



NATIONAL MUSEUM  
OF THE  
MARINE CORPS

## **Museum Manners**

A field trip to a museum should be a **fun and educational experience**. One of the ways to ensure a positive experience is to practice **proper museum etiquette**:

1. Artifacts and art on display are **not to be touched**.
2. There is **no climbing or sitting on artifacts**, both for the visitor's safety and for the protection of the artifacts.
3. Do not linger around or inside **the Museum Store**. Up to 20 students at a time may enter the store, and then rotate out to make room for others. Chaperones must accompany students in the store.
4. The group leader and chaperones are responsible for **keeping their students together and for maintaining proper behavior**. We recommend at least one (1) chaperone for every ten (10) students.
5. It is acceptable to talk quietly; however, **shouting is unacceptable**. Many Museum guests are military veterans who find their visit to be an emotional experience. Please respect other Museum visitors at all times.
6. Students are **not permitted to run up and down the stairs** or play on the elevators; depending on the size of the groups, some groups are asked not to go on the stairs during their visit.
7. **No food, drink, or gum** is allowed in the Museum galleries. If students bring their own bag lunches, these must be eaten outside the Museum. The Devil Dog Diner accommodates student groups with prior reservation.
8. **Cameras are permitted**, but flash photography is restricted in some areas of the Museum.
9. Backpacks, large purses, and similar items should be **left on the bus**.

Encourage your students to be **engaged and respectful visitors and to enjoy** the special educational experience the National Museum of the Marine Corps has to offer!