

USS HORNET (CV-12)

Alameda, California | Aircraft Carrier / Museum

FIELD INVESTIGATION / USS HORNET (CV-12)

A historic warship, a living museum, and an enduring ghost tradition.

USS Hornet served in the Pacific during World War II and recovered the Apollo 11 and Apollo 12 crews. Today the carrier is a museum in Alameda, California.

DOCUMENTED HISTORY

Commissioned in 1943, USS Hornet served in Pacific operations, later anti-submarine warfare, and recovered the Apollo crews in 1969. Decommissioned in 1970, it is now a museum.

REPORTED PARANORMAL ACTIVITY

Visitors and investigators have reported footsteps, voices, sailor-like figures, and unusual sensations. Sick Bay, the Brig, and Radio Central feature in the ship's ghost stories.

LEGEND CHECK

DOCUMENTED

The ship's wartime service, Apollo recoveries, and preservation are documented.

PARANORMAL TRADITION

Apparitions and unexplained activity remain witness reports and folklore.

PARANORMAL HOTSPOTS

SICK BAY	Compare airflow, echoes, and visitor activity.
BRIG	Metal doors and corridors transmit sound.
RADIO CENTRAL	Note acoustic and electrical conditions.
PASSAGEWAYS	Voices can travel between compartments.

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WHAT TO WATCH FOR

☐ Footsteps / vibrations

☐ Voices / speech

☐ Shadows / reflections

☐ Door / metallic impact

☐ Temperature / airflow

☐ Ventilation / machinery

☐ Other visitors / staff

☐ Harbor / vessel sounds

BASELINE NOTES

SOUND / ACOUSTICS

LIGHT / REFLECTIONS

AIRFLOW / TEMPERATURE

PEOPLE / ACTIVITY

WEATHER / EXTERIOR

OTHER CONTROLS

INVESTIGATOR NOTES

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THE SHIPBOARD SOUND-MAPPING TEST

From an authorized museum area, document how ordinary shipboard sounds travel before interpreting footsteps, knocks, or voices as unexplained.

1. POSITION

Record deck, compartment, and nearby stairs.

2. BASELINE

List voices, ventilation, and harbor sounds.

3. DISTANCE

Compare permitted sounds from two positions.

4. STRUCTURE

Note metal vibration, echo, and airflow.

5. REPEAT

Record recurring conditions and timing.

6. RESULT

Separate known causes from open questions.

LOCATION PROTOCOL

USS Hornet is a protected museum. Follow staff directions, stay in open areas, and obtain specific permission for paranormal investigations.

CHALLENGE RESULT

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VISITOR INFORMATION

USS Hornet Sea, Air & Space Museum | 707 W Hornet Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501. Phone: (510) 521-8448. Verify hours, tours, and History Mystery programs.

LINKS + RESOURCES

OFFICIAL MUSEUM



VISITOR INFORMATION



TOURS AND PROGRAMS



VISIT COMPLETION

☐ Visited approved areas

☐ Reviewed naval history

☐ Checked visitor rules

☐ Researched ship legends

☐ Completed sound mapping

☐ Followed museum protocol

FIELD JOURNAL

INVESTIGATION #

VISIT DATE

ONE THING I COULD NOT EXPLAIN

Research basis: USS Hornet Sea, Air & Space Museum; U.S. Navy history.