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## **National Museum of the Marine Corps Announces Fifth Annual National Student Art Competition**

Competition opens March 1

**(Triangle, Va.)** – The National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC) Fifth Annual Marine Corps Student Art Competition opens March 1, 2023, to all U.S. students in grades K-12. This year’s theme is *“Leatherneck Legends.”*

Student artists are asked to create a piece of 2D art inspired by the life, stories, and/or achievements of an individual Marine or “Leatherneck.” Suggestions include: a Marine from history (past or present), a Marine the student knows personally, Wounded Warrior Marines, Combat Veteran/Veteran Marines, or any United States Marine that the student artist believes is deserving of the “legend” title.

“The Marine Corps Combat Art Program recognizes the importance of art in telling all stories. This competition gives young artists an opportunity to use their talents to honor their heroes of our Corps,” Kris Battles, Marine Corps Artist in Residence, said.

The competition is open to private, public, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), and homeschool students in grades K-12. **Entries must be 2D and submitted digitally, beginning March 1, 2023, and no later than March 15, 2023.** Submissions will be judged in five grade-based categories: K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, and special needs grades K-6 and 7-12. Only the first **50** submissions in each category will be accepted for consideration. More information and entry forms can be found on the museum website at [usmcmuseum.com/marine-corps-student-art-competition](https://usmcmuseum.com/marine-corps-student-art-competition).

Winners will receive a certificate and a cash prize sponsored by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation.

### **About the National Museum of the Marine Corps**

The Museum is a public-private partnership between the U.S. Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. The National Museum of the Marine Corps, under the command of Marine Corps University, preserves and exhibits the material history of the U.S. Marine Corps; honors the commitment, accomplishments, and sacrifices of Marines; supports recruitment, training, education, and retention of Marines; and provides the public with a readily accessible platform for the exploration of Marine Corps history. It is located at 1775 Semper Fidelis Way in Triangle, VA. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 703-784-6107 or visit on the web [www.usmcmuseum.com](http://www.usmcmuseum.com).

**About the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation**

Dedicated to the preservation and promulgation of Marine Corps history, culture and traditions, and the education of all American of its virtues, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation was established in 1979 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The Foundation supports the historical programs of the Marine Corps in ways not possible through government funds. The Foundation provides grants and scholarships for research and the renovation, restoration, and commissioning of historical Marine Corps artifacts and landmarks. Having secured the necessary funding for the complete construction of the National Museum of the Marine Corps and Heritage Center, located in Triangle, Virginia, the Foundation's current primary mission is to vigorously seek financial support to expand programs at the National Museum of the Marine Corps and beyond its walls. For more information, visit [marineheritage.org](http://marineheritage.org).

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