

10/28/03 Interview Master Sgt. Joe McCain

- Historical interview

- Media interviews

- After action reports

- Hyack exercises

- Tracking - 1984-86. →

- I.D.

needs. ← 1990-

- I.D. Tech ✓

- MCC Tech Position 1988-99

- EA. Coordinator

- Air movement identification service -
N.Y. AMIS → They have flight
plans for ALC traveling over the ocean.

- Pre 9-11 Needs had a hot-line
to N.Y. basis

- Pre 9-11 > He worked the
Luftansa hijack out of Paris France
to JFK (1993).

- Canadian fighters F-18's tracked
A/C to Burlington VT. when
NEADS' fighters picked up
Luftansa A/C. -> shot down
at JFK.

- He was not aware of hijackers' intentions.

- Hijack exercises occurred
weekly ("Fortile Rice") pre 9-11.

- Rice designates > 7 targets
minimum in the exercise.

- Hijack scenarios varied ->

= Some over land.

- Some over water.

- Some simulated hijacks originated
over land.

2.9c - A/C leaves Chicago -> Approaches 7500
feet

- hijack exercises → they never tracked a primary only target.
- Multiple hijack scenarios → never part of pre 9-11 hijack exercises.
- Drug interdiction work post Cold war era → it added certain responsibilities to certain positions.

- MCC Technician - duties and respon.

↳ a coordinator

- Gather information from multiple sources and give it to whoever needs to know it.

- eyes and ears of MCC -

→ help give the MCC situational awareness.

- MCC tech - sits next to I.D. section → takes input from I.D. section.

- MCC tech → has to send reports to CONR thru "NAS" = ~~not~~

road alerting system.

9/11 - Major Fox - S.D. - Senior Director

— MCC Tech → primarily responsible for entries in CONR Chat log.

— Battle Ceb on 9-11 was in constant communication with CONR, NORAD, etc.

— 9-11 Events → Battle Ceb was full.

— Exercises scheduled to begin at @ 9:00 A.M.

— Major Steve Owens (Ced Canadian) was the training MCC on 9-11.

— He doesn't think anyone on the NEADS floor believed AAL 11 was still airborne after 9:00 A.M.

— He believes the FAA reported that AAL 11 was still airborne after 9:00 A.M.

- They heard about hijack of UAL 175 but never saw it on scope before he saw or heard about second crash into WTC 2.
- When did you believe this was a terrorist activity? - After WTC 2 was hit.
- Deductions from size of hole in WTC 1?
- He ~~se~~ remembers people writing down lessons learned on the ops. floor → and folders being distributed to floor for input of floor positions as to lessons learned from 9-11.
- Tech positions = enlisted people
- Leslie LVO - interviewed me later for a book on history of 9-11
 - ↳ Prior to this Col. ~~Blaney~~ Blaney told him what he could talk about and what he could not talk about.

- Clark Speicher says the WD people on duty on 9-11-01 were:

(AWO)

① Air Weapons Officers → they are the controllers who talk to pilots

② Weapons Directors → (WD) controlling A/C just like #1 above

③ Weapons Director Technicians

Enlisted people who sit next to AWO's or WD's and they push the buttons.

→ These 3 positions work for the Senior Director (SD) and the Senior Director Technician (SDT).

Interview

1/20/04 NCADS Sgt. Joseph McCain

- Fred Davies -
- Sgt. Bianchi made entry
1240 Z - AAL II possible hijack
- Sgt. McCain does not make
an entry in MCC Tech. log book
until 1834 - "Penta 45/46 landed
@ FmH @ 1824
- Sgt. Bianchi made most
entries b/w 1240 Z and 1824 Z
- Master Sgt. Perry - made some
entries during this time
- Staff Sgt. Larry Thornton - he
was a tracker on duty on
morning of 9-11.
- 9/11/01 AST - Sgt. ^{Steve} Richmond
- 1 or 2 TT would have been
on duty on 9/11 → others would
have been available to rotate

- "J50" Radar site ~~may~~ would have picked up AA77 as it approached Wash. D.C.

- 84th RADES at NEADS would have performed DATA radar reductions re: tracks on 4 hijacked A/C on 9/11.

* - they found D 1989 on their radar scopes and made the A/C a "Special 15".

- Special 15 = NORAD code for a hijacked A/C

- "B 089" forward told

Computer symbolology assigned to
 Δ 1989

forward told $\rightarrow$ all NEADS to send the symbolology to CONR and NORAD. (not the radar data)

- I.D. section keeps paper logs. $\rightarrow$

Raymond La Blance → ID
Tech. on duty on 9/11 - he
may have kept log sheets

- 1407 - 15000 entries in log book
made by Sgt. Perry.

- Chat logs at NEADS.

- ① - MCC
- ② - MCC Tech
- ③ - ID Tech
- ④ - Weapons Section
- ⑤ - AST
- ⑥ - ICT

have access to
Chat logs →

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90% of entries are made by MCC and
MCC Tech

- NEADS talks to CONR
and ~~Con~~ CONR tells AWC

MSG Joe McCain

Type or msg?

Apr 84 → 276 WADS

Trucker - ID Section → Houston TX

Height of

1990

ID Tech NEADS 7-8 years

MCCIT '98 or '99 since

Special
or
Friendly
or
Unknown

AMIS system
no more

80% of time

External
info
gather
no the
FAA
lingo

RCC - MCCIT

If they have
a message a/c
they will call

Ranger
- USN
- Coast Guard
- FAA
9 Centers
mos
- Stations
- Toronto

The Default
hot line

1st Center
is water-based

He worked
Hydrex

Lufthansa ID Tech

Canadian F-182

Burlington F-162

FAA Control - NEADS Special 15

followed to JFK

It was an easy scenario what we got
Every Monday morning → Fertile Rice

Large Scale Simulation
Exercise - more than
7 targets

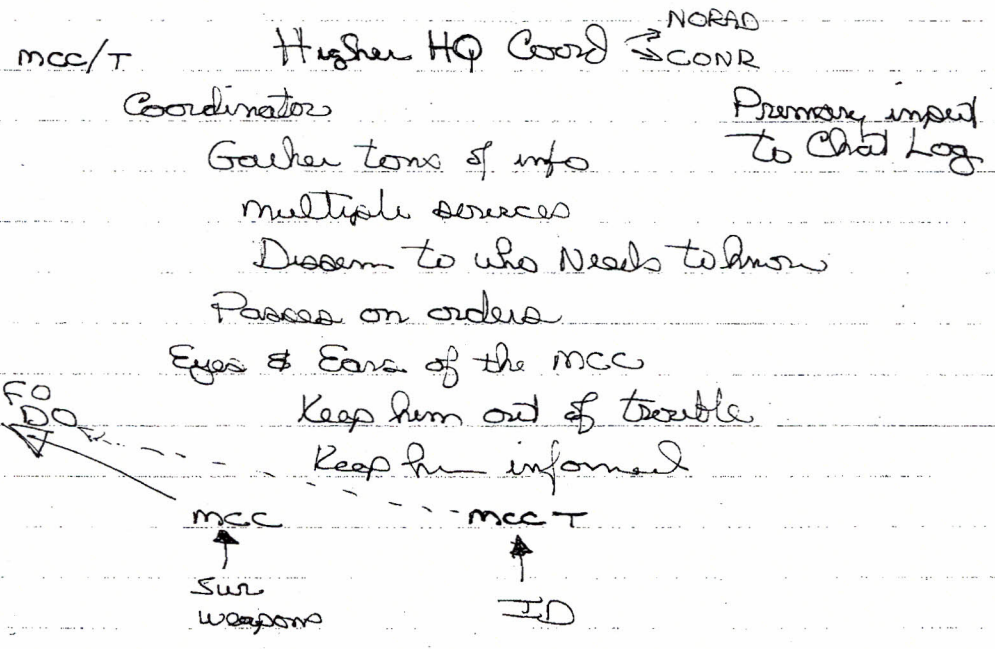
Lufthansa
Pilot
Controller
→ Tech

normal hijack scenarios
some originated over land
a/c out of Ohio
always squawk
7500
wants to go
somewhere else

90-95% slow moving low nontranspondering

events of 9/11 no
multiple no

Drug interdiction
added some responsibilities
Special 15
radar flight follow
or intercept



9/11 0840 Log entry was at conclusion

BC in constant comm w/ CONR

0730
9/11 middle of exercise to start at 0900

Talking to Dorley

Sgt Powell come up — we have a
real world hijack — Boston

"exercise starting early"

made a PA call MCC was in
backroom

Normal hr on hr off

May Owens was training MCC

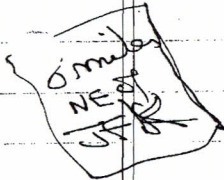
Can remember desperately ^{try} to find AA11

Found AA11

Honestly, thinks he saw it ^{AA11} just

over 5-6 hits

Boston Center



Heard an a/c hit trade center

→ from break room

Some confusion between us & FAA

10 minutes

until 12:57:04 Entry

Didn't believe anyone on the floor

didn't believe it wasn't AA11

Zoomed in — only thing picking up
was clutter around NY

~~Real 0900~~

remembers FAA saying it was
still airborne

Gut feeling → thinking going to JFK

unexperienced pilot could have
gotten too low

Remembers 2d Tower

Deep down this is not unintentional

we had heard but never saw the
second plane

Doesn't recall anyone seeing it

Folks on Ops Floor

In house type thing

DOC

Col Sanderson

2 towers 2 hijacks

Believe word on 175 came from the
floor

Notified of 4 others

- Pentagon

- Shanksville

- Delta 89

- a/c down in Kentucky

Requies to 93 today

Mystery of AA11

He would look at ID Tech transcripts

Got a report "bomb on board" thru FAA channels

Pentagon Hid

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Cap NY

Langley to DC ASAP

Langley

Fighters in W72

Authorization for

Intercept Operations

Stay under Neals

Q7777

Pushing FAA out of the loop

WD world control

"Leslie"

see Lt Col Blaney

AWO

WD

WD/T