

USMC 250th Birthday



Wall Exhibit
APEX CORRIDORS 1 & 2
Photo Citations and Descriptions



ARTIST'S STATEMENT

It is my honor and privilege to present the design for the temporary wall exhibit commemorating the 250th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps to be installed Spring 2025 in the Apex Corridors 1 & 2 at the Pentagon, Washington, DC.

The vision for the entire exhibit, which encompasses over 600 square feet of wall space on six surfaces and over 150 images, encapsulates the essence of the United States Marine Corps; not as an historical timeline, but as a collection that best represents the Spirit of Semper Fi from 1775 to 2025.

Categories of the photographs, which date as far back as 1892, and paintings representing the origins of the Marine Corps, include, but are not limited to:

- Semper Fidelis – Always Faithful
- Uncommon Valor / The Few, The Proud
- America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness: Air / Land / Sea
- Legacy / Honor / Courage / Commitment
- Marine Corps Reserve
- Toys for Tots
- The importance of family
- The President's Own / Marine Corps bands and music
- Sports Teams
- In the Community / Global Aid



- Recruiting Campaigns / Identity
- Training
- War Dogs and mascot bulldogs
- Accolades, Achievements and Events

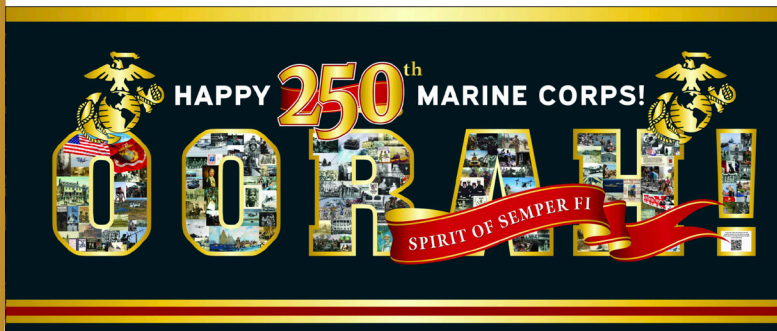
- Marine Corps Birthday celebrations
- America's Fighting Task Force
- Marines in Action
- American Flag, Marine Corps Flag, and the Eagle, Globe and Anchor

Happy 250th Birthday, Marine Corps!

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USA Flag Waving in the Wind
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CAMP PENDLETON, CA, UNITED STATES 02.06.2022
Photo by Lance Cpl. Hope Straley / edited by Suzi Kelly
Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton

The U.S. Marine Corps colors and the United States flag fly during a wreath-laying ceremony at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Library in Simi Valley, California, Feb. 6, 2022. The ceremony was held in honor of President Reagan as a tribute to his service to the United States, and in celebration of what would have been his 111th birthday.



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Marine Aviators in the Dominican Republic, 1919

Lieutenant Harmon J. Norton and Gunnery Sergeant Esterbrook of the 1st Marine Aero-nautic Squadron pose for a photograph in their airplane in the Dominican Republic, 1919.

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FIRST "O" IN OORAH!



2dLt John F. Gibbs, 2nd Squadron, 1918

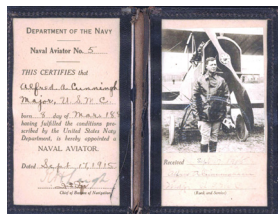
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First Marine Aviation Force Colors, 1918

Roy Geiger on far right, William McIlvain second from right.

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Naval Aviator Certificate, Alfred Cunningham, 17 September 1915

This certificate was issued to Alfred Cunningham, appointing him a Naval Aviator. It is signed by Cunningham and was received 17 September 1915.

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"Ostrem, Hill 10", April 1969

From the Kenneth W. Koldys Collection (COLL/5791) at the Marine Corps History Division



Guard Tower, Headquarters Battalion, February 1970

From the Kenneth W. Koldys Collection (COLL/5791) at the Marine Corps History Division



Earl Ellis, circa 1902

From the Earl H. "Pete" Ellis Collection (COLL/3246) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division

FIRST "O" IN OORAH!



Drawing, Earl Ellis, 1902

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Supply Train, 5th Marines, circa 1919

From the Earl H. "Pete" Ellis Collection (COLL/3246) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



Major General Smith and Lieutenant General Shepherd review map, Korea, circa 1950

"Maj. Gen'l O.P. Smith, cg 1st mar div, Lt. Gen L.C. Shepherd CG FMF Pacific, Cdt Marine Corps."

From the John C. McQueen Collection (COLL/64) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



Recovery in the Hospital, Italy, circa 1943

"At the Thirty-Eighth Evacuation Field Hospital in Italy, First Lieutenant Martha Fliedner visits injured War Correspondent Richard Tregaskis."

From the Richard Tregaskis Collection (COLL/566) at the Marine Corps History Division



"The Hurry Call", 1918

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Marine With Bugle, ca. 1918

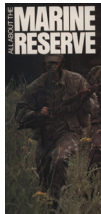
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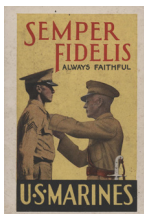
The President's Marine Guard, USS Henderson, July 1923

From the George Barnett Collection (COLL/1635) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



Marine Reserve Recruiting Booklet, 1979

From the Marine Corps Recruiting Collection (COLL/636), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections



Marine Corps Recruiting Booklet, 1940

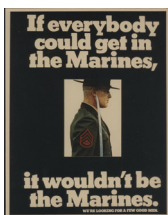
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US Marine Corps Recruiting Poster

Photographic postcard of Marine recruiting poster circa 1918.

From the John Curry Collection (COLL/1347) at the Marine Corps Archives and Special Collections



If Everybody Could Get In the Marines...

Photographic print of classic Marine Corps recruiting poster: "If everybody could get in the Marines, it wouldn't be the Marines."

From the Richard Spencer Papers (COLL/5233) Archives & Special Collections Quantico, VA.



Marine Aviator Recruiting Booklet, circa 1978

From the Marine Corps Recruiting Collection (COLL/636), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections

FIRST "O" IN OORAH!



Major Recovering Colors, 13 September 2001

Marine Corps Major Dan Pantaleo just after he recovered the Colors and as he approached the delegation.

From the John Monnacio Collection (COLL/5010) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



Marines in Vietnam, ca. 1970-1972

Marines pose in front of a building at Landing Zone Baldy during the Vietnam War. Pictured from left to right are, Red Garcia; Joe (a truck driver from Tucson); Chino; Tony "Tramp" Castillo; Jose; and Efrain Hinojosa. According to Red Garcia, company cook, Efrain Hinojosa, would look out for his buddies, occasionally providing them with extra helpings during meals.

From the Red Garcia Collection (COLL/5065), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections



COLORADO RIVER

U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Gideon Schippers
APR 13, 2023

A U.S. Marine Corps CH-53K King Stallion with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH) 461, Marine Aircraft Group 29, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, flies over the Colorado River in California during a training exercise, April 13, 2023. The purpose of this training was to give junior pilots opportunities to fly in a new environment and build cohesion with their crew.



EXERCISE NORDIC RESPONSE, ANDENES, NORDLAND, NORWAY
02.29.2024

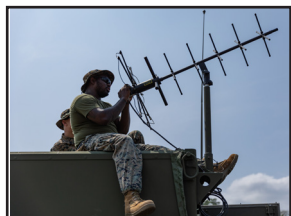
Photo by Cpl. Christopher Hernandez 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing

A U.S. Marine Corps pilot with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 312, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, flies an F/A-18D Hornet during routine flight operations in preparation for Exercise Nordic Response 24 at Andenes, Norway, Feb. 29, 2024. Exercise Nordic Response, formerly known as Cold Response, is a NATO training event conducted every two years to promote military competency in arctic environments and to foster interoperability between the U.S. Marine Corps and allied nations.



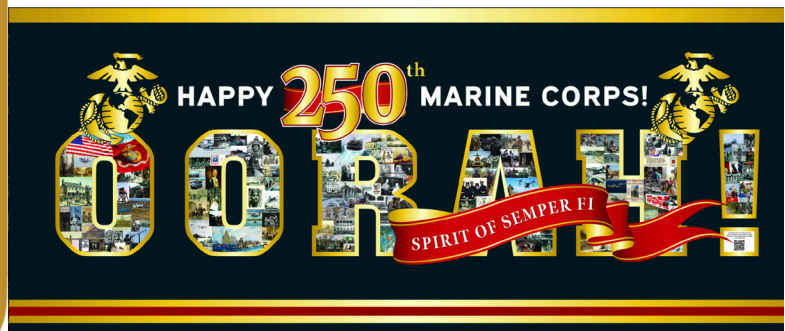
Tun Tavern by James Bingham (1945)

Image courtesy of National Museum of the Marine Corps
1775 Semper Fidelis Way, Triangle, VA 22172-1938



Antenna - SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES 04.09.2023 Photo by Cpl. Kyle Chan

U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Brandon Meyer, an air traffic control communications technician with Marine Air Control Squadron 4, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, and a native of Columbus, Georgia, sets up a satellite communication antenna as part as a Marine Corps combat readiness evaluation during Balikatan 23 at the Subic Bay International Airport, Philippines, April 10, 2023. Balikatan 23 is the 38th iteration of the annual bilateral exercise between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the U.S. military. The exercise includes three weeks of training focused on amphibious operations, command and control, humanitarian assistance, urban operations and counter-terrorism skills throughout northern and western Luzon. Coastal defense training figures prominently in the Balikatan 23 training schedule.



Marine Corps Aviation Roundel, circa 1918

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Marine Flying Field, Miami, Florida, 1918

In this photograph, airplanes can be seen flying at Marine Flying Field in Miami, Florida in 1918.

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Jesse F. Dunlap, 1918

From the Alfred A. Cunningham Collection (COLL/3034) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



Alfred A. Cunningham in flying gear, pre WWI

An inscription on this photograph reads "Lieutenant A.A. Cunningham in flying gear prior to World War I."

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SECOND "O" IN OORAH!



"Sgt. Edwin M. Hart", circa 1943

From the John A. DeChant Collection (COLL/ 1781) at the Marine Corps History Division



Portrait of a Marine Pilot, circa 1943

"Love you, Jack"

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"Lt Dave Olsen, MC, Hill 10", April 1969

From the Kenneth W. Koldys Collection (COLL/5791) at the Marine Corps History Division



"Truck, Hill 10", April 1969

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Earl Ellis, 1902

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King Armored Car, circa 1918

From the Earl H. "Pete" Ellis Collection (COLL/3246) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division

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4th Brigade Command Staff, Germany, circa 1919

Left to right: Earl Ellis, Wendell Neville, unidentified, Claggett Wilson, and unidentified.



Marines on Horseback, circa 1919

From the Earl H. "Pete" Ellis Collection (COLL/3246) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



Silhouette of a Marine in combat, circa 1945

From the John C. McQueen Collection (COLL/64) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



Marine "captive," Iwo Jima, March 1945

The caption reads "Corporal Edward Burckhardt, of Yonkers, New York, sports a kitten that he found at the base of Suribachi Yama on the battlefield at Iwo Jima when he came ashore with the 5th Marine Division."

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Marine group shot, featuring support dog, circa 1967

"Killer Kane Team: Boyde, Lieutenant Fialaylow, Pugh, Slowick, Garner, Doh Handler, Doc, Willie."

From the Bart Russell Collection (COLL/4732) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



John Lejeune, ca. 1919

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Douglas SBD Dauntlesses in Flight, circa 1943

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"The Wrench and Hammer Brigade", circa 1943

Private First Class Priscilla Goodrich (left) and Private Elaine Munsinger (right) break down an airplane engine in the Assembly and Repair Department at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina.

From the Marine Corps Women's Reserve Collection (COLL/981) at the Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections.



Assembling a machine gun, circa 1943

Private Marion Pillsbury assembles a .50 caliber machine gun at Marine Corps Base San Diego.

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NORTHERN VIKING 2022 FEB 10, 2023

U.S. Marine Corps photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Tyler Thompson/Released 220411-N-QA919-0740.JPG

A U.S. Marine Corps Light Armored Vehicle, assigned to 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, executes a ship-to-shore exercise in support of Northern Viking 2022, in Miðsandur, Iceland, April 11, 2022. Northern Viking 22 strengthens interoperability and force readiness between the U.S., Iceland and Allied nations, enabling multi-domain command and control of joint and coalition forces in the defense of Iceland and Sea Lines of Communication in the Greenland, Iceland, United Kingdom (GIUK) gap.



Portrait of Samuel Nicholas, 1st Commandant by Col Donna J. Neary, USMCR (1988)

Image courtesy of National Museum of the Marine Corps
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Landing at New Providence, 3 March 1775 by Col Charles H. Waterhouse, USMCR (1973)

Image courtesy of National Museum of the Marine Corps
1775 Semper Fidelis Way, Triangle, VA 22172-1938

SECOND "O" IN OORAH!



WHEELS UP - HAWAII, UNITED STATES 9.02.2021 Photo by Sgt. Branden Bourque
1st Marine Aircraft Wing

A CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH) 463 hoists a Joint Light Tactical Vehicle during hoist operations training on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, September 2, 2021. Hoist operations were conducted in order to train landing support specialist and pilots to transfer heavy equipment and supplies from one location to another.



FLIGHT OPS - RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL 09.12.2022 Photo by Cpl. Jonathan Gonzalez
U.S. Marine Corps Forces, South -- U.S. Marines with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron (HMLA) 773, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Forces Reserve in support of Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force UNITAS LXIII, conduct flight operations near the Christ the Redeemer statue at Corcovado Mountain, Rio de Janeiro, during exercise UNITAS LXIII, Sept. 12, 2022. UNITAS is the world's longest-running annual multinational maritime exercise that brings together forces from 19 countries to include Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Namibia, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, South Korea, Spain, United Kingdom, Uruguay, and the United States. The exercise focuses on enhancing interoperability among multiple nations and joint forces during littoral and amphibious operations in order to build on existing regional partnerships and create new enduring relationships that promote peace, stability, and prosperity in the U.S. Southern Command's area of responsibility.



"Mortar Platoon, Oklahoma Hills", April 1969

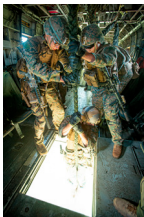
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"Writers of the First Marine Air Wing", circa 1943

"L to R: Sgt. Howard E. Biggerstaff, 1st Lt. John A. DeChant (PRO) , Sgt. Pandelton T. Johnson, Sgt. Woody B. Parker"

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FAST ROPE 06.03.2021
U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Karis Mattingly

U.S. Marines with Maritime Raid Force, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), fast rope off of a CH-53E Super Stallion on Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, June 3, 2021. The Marines train to fast rope in case they are required to depart from the aircraft in a timely manner or a possible landing in uneven terrain. The 31st MEU, the Marine Corps' only continuously forward-deployed MEU, provides a flexible and lethal force ready to perform a wide range of military operations as the premier crisis response force in the Indo-Pacific region.



Marine Corsair, circa 1943

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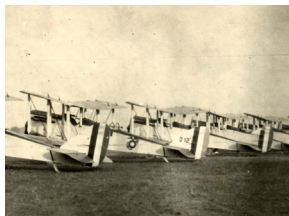
"Ontos Hill 10" June 1969

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Shower, Hill 37, August 1969

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Biplanes, circa 1918

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Aerial View of Douglas SBD Dauntlesses, circa 1943

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"USO Show, Hill 10", May 1969

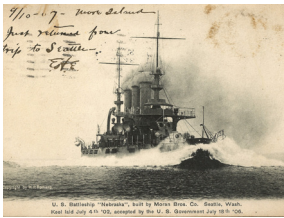
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"Medcap", June 1969

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"R" IN OORAH!



US Battleship Nebraska, 1907

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USMC Parade, Review, and inspection, Olongapo, Philippines, circa 1908

"Heavy Marching Order"

From the Earl H. "Pete" Ellis Collection (COLL/3246) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



6 in. Gun, Kalaklan Ridge, Philippines, 1910

From the Earl H. "Pete" Ellis Collection (COLL/3246) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



Manila Baseball League, 1909-1910

"Cole killed at Belleau Wood, 1918"

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"Olongapo Marines on a Hike", Philippines, circa 1909

"A Canned-bill Mix-up"



Unidentified Marines, circa 1918

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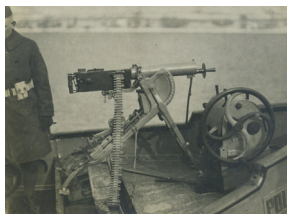
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Amphibious Tractors, 1 November 1943

"Amph tractors, Nov 1, 1943"

From the Field Harris Collection (COLL/746) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



Rhine River Patrol, ca. 1919

From the George Barnett Collection (COLL/1635) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



2DLt Robert Drieslein and John Kirchner on Operation, 1968

"2d Lt. Robert Drieslein (left) and radioman John Kirchner 2d plt, Mike 3/9 on an operation near the DMZ."



Basic Class 1-69, PT in the Morning

"Front row, left to right, Roland Champagne, JJ Bowman, Ralph Bertelson"

From the Barry Broman Collection (COLL/4613) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



2d Marine Aircraft Wing Band, MCAS Cherry Point, 2012

The 2d Marine Aircraft Wing Band performs at Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point.

From the Marine Corps Air Station New River Command Chronology, 2012 (2013-457), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections



15th Regiment Band, circa 1912

From the George C. Reid Collection (COLL/804), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections

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Marine Corps Football Team, 1910

Members of the 1910 Marine Corps Football Team pose for a photograph with some mascots at the Marine Barracks, Washington, DC.

From the Wilbur E. Jerew Collection (COLL/4208) at the Marine Corps Archives and Special Collections



Marine Corps Bagpipers, Quantico, circa 1943

From the Harold Goodman Collection (COLL/866) at the Marine Corps Archives and Special Collections



Pearl Harbor Cemetery, Memorial Day, 1950

Grave sites in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii are decorated with American flags and flowers for Memorial Day, 1950.

From the Graves B. Erskine Collection (COLL/3065), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections



John Glenn, Jr. Signed Photograph to Wallace Greene, Jr., 1962

From the Wallace M. Greene, Jr. Collection (COLL/3093), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections



Marine Corps baseball team, 1915

From the Charles D. Baylis Collection (COLL/1780) at the Marine Corps Archives and Special Collection



4th Marines Rugby Team, Shanghai, 1930-1931

From the Charles D. Baylis Collection (COLL/1780) at the Marine Corps Archives and Special Collections

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Marine Corps Band Serenades Commandant Clifton B. Cates, 1 January 1951

"The world famous Marine Band under the direction of Major William F. Santleman serenades the Commandant of the Marine Corps on the first day of each new year. General Clifton B. Cates, family, and general staff are shown on the balcony at the Commandant's quarters in Washington DC."

From the Clifton B. Cates Collection (COLL/3157) at the Marine Corps Archives and Special Collections



Marine Corps Birthday Celebration, Washington, DC, 10 November 1955

"General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps cuts the large birthday cake at the gala 180th Marine Corps Birthday Ball held at the Sail Loft, Naval Gun Factory, Washington, DC, November 10, 1955."

From the Marion Fischer Collection (COLL/858) at the Marine Corps Archives and Special Collections



Marine Corps Birthday Anniversary Program, 1942

A Marine Corps Birthday program, 1942.

From the James Copley Collection (COLL/127) at the Marine Corps Archives and Special Collections



Marine Corps Birthday Program, 1954

Marine Corps Birthday program from Korea, 1954.

From the Murray M. Pikelný Collection (COLL/3264) at the Marine Corps Archives and Special Collections



Field Cook Dewitt Waite with Marine Corps Birthday Cake, 1943

"Baked 168th Birthday Cake for Bermuda Marines: Marine Field Cook Dewitt M. Waite, RFD 2, Adams, New York, is shown with the cake he baked for the Marine 168th Birthday Anniversary, Nov. 10, 1943. Waite, who enlisted March 12, 1942, was a baker in civilian life."

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MGCIS-1 Marine Corps Birthday Celebration, 1952

Commanding Officer Wallace Wethe cuts the cake at a Marine Corps Birthday celebration with Marine Ground Control Intercept Squadron 1 (MGCIS 1).

From the Wallace G. Wethe Collection (COLL/5448) at the Marine Corps Archives and Special Collections

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Marine Corps Birthday Pageant, MCDEC, 1969

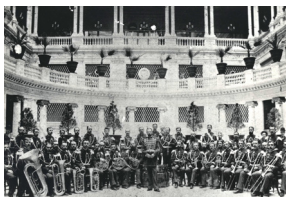
From the Lewis B. Puller Collection (COLL/794) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



John Philip Sousa, son, and grandson, undated

"John Philip Sousa-Leader of U.S. Marine Band 1880-92. Three generations of Sousas-John Philip Sousa (bandmaster); his son, John Philip Sousa II, and grandson, John Philip Sousa, III."

From the Photograph Collection (COLL/3948), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections



United States Marine Corps Band and John Philip Sousa, 4 April 1892

"United States Marine Corps Band led by John Philip Sousa at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, 4 April 1892." ****NOTE: This is the oldest photo in the exhibit**

From the Photograph Collection (COLL/3948), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections



Presentation of Commanders' Award to Navajo Code Talker, June 2022

L to R: James B. Laster, Lt General USMC (Retired), President & CEO Toys for Tots Foundation, Cpl Peter MacDonald, Sr, and David G. Bellon, Lt General Commander, Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces South. MacDonald served in WWII in the South Pacific as Navajo Code Talker and North China with the Sixth Marine Division. He was honorably discharged with a rank of Corporal. At the time of the photo, MacDonald was one of four remaining Navajo Code Talkers.

Photo by Suzi Kelly, artist of the USMC 250th Birthday exhibit and displays at the Pentagon



SAUDI ARABIA 08.20.2022 Photo by Sgt. Alize Sotelo
U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Yerika Zayasbonilla, a data systems administrator with Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, adjusts the satellite on the Marine Corps Wideband Satellite Communications - Expeditionary during exercise Native Fury 22 at a Logistics Support Area established in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Aug. 21, 2022. Native Fury 22 is a biennial exercise focused on the demonstration of the rapid offload and integration of a Maritime Prepositioned Force in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility in support of regional security, crisis response, and contingency operations.



The First Recruits, Dec 1775 by Col Charles H. Waterhouse, USMCR (1973)

Image courtesy of National Museum of the Marine Corps
1775 Semper Fidelis Way, Triangle, VA 22172-1938

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DETERMINE THE DISTANCE - TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES
02.14.2023 Photo by Sgt. Armando Elizalde Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center

U.S. Marines with 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, determine the distance of targets during the simultaneous ground assault portion of Marine Air Ground Task Force Distributed Maneuver Exercise (MDMX) on Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California, Feb. 14, 2023. MDMX is a maneuver exercise that incorporates air, ground, and logistics operations to create favorable conditions for the Joint Force.



THROUGH THE LENS MAR 15, 2022
U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. William Chockey/Released 220307-M-UB217-1258.JPG

A U.S. Marine attached to 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, scans for targets for a Fire Support Coordination exercise prior to Exercise Cold Response 22 in Setermoen, Norway, March 7, 2022. Exercise Cold Response 22 is a biennial Norwegian national readiness and defense exercise that takes place across Norway, with participation from each of its military services, including 26 North Atlantic Treaty Organization allied nations and regional partners.



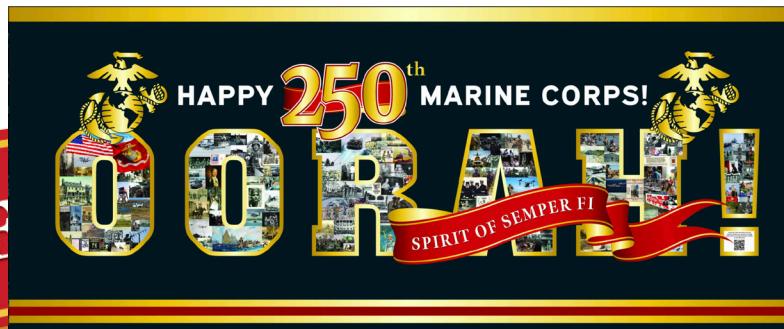
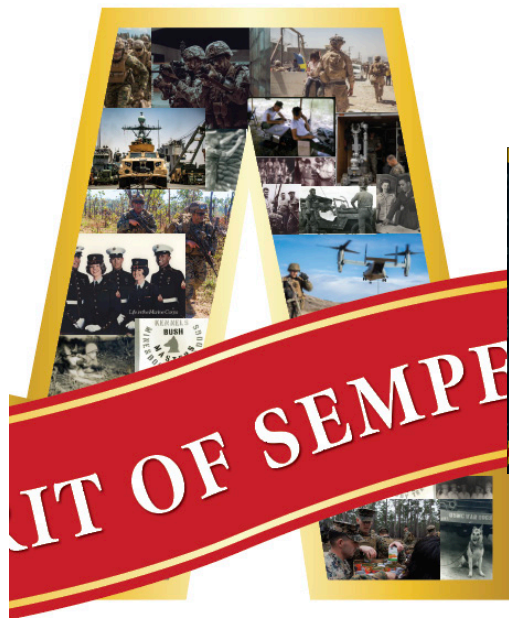
SEA TRAVEL SEP 2, 2021
U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Shaehmus Sawyer/Released 210902-M-EI745-003.JPG

U.S. Marines and Navy sailors conduct landing craft, air cushion operations during Large Scale Exercise 2021 aboard Wasp-Class amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge USS Kearsarge, August 3, 2021. LSE 2021 demonstrates the Navy's ability to employ precise, lethal, and overwhelming force globally across three naval component commands, five numbered fleets, and 17 time zones. LSE 2021 merges live and synthetic training capabilities to create an intense, robust training environment. It will connect high-fidelity training and real-world operations, to build knowledge and skills needed in today's complex, multi-domain, and contested environment.



Kilo Company Rappel Tower 09.09.2024
PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, UNITED STATES
Photo by Lance Cpl. Ayden Cassano

Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island
U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Jhony Escamilla(left) with Weapons and Field Training Battalion supervises Rct. Gavin Snyder with Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion as he descends the rappel tower on Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., Sept. 9, 2024. The 47-foot-tall rappel tower helps recruits overcome their fear of heights and to trust their gear.



War Dog, Vietnam, circa 1970

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Unidentified Marine, Vietnam, circa 1970

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Kennels Bush Masters Sign, circa 1970

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War Doat Work, Vietnam, circa 1970

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Women Marines in Washington, DC, 1943

Carolyn Orehovic (second from the right) enjoys some down time with her fellow Women Marines at The 400 Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge in Washington, DC.

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John Basilone Talks with Margaret Beerworth, September 1943

"Marine Congressional Medal of Honor Hero Platoon Sergeant John Basilone, USMC, recently visited the Marine Headquarters at Washington, D.C. Here, he is pictured telling Corporal Margaret Beerworth, USMCWR, some of his experiences on Guadalcanal. Corporal Beerworth's home is Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Sergeant Basilone, of Raritan, New Jersey was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for "extraordinary heroism and conspicuous gallantry in action above and beyond the call of duty."

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Code talkers on Bougainville, 1943

Also participating in the Bougainville operation in December 1943 were (left to right, front row): Pvt Earl Johnny, Pvt Kee Etsicitty, Pvt John V. Goodluck, and PFC David Jordan. Rear row, left to right: Pvt Jack C. Morgan, Pvt George H. Kirk, Pvt Tom H. Jones, Cpl Henry Bake, Jr.

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Code talkers en route to Okinawa, 1945

En route to Okinawa, PFC Joe Hosteen Kelwood of Steamboat Canyon, Ganado, Arizona; Pvt Floyd Saupitty of Lawton, Oklahoma (a Comanche); and PFC Alex Williams of Red Lake, Leupp, Arizona.

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Code talkers at work, Australia, July 1943

Left to right: PFC Preston Toledo of Albuquerque, New Mexico and his cousin PFC Frank Toledo of Penistaja, New Mexico, at Ballarat, Australia with the 11th Marines in July 1943.

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Marine Corps Recruiting Booklet, circa 1978

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MOUNT BUNDY TRAINING AREA, NORTHERN TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA
05.26.2021 Photo by Master Sgt. Sarah Nadeau Marine Rotational Force - Darwin

From front to rear, U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Nelson Aviles, platoon sergeant, and Cpl. William Granata, team leader, both with Alpha Battery, 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Platoon, attached to Aviation Combat Element, Marine Rotational Force - Darwin, conduct patrol on a 6-kilometer hike at Mount Bundy Training Area, NT, Australia, May 26, 2021. Alpha Battery conducted tactical training during a three-day field evolution. 2nd LAAD is an air defense unit that is capable of providing early warning of hostile air threats to other elements of the air defense system.



EOD ROBOT -- MCAS IWAKUNI, YAMAGUCHI, JAPAN 05.19.2021
Photo by Lance Cpl. Mitchell Austin Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni

U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Kevin Syphanthavong, (left), Sgt. Anthony Negrete, (center), and Staff Sgt. Jake Castro, (right), Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) technicians with Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Iwakuni EOD, unload an EOD robot for an exercise aboard MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, May 19, 2021. This particular exercise was designed to allow EOD to utilize a robot in their arsenal, which allows them to engage explosives at a greater distance with no harm to Marines.



2d Shore Party Battalion, Radio Telegraph Operators, July 1965 (location not cited)
From the William C. Reed Collection (COLL/5634) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division

Major William C. Reed served as a Platoon Commander with 3d Recon Battalion from 1960-1961; as a Series Commander, 3d Recruit Training Battalion, Parris Island, 1961-1963; and as a Communications Officer, 2d Battalion, 2d Marines, 2d Shore Party Battalion, 1963-1965. In 1968 he served as Assistant S-3, 4th Marines, Camp Carroll, Vietnam, Headquarters, III MAF, Danang; and as Administration Officer, Education Center, Quantico in 1969. Locations of the images in COLL/5634 include Okinawa, the Philippines, Borneo, Danang, Camp Lejeune, Vieques, Cuba, Panama, Spain, and Portugal. All captions in the collection were provided by Major Reed.



EVACUATION KABUL, AFGHANISTAN 08.26.2021
Photo by Staff Sgt. Victor Mancilla U.S. Central Command Public Affairs

A U.S. Marine with Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force - Crisis Response - Central Command takes care of a young girl awaiting processing at an Evacuation Control Checkpoint (ECC) during an evacuation at Hamid Karzai International Airport, Kabul, Afghanistan, Aug. 26, 2021. U.S. service members are assisting the Department of State with a non-combatant evacuation operation (NEO) in Afghanistan.



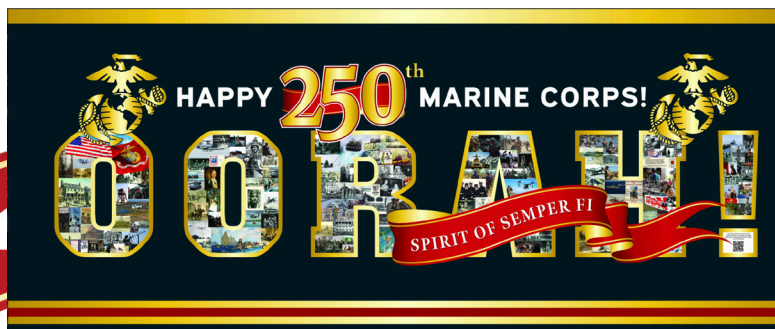
REAR SECURITY -- U.S. 5TH FLEET AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY 06.01.2021
Photo by 1st Lt. Mark Andries 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit

210601-M-TT571-1551 SUEZ CANAL (June 1, 2021) - A Marine in a joint light tactical vehicle, assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, provides rear security aboard dock landing ship USS Carter Hall (LSD 50) while transiting the Suez Canal, June 1. The Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group and the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit are deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of naval operations to ensure maritime stability and security in the Central Region, connecting the Mediterranean and Pacific through the western Indian Ocean and three strategic choke points.



FULL SPEED AHEAD MAY 2, 2023
U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Megan Ozaki

U.S. Marines with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, board a Swedish Armed Forces UH-60M Black Hawk during a simulated air assault in Skovde, Sweden, April 28, 2023. Marine Rotational Forces Europe 23.1 focuses on the regional engagements throughout which enhances overall interoperability of the U.S. Marine Corps with allies and partners.



"First Plane to Land on New Fighter Strip", 23 November 1943

"First plane (SPD) to land on new fighter ship. Forced landing made on November 21st, due to motor trouble. Plane repaired and take-off made on November 23rd. Pilot and Gunner seen in front of plane. (Pilot (on right side) is Lt. Judson C. Richardson, USMCR.)"

From the John A. DeChant Collection (COLL/ 1781) at the Marine Corps History Division



Toys for Tots Float, Marine Corps Reserve, circa 1950

From the Anthony Restivo Collection (COLL/5574) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



"Men of Co F, Grande Island, 1908-1909"

From the Earl H. "Pete" Ellis Collection (COLL/3246) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



U.S. Marine Band, Olongapo, Philippines, May 1910

From the Earl H. "Pete" Ellis Collection (COLL/3246) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division

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Headquarters Building, Marine's Training Camp, Quantico, circa 1918

From the Earl H. "Pete" Ellis Collection (COLL/3246) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



Franklin Roosevelt and John Lejeune, 1919

Earl Ellis at extreme left. Others identified include: Franklin Roosevelt, second from right; John Lejeune, third from right; and Wendell Neville, from left.

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Marines on Horseback, Dominican Republic, 1919

From the Earl H. "Pete" Ellis Collection (COLL/3249) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



Beach Fortifications, circa 1945 (location not noted but likely Japan*)

From the John C. McQueen Collection (COLL/64) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division

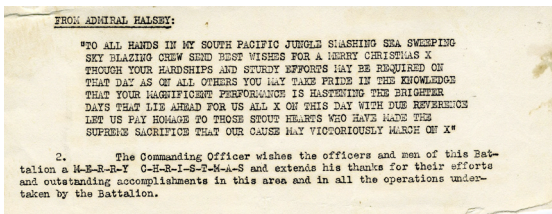
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Brigadier General Harris and Major General Ralph Mitchell with Marines, 1943

Major General Mitchell and Brigadier General Harris with three Marines.

From the Field Harris Collection (COLL/) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



Letter, insert, 26 December 1943, page 4 of 4

Admiral Halsey Christmas Message.

From the Edward L. Parke Collection (COLL/5627) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division

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Perron Shinneman and Wife Embrace, August 1966

Perron Shinneman embraces his wife upon returning home from Bethesda Naval Hospital.

From the Perron Shinneman Collection (COLL/3697) at the Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division



SSgt Charles Hoff and His Adopted Daughter, Da Nang, 3 January 1969

"1st Birthday-SSgt. Charles Hoff and his newly adopted daughter, Anh Thu, celebrate her first birthday at the Sacred Heart East Orphanage in Da Nang, Jan. 3, 1969."

From the Jonathan Abel Collection (COLL/3611), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections.



Aristotle Tuvera Sr. Returns from Deployment, 2011

"Eight-month old Aristotle Tuvera, Jr., says hello to his dad, Petty Officer 1st Class Aristotle Tuvera, a corpsman with Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 7th Regiment. Tuvera returned home Jan. 8, 2011 from an eight-month-long deployment."

From the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines Command Chronology, January-June 2011, Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections



Lewis "Chesty" Puller and Family, circa 1952

Lewis "Chesty" Puller with his family, wife Virginia, and their children Lewis Jr., Martha, and Virginia.

From the Lewis B. Puller Collection (COLL/794), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections



Xavier Lavelle and Leonard Lavelle Bess, January 1966

From the Robert Veasley Collection (COLL/5474), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections.



Canup Family at Christmas, 1945

Claude Canup spends Christmas with his family following his return from overseas. Members of the family are (l-r) Claude R. "Red" Canup, wife Marie Canup, son Claude R. Canup, Jr., and daughter Linda Canup.

From the Claude R. Canup Collection (COLL/5361), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections

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Commandant Leonard F. Chapman, wife, and sons

Commandant Leonard F. Chapman, his wife, and two sons, Walton Chapman and Leonard F. Chapman III, pose for an outdoor family photograph.

From the collection of Leonard Chapman (COLL/3171), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections.



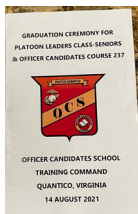
Photo courtesy of Toys for Tots Foundation



OCS Graduation August 14, 2021

2nd Lt Dara Kelly smiles with her mom and stepfather after Officer Candidate School graduation, Course 237, Quantico, Virginia

Photo by Suzi Kelly, artist of the USMC 250th Birthday exhibit and displays at the Pentagon



Officer Candidate School Graduation Program, August 14, 2021

Photo by Suzi Kelly, artist of the USMC 250th Birthday exhibit and displays at the Pentagon



Toys for Tots Banner, December 2023

Banner displayed at First Lady Dr. Jill Biden's Toys for Tots event held on the lawn at the White House, December 2023.

Photo by Suzi Kelly, artist of the USMC 250th Birthday exhibit and displays at the Pentagon



Toys for Tots Art Glass Gift, 2022

Art glass gift commemorating Toys for Tots 75th Anniversary made by artist Suzi Kelly for special dignitaries of the Toys for Tots.

Photo by Suzi Kelly, artist of the USMC 250th Birthday exhibit and displays at the Pentagon

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"Rally 'Round the Flag" USMC Recruiting Poster by Sidney Rosenberg.

Image courtesy of National Museum of the Marine Corps
1775 Semper Fidelis Way, Triangle, VA 22172-1938



Toys for Tots Foundation courtesy photo



WATER SNEAK—CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA, UNITED STATES
03.11.2023 Photo by Cpl. Aziza Kamuhanda 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

U.S. Marines with Charlie Company, Battalion Landing Team (BLT) 1/6, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) conduct boat patrols during a littoral movement as part of MEU Exercise III on Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, March 11, 2023. BLT 1/6 continues to enhance RHIB familiarization and readiness through conducting on and off and shore-to-shore drills prior to deployment. The 11m RHIBs provide the Marine Air-Ground Task Force Commander a high-speed, long-range, low-signature combatant craft capable of projecting and recovering Marines for a variety of missions.



INCIRLIK AIR BASE, TURKEY 02.18.2023
Photo by Sgt. James Bourgeois U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Europe and Africa

A U.S. Marine assigned to Task Force 61/2 (TF 61/2), takes note of all the aid (tents) that is being transported to the U.S. Army CH-47 Chinook helicopter at Incirlik Air Base, Türkiye, Feb. 18, 2023. IAD CAB provides a dynamic lift capability in direct support of USAID and Turkish relief efforts. IAD CAB is one of several U.S. military units supporting TF 61/2, operating under U.S. Sixth Fleet, U.S. Naval Forces Europe (NAVEUR) and U.S. European Commanders part of the International Turkish disaster relief efforts.



IN AIR AND SEA—CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES 12.05.2022
Photo by Sgt. Samuel Fletcher
3rd Marine Aircraft Wing

A U.S. Marine Corps AH-1Z Viper with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369, Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW), approaches amphibious assault ship USS Tripoli (LHA 7) for landing during exercise Steel Knight 23, over the Pacific Ocean, Dec. 5, 2022. Exercise Steel Knight provides 3rd MAW an opportunity to refine Wing-level war fighting in support of I Marine Expeditionary Force and fleet maneuver.



TACTICAL RESUPPLY—QUANTICO, VIRGINIA, UNITED STATES 03.29.2023

Photo by Lance Cpl. Kayla LeClaire Marine Corps Base Quantico
The Tactical Resupply Unmanned Aircraft System (TRUAS) flies during a demonstration at DZ Cockatoo on Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, March 29, 2023. Combat Development and Integration demonstrated the TRUAS, programming the Unmanned Logistics Systems-Air (ULS-A) to carry a payload over a short distance, drop it at a specified location in the landing zone and return to its starting point. The TRUAS has a 9-mile range and maximum payload of 150 pounds, which is sufficient to fly in ammunition, food, medical supplies, and batteries, among other supplies. This small system only requires two Marines to operate and will be a game-changing capability for our distributed forces. Fielding this capability is a critical step in setting conditions for the development of the ULS-A Medium system, which is the required capability for large-scale tactical distribution in a contested space.

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PREPARE FOR LANDING APR 19, 2023 U.S. Marine Corps photo by Courtesy Photo

A U.S. Marine Corps UH-1Y Venom helicopter, assigned to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One, descends in an extraction exercise, during Assault Support Tactics 3, part of Weapons and Tactics Instructor course 2-23, at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, California, April 14, 2023. WTI, hosted by MAWTS-1, is a seven-week course providing standardized advanced tactical training and certification of unit instructor qualifications to support Marine aviation training and readiness. AST-3 is a multi-mission evolution consisting of a Non-combatant Evacuation Operation as well as Foreign Humanitarian Assistance operations. This evolution allows the prospective WTIs to plan, brief and execute both missions while shifting their focus towards an in-depth review and dissection of rules of engagement, military authorities and civil considerations.



QUICK REACTION FORCE—SAUDI ARABIA 06.12.2021

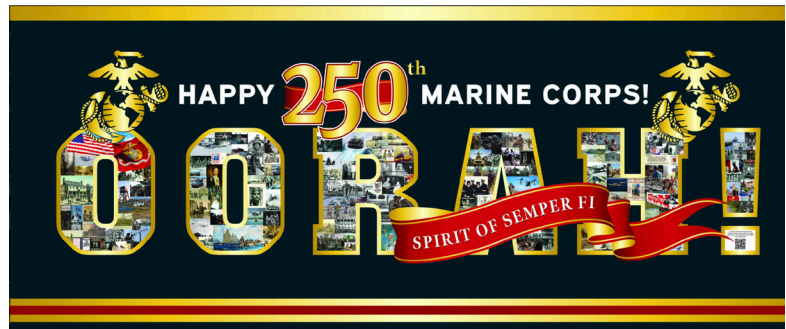
Photo by Sgt. Isaiah Campbell 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit

210612-M-TU241-1002 TABUK, Saudi Arabia (June 12, 2021) - Marines assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) carry a simulated casualty to an MV-22B Osprey tilt rotor aircraft during a quick reaction force drill as part of a theater amphibious combat rehearsal (TACR) at Tabuk Training Center, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, June 12. TACR integrates U.S. Navy and Marine Corps assets to exercise a range of critical combat-related capabilities, both afloat and ashore. 24th MEU is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of naval operations to ensure maritime stability and security in the Central Region, connecting the Mediterranean and Pacific through the western Indian Ocean and three strategic choke points.



OFFICER COMMISSIONING -- National Marine Corps Museum, Triangle, VA 12.19.2021 Photo by Artist, Suzi Kelly

L to R: Lt Col Andrew T "Ike" Ryan, USMC (Ret), Christian Ryan US Navy ROTC Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2nd Lt Dara Kelly, USMC (commissioned officer), Mrs. Jennifer Ryan, Ensign Patrick Ryan, US Navy Aviator. Surrounded by family and friends at the National Marine Corps Museum, 2nd Lt Dara Kelly was commissioned into the Marine Corps by her uncle, Ike Ryan, Deputy Director, Office of the Marine Corps Reserves.



Smedley Butler with Bulldogs, 1930

Smedley Butler poses with bulldogs on Armistice Day: Bill, Sergeant Thunder & Jiggs II as they watch the Football game at Franklin Field in Philadelphia between the Quantico Marines & the American Legion All Stars.

From the P.J. Woods Collection (COLL/1502), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections



Smedley Butler and Jiggs, circa 1926

"Two bulldogs of the service, General Smedley D. Butler and "Jiggs" of the Marine Corps, snapped between scenes in the filming of Metro Goldwyn Mayer's "Tell It To the Marines."

From the Smedley Butler Collection (COLL/3124), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections



Jiggs Joins the Red Cross, circa 1954

Jiggs helps raise money for the Red Cross at Quantico, Virginia.

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Sergeant Major Jiggs, circa 1925

From the Clayton Inskeep Collection (COLL/4329), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections

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TAKE TO THE SEA JUN 28, 2021

U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Grace Gerlach/Released 210617-M-ST547-1414.JPG

Marines with Battalion Landing Team 3/5, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, prepare to board the amphibious assault ship USS New Orleans (LPD 18) after executing an amphibious raid rehearsal in the Philippine Sea, June 17, 2021. Marines with the 31st MEU conduct amphibious raid rehearsals in order to test maritime readiness, refine standard operating procedures, and sustain proficiency in small boat handling fundamentals. The 31st MEU is operating aboard ships of the America Amphibious Ready Group in the 7th fleet area of operations to enhance interoperability with allies and partners, and serve as a ready response force to defend peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.



John H. Glenn, Jr. Receives Distinguished Flying Cross, 18 July 1957

"Supersonic Smile-Major John H. Glenn, Jr., USMC, received the Distinguished Flying Cross today from the Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr., Secretary of the Navy at a ceremony in the Secretary's office. The award recognized Major Glenn's achievement of becoming on July 16, 1957, the first man to span the continent at a speed faster than that of sound when he piloted a Chance-Vought F8U-1 Crusader from Los Alamitos Naval Air Station near Los Angeles, California, to Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn, New York, in the record time of 3 hours, 23 minutes and 8.1 seconds. The Major is a veteran pilot of both World War II and the Korean conflict. His previous awards include three Distinguished Flying Crosses and 17 Air Medals."

From the Photograph Collection (COLL/3948), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections



MOUNTED COLOR GUARD, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, UNITED STATES 05.27.2024

Photo by Cpl. Samantha Pollich Defense Media Activity - Marines

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Joseph Kwitonda, a stable keeper with the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, passes the flags in the staging area before the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C., on May 27, 2024. MCG conducted a cross-country journey from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, to the National Capital Region for the first time in over a decade to participate in Preakness, the National Memorial Day Parade and a series of additional events designed to uphold the Marine Corps' prominence, promote the Marine Corps' only Mounted Color Guard asset and support recruiting nationwide.



MOUNTED COLOR GUARD EAST COAST TOUR, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, UNITED STATES 05.27.2024 Photo by Cpl. Samantha Pollich Defense Media Activity - Marines

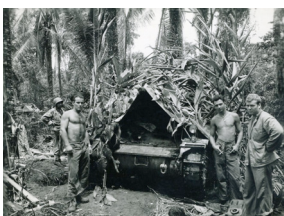
U.S. Marine Corps stable keepers with the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard pose with Gunnery Sgt. Robert Porter, also known as Gunny Claus, before the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C., on May 27, 2024. MCG conducted a cross-country journey from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, to the National Capital Region for the first time in over a decade to participate in Preakness, the National Memorial Day Parade and a series of additional events designed to uphold the Marine Corps' prominence, promote the Marine Corps' only Mounted Color Guard asset and support recruiting nationwide.



"1st MarAirWing", circa 1943

"Kneeling, L to R: Sgt. Edwin M. Hart, StfSgt. Harry S. Bolser, MarGun Bert Lynch, 1st Lieut. John A. DeChant Standing, L to R: Sgt. Douglas Q. White, Sgt. Howard E. Biggerstaff, Corp. William G. Wilson, Sgt. Pandleton T. Johnson, Sgt. Woody B. Parker."

From the John A. DeChant Collection (COLL/ 1781) at the Marine Corps History Division



Light-Tank, 24 November 1943

"Camouflaged light-tank in bivouac area a few miles behind front lines. Part of the crew standing beside it."

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NATIONAL MUSEUM of the MARINE CORPS at NIGHT
Quantico, VA

Courtesy of National Museum of the Marine Corps



USS SOMERSET (LPD 25), SOUTH CHINA SEA
11.09.2016 Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Jacob Allison U.S. Navy

161110-N-BT947-065 SOUTH CHINA SEA (Nov. 10, 2016) Capt. Darren Glaser, commanding officer of the amphibious transport dock ship USS Somerset (LPD 25), and Lt. Col. Matthew Lundgren, Commanding Officer, Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit salute during the 241st Marine Corps birthday ceremony aboard Somerset. Somerset, part of the Makin Island Amphibious Ready Group, is operating in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations, with the embarked 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, in support of security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.



MARATHON 05.07.2023 VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA
Photo by Cpl. Oneg Plisner Defense Media Activity - Marines

U.S. Marine Capt. Kyle King, with 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, runs the Vancouver Marathon in Vancouver, Canada, May 7th, 2023. Runners hit the streets of Vancouver with determination and perseverance at the city's annual marathon, pushing their limits to achieve new heights in 2023, Capt. King's hometown is Whidbey Island, WA.



Lima Company Swim Week 09.30.2024
PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, UNITED STATES
Photo by Lance Cpl. Julius Hackney Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island

U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Matthew Kirk, a Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival, coaches recruits with Lima Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, during swim week on Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., Sep. 30, 2024. Following coaching, recruits must demonstrate their proficiency in the water in order to progress to the next phase of recruit training. First and third Marine to the instructor's left, facing forward, are cousins Sam Hall and Tim Hall.



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