 2001
05	02	Tape #02: Zitko, Mike, 19 April 2001

Series 4: Pascagoula Oral History Audio Cassette Tapes (cont'd)

Box #	Folder #	Title
05	03	Tape #04: Walker, Alexis Lex LT, 20 April 2001
05	04	Tape #05: Highland, Barry, 20 April 2001
05	05	Tape #06: Kroboth GSM1 (1/2), 23 April 2001
05	06	Tape #07: Kroboth GSM1 (2/2), 23 April 2001
05	07	Tape #08: Givens, Eric EM1, 23 April 2001
05	08	Tape #09: Hughes, Tim LCDR, 24 April 2001
05	09	Tape #10: Johnson, Phillip CAPT, 25 April 2001
05	10	Tape #11: Reserve EDOs, 25 April 2001
05	11	Tape #12: Alvarez FC2, 25 April 2001
05	12	Tape #13: Fortenberry, Jerry, 26 April 2001
05	13	Tape #14: Peterson, Joseph, 26 April 2001
05	14	Tape #15: Metz, Stephen, 26 April 2001
05	15	Tape #16: Johnson, Phillip CAPT, 27 April 2001
05	16	Tape #17: Woodfin, Denise, 30 April 2001
05	17	Tape #18: Butler, Sparky, 1 May 2001
05	18	Tape #19: Chapman, Michael, 1 May 2001
05	19	Tape #20: LaCavera, Tara CAPT, 1 May 2001
05	20	Tape #21: Austin, Joe, 1 May 2001