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## Iwo Jima Medal of Honor Recipient to Speak at NMMC Event

**Triangle, VA** - With its annual "Heroes Among Us" event this year, the National Museum of the Marine Corps commemorates and honors the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle of Iwo Jima with hero talks, artifact displays and resources for those who followed in the footsteps of the greatest generation. "Heroes Among Us" and other commemorative events will take place February 22 and 23, 2020.

On February 22 at 1:00 p.m. keynote speaker, Iwo Jima Marine Medal of Honor recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams, will give visitors a personal glimpse into the battle. Attendees will also see both flags that were raised on Mt Suribachi on February 23, 1945 and hear how those flags came to be cared for by the NMMC. Seeing both flags together is a rare opportunity and will only be available through March 30, 2020. Iwo Jima artifacts and archival materials related to the battle will also be on display and history talks will take place throughout the day.

Representatives from service organizations will be on hand to help active duty, veterans and their family members navigate life's challenges. Both private and government organizations will be available to help. "Heroes Among Us" is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the February 22 with activities taking place throughout the Museum.

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration will continue Sunday, February 23 with a concert by "The President's Own" Marine Band Brass Ensemble at 2 p.m. Iwo Jima focused Family Day activities are available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Artifacts and archival materials from the battle will also be on display throughout the day.

There are also special showings of the John Wayne classic "Sands of Iwo Jima" in the Medal of Honor Theater on February 9, 16 and 23 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person.

For more information about Iwo Jima and a complete schedule of all events please visit <https://www.usmcmuseum.com/battle-of-iwo-jima.html>.

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 18900 Jefferson Davis Highway in Triangle, VA. and open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily except December 25. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 703-784-6107 or visit on the web at [www.usmcmuseum.com](http://www.usmcmuseum.com).