



Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives
Guide to the Mike DeLucia collection
1960-1961
MC/46

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Mike DeLucia collection

Creator: DeLucia, Michael, 1941-

Date(s): 1960-1961

Quantity: 2 folders

Language of Materials: English

Call Number: MC/60

Administrative/Biographical History

Mike DeLucia was born in 1941 and raised in Brooklyn, New York. He attended the joint engineering program at Pratt Institute and the Brooklyn Navy Yard as part of the Engineering Student Trainee Co-Op Education Program, graduating in 1964. As a student trainee at the Yard, DeLucia was assigned to the Safety Division of the Industrial Relations Department. In this capacity, he was aboard the U.S.S. Constellation on December 19, 1960 when a devastating fire broke out on the ship, which was still under construction. After graduation from Pratt, DeLucia worked in the Electrical Branch of the Physical Sciences Division of the Naval Applied Science Laboratory (NASL). During this time he attended New York University's School of Engineering, earning a Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering in June 1968. DeLucia had a successful career working for the U.S. Navy as a civilian electrical engineer, retiring in 1996 from the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Annapolis, MD, after 37 years of service.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of material related to the U.S.S. Constellation including photos, newspapers, and a commemorative disc. The 8x10 photos of fire-fighting and rescue efforts were obtained from the Yard's official photographer and were taken approximately between 10:45am and 1:00pm on the day of the fire, while the polaroids were taken by Andrew Anastasio, a student trainee, three days after the Constellation fire. The collection also includes an 8x10 photo of DeLucia and Carl Rabstojek, another student trainee, in front of the U.S.S. Constellation, as well as two commemorative issues of the *Shipworker* newspaper: the "In Memoriam" edition dedicated to those who lost their lives in the Constellation fire and a souvenir issue for the Constellation's commissioning ceremony. There is also a commemorative aluminum disc embossed with the Constellation's emblem which was issued for its commissioning ceremony.

Related Materials

Location of Copies: Items in this collection may have been digitized and if so, are featured in [BNY Collections](#), the BNYDC Archives' digital library. Only those items that have digital reproductions contain an Object ID listed in the Container List below. Use the Object ID or title of the item when searching BNY Collections.

System of Arrangement

This collection contains 2 series: Photographs and Shipworker Commemorative Issues

Access Points

New York Naval Shipyard
Constellation (Aircraft carrier)
DeLucia, Mike (1941-)
Ephemera
Newspapers
Photographs
Shipbuilding--Accidents
Warships--United States

Administrative Information

Accession Number(s): N/A

Acquisition Notes: The material was collected by Mike DeLucia and donated directly to the BNYDC Archives in September 2014. This collection has a collection documentation file.

Processing Notes: This collection was processed by Dennis Riley, Assistant Director of Archives & Records Management, in September 2014. Collection maintenance completed by Elizabeth Mc Gorty, Archivist & Records Manager, in May 2019.

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Container List

Series 1: Photographs

Box MC2 (3-B-1-9)	Title	Date	Object ID
Folder 1	Photographs		
	• The U.S.S. Constellation (CV-64) on Fire	1960-12-19	14130
	• Fork Truck and Hi-Hat Container Located Aft of the Tank	1960-12-21	14131
	• Relation Between Fork Truck, Hi-Hat Container, and Storage Tank	1960-12-19	14132
	• Aft End of Tank - Dislocated Valve and Steel Plate Underneath the Tank	1960-12-19	14133
	• Aft End of Tank - Steel Plate, Dislocated Valve, and Hi-Hat Container	1960-12-19	14134
	• After End of Tank - Dislocated Piping on Top of Tank	1960-12-19	14135
	• Mike DeLucia in Front of the USS Constellation (CV-64) During Construction at the Brooklyn Navy Yard	1960-07	14136
	• Rescue Efforts Aboard the USS Constellation (CV-64)	1960-12-19	14137
	• Rescue Efforts on the USS Constellation (CV-64)	1960-12-19	14138
	• Firefighting and Rescue Efforts on the USS Constellation (CV-64)	1960-12-19	14139
	• Rescuing Ship Workers from the USS Constellation (CV-64)	1960-12-19	14140
	• Firefighting and Rescue Efforts on the USS Constellation (CV-64)	1960-12-19	14141
	• Fireboat Marine 8 Alongside the USS Constellation (CV-64)	1960-12-19	14142
	• Firefighting and Rescue Efforts on the USS Constellation (CV-64)	1960-12-19	14143
	• Firefighting Efforts on the USS Constellation (CV-64)	1960-12-19	14144
	• View of the Pier During the Fire Aboard the USS Constellation (CV-64)	1960-12-19	14145
	• Fireboat Marine 6, Harry M. Archer MD, alongside the USS Constellation (CV-64)	1960-12-19	14146

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smoke Billowing From the USS Constellation (CV-64) 	1960-12-19	14147
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Series 2: Shipworker Commemorative Issues

Scope and Contents Note: 1960 and 1961 issues of the *Shipworker* commemorating the fire on the USS Constellation (CV-64). Also included is a commemorative disc for the commissioning of the Constellation.

Arrangement Note: This series is arranged chronologically.

Box MC2 (3-B-1-9)	Title	Date	Object ID
Folder 2	Newsletters and artifact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The <i>Shipworker</i> The <i>Shipworker</i> Commemorative Disc 	1960-12-23 1961-10-27 1961	14149