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Abstract

The Field Investigators Best Tech: Psychics and Mediums as Paranormal Sensing “Technology”

With the rise of the TV ghost hunter and the ever-growing population of hobbyists and enthusiasts has come a great emphasis on electronic technology to attempt to detect “the paranormal.” However, no man-made technology has proven to be able to detect psychic events or even shown a true causal relationship between the technology’s sensor readings and the phenomena reported/observed.

It is the human experience of these phenomena that are the seed of the investigative process. Psychic phenomena are “of the mind” by definition; it is the human mind that experiences and detects such things. Those who seem to display a greater understanding of their own subjective interactions with things paranormal are called psychics, mediums, intuitives, and sensitives.

Since the early 1980s, I have worked with several psychics and mediums in field investigations of reported cases of apparitions, hauntings and poltergeists. In this presentation, I will discuss that experience, centering in on several psychics and mediums, especially with respect to a single long-term case.

I will discuss the variety of communication styles observed, the range of information content the mediums have provided and observations of what I’ve concluded to be personality characteristics of the best psychics/mediums to work with in field investigations.

Finally, I’ll provide some suggestions regarding the assessment of mediums or psychic volunteers, what to expect from them on different types of cases, and how to work with them so as to avoid any undue publicity or credit. Furthermore, it is argued that working with psychics and mediums on cases can truly provide help to people in distress because of apparent psi-related events.

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The Haunting of the USS Hornet: A Report on an On-going Investigation

The USS Hornet (CV-12) is a retired aircraft carrier, now a museum, docked in Alameda, CA. Launched in early 1943, the Hornet had a distinguished service record from WWII when it was a lead ship in the Pacific Fleet to 1969, when it was the recovery ship for the Apollo 11 and 12 missions. Decommissioned in 1970, the ship was relocated to the closing Naval Air Station in Alameda in 1995, after which it became a museum, opening in 1998. Since 1996, as workers readied the ship for the museum reopening, witnesses reported both visual and auditory apparitions, many of which seemed to be cognizant (and approving) of their presence and clean-up work.

In this presentation, I will discuss the series of investigative (and other) visits made to the USS Hornet from my first visit in 1999, when an investigation of the reported phenomena was requested by members of the USS Hornet Aircraft Carrier Museum. I'll discuss the witness reports, and show video of some of their experiences. I'll cover the patterns of phenomena that emerged, the experiences of several psychics/mediums who participated, and some of the positive and negative impact of the ever increasing media coverage of this incredible ship with reports of dozens of different apparitions of sailors and officers.



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