

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: USS Arizona Memorial and World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument Archives Project

Type of Project: Technical Assistance
Discipline: Cultural
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Colorado at Boulder
Effective Dates: 6/1/2007 - 12/31/2014
Funding Amount: \$81,177 (FY07: \$45,854; FY09: \$15,446; FY10: \$ 19,877)

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Project Abstract: The USS Arizona Memorial (USAR) - now Valor in the Pacific (VALR) - has a number of independent archival collections. A lack of indices, finding aids, facility guides and public access hinders public access to both existing collections and materials awaiting processing, arrangement and description. . During a NPS Operations Review a number of deficiencies were cited in relationship to park archival collections management. May 7, 2007 an archival review team made recommendations to resolve the Operations Review findings. During the summer of 2007, two University of Colorado students began the process of implementing the USAR Operations Review, the Archives Review Team, and the USAR Collection Management Plan recommendations. In 2008, the students made substantial inroads in to implementing the report recommendations. They developed finding aids for USAR Administrative History Files, inventoried oral histories and initiated digital migration of the oral histories. This request is to continue making the oral histories available to researchers and park staff. It is also to carry on implementing the report recommendations.

In 2009/2010 the University of Colorado aims to:

- 1) Review of all management planning documents related to the museum, library and archives collections at USAR. Inspect all archival and historical holdings.
- 2) Processing, arranging, moving, describing and cataloging archival materials to ensure a complete collection is properly described.
- 3) Posting of transcripts, images, digital clips, finding aids, indexes on website. Some scanning of original documents will be necessary.
- 4) An ANCS + catalog record for collections.
- 5) An overview of the work performed, in written report form and verbally.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

Completion of all on-site archive activities - August 14, 2009; Final Report due October 1, 2014.

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