



1946-1953: SEND IN THE MARINES

Korean War Gallery Worksheet

This worksheet will help you better understand the role of the Marine Corps in confronting the threat of communism during the early years of the Cold War.

START at the entrance to the Korean War Gallery on the first floor of the museum. **The questions begin as you enter the exhibit and are arranged in order. Be sure to pay attention!**

Watch the video in the Cold War classroom to answer questions 1-3.

1. Who were the communist leaders of the Soviet Union (USSR) and China during the early stages of the Cold War? (Hint: Their pictures are also on the blackboard.)



Joseph Stalin



Mao Tse-Tung

2. What is a "cold war"?

A "cold war" is a state of military competition between nations that stops short of full-scale war. It is not a "hot" (fighting) war.

3. What happened on the night of June 24, 1950?

North Korea invaded South Korea, starting the Korean War.

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4. What rifle (pictured at left) was the standard service rifle of Marines during World War II and Korea?

M-1 Garand

Enter the Inchon Briefing Room to answer questions 5-7.

5. **Amphibious warfare** is the projection or movement of military force from sea against a hostile shore. According to Admiral Doyle, what were the difficulties in the amphibious assault at Inchon?

Admiral Doyle considered an amphibious landing at Inchon too risky because of the range of tides, the lack of any real beaches, and the difficulty in achieving surprise.

6. Why was General Douglas MacArthur convinced that an amphibious assault at Inchon represented the best chance for victory in Korea?

General MacArthur ordered the assault at Inchon in order to achieve surprise, attack behind enemy positions, destroy enemy supply lines, and relieve the forces at Pusan.

7. For what heroic action during the Inchon landing did 1st Lieutenant Baldomero Lopez earn the **Medal of Honor**?

He received the Medal of Honor for throwing himself on a live hand grenade, saving the lives of several Marines.



8. Who was the Marine Corps' first African-American aviator?

Frank E. Petersen

9. **True or False.** Women Marines were first allowed to fight in combat during the Korean War.

False

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10. This is a picture of the primary tank used by the Marine Corps during the Korean War. What was the name of this tank?

M26 Pershing

11. The retreat from “Frozen Chosin” in December 1950 has been described as one of the Marines’ greatest battles. What happened to the 1st Marine Division at Chosin Reservoir?

The 20,000 man 1st Marine Division was surrounded by 100,000 Chinese troops at the Chosin Reservoir. Facing extreme cold, they suffered enormous casualties but held their positions and ultimately retreated to the sea.

12. Describe the weather conditions Marines faced at Chosin Reservoir.

Marines at Chosin Reservoir faced blizzard-like conditions. Temperatures dropped to 20 degrees below zero, freezing both limbs and weapons. Wounded Marines sometimes froze to death.



13. What former U.S. Army General (pictured at left) was elected President in 1952?

Dwight D. Eisenhower

14. The aircraft pictured at right was the “work horse” of the Marine Air-Ground Team in Korea. What was the name of this aircraft?

F4U Corsair

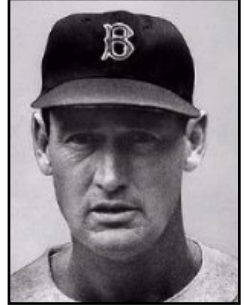


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15. The Korean War gave birth to the doctrine of **vertical assault** and the first practical application of military helicopters. For what missions did the Marine Corps use helicopters in Korea?

The mission of helicopters in Korea can best be described as "ammo in, casualties out." Helicopters carried supplies to Marines on the front line and evacuated the wounded.



16. What member of the Boston Red Sox flew 37 combat missions with the Marine Corps in Korea?

Ted Williams

17. What innovation reduced chest and abdominal wounds by 90-95% during the Korean War?

Body armor (flak jackets)

18. The total number of USMC combat casualties (killed and wounded) in the Korean War was:

24,678

28,011

33,799

40,128

19. The **Code of the US Fighting Force** is "*an ethical guide. Its six articles deal with your chief concerns as an American in combat.*" In your own words, summarize articles II, III, and VI of the **Code of the US Fighting Force**.

Article II I will never surrender of my own free will.

Article III If I am captured I will resist by all means necessary.

Article VI I will never forget that I am an American and that I will trust in my God and the United States of America.

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