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SEMPER FORCE FAMILY EVENT

Explore the connections between a make-believe universe and the realities of the U.S. Marine Corps at the National Museum of the Marine Corps' Semper Force event on Saturday, 13 October, from 10:00am-3:00pm. This program is free and open to the public.

Guests can experience the "Empire" firsthand with the 501st Legion Reenactment Group. Saber Legion will hold demonstrations throughout the day on the importance of martial arts in light saber dueling.

Learn about robotics, build lasers, and more from the George Mason Robotics Group, the Museum of Science Fiction and staff from Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren. The Washington Area LEGO User Group will showcase a variety of sets and include a LEGO brick play area for the youngest visitors to enjoy.

Visitors can test their knowledge of the "force" and Marine Corps History with a trivia game of "Jedi Mind Tricks" for prizes, fly a paper plane on a galactic trench run and create paper bag puppets based on Star Wars characters.

Join Zan Dashar and the resistance for a fully interactive online scavenger hunt! Follow the clues on a tour of the galleries to uncover how elements of the galaxy "far far away" relate to Marine Corps history. Help Zan crack the code and save the day!

Dress as a Sith Lord or Rebel or another memorable character to compete in the costume contest. Winners in each age category will receive a special SEMPER FORCE-themed prize medal. Pre-registration for the costume contest is recommended and can be done at bit.ly/SemperForce.

In honor of this inaugural event, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation will offer two special showings of *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story* in the state-of-the-art giant screen Medal of Honor Theater at 11 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. For more information about tickets and showtimes, or to reserve advance tickets, contact the MCHF/Medal of Honor Theater Box Office at (571) 248-5605.

Come enjoy the best family-friendly day of events this side of the galaxy on 13 October! It's going to be out of this world!

For more information on this and other events at the National Museum of the Marine Corps, visit www.usmcmuseum.com and the National Museum of the Marine Corps and NMMC Kids Facebook pages. Admission to the museum and parking is always free. The museum, located in Triangle, Virginia, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Christmas.

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