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There's Much to Be Thankful for at the National Museum of the Marine Corps

QUANTICO, VA. - The National Museum of the Marine Corps is planning a blockbuster November, to include a nod to Marines in Hollywood, birthday festivities, important anniversaries and children's activities at the Museum throughout the month.

"Hollywood Leathernecks: Movie Posters Inspired by Marines," which opens November 10, provides a glimpse into how Marines have been portrayed in American movies from the 1920s to today. Movies can be a powerful tool in shaping public opinion about war and war-fighters, for better, or in some cases, worse. From 1918's "The Unbeliever" to "Guadalcanal Diary" to "Heartbreak Ridge" and "A Few Good Men," visitors will trace Hollywood's version of Marine Corps history through this colorful and fun show featuring more than 30 posters. While the art of movie-making and the design of theaters has changed over time, movie posters in theater lobbies and box offices have endured relatively unchanged. Appropriately, this show is adjacent to the giant screen Medal of Honor Theater, which plays "We the Marines," a destination film depicting Marines in their most authentic settings.

November 10 is also the Marine Corps' 243rd birthday and the Museum will celebrate with a traditional cake-cutting ceremony in Leatherneck Gallery at noon. The oldest and youngest Marines will be honored during the ceremony, and everyone is invited to have a piece of birthday cake.

The celebration continues on November 11 at 11 a.m. with a bell-ringing ceremony to mark the centennial of WWI Armistice Day. The community is invited to Semper Fidelis Memorial Chapel to join in remembering those who served and sacrificed for their country. There will also be a display of WWI era uniforms and equipment in Leatherneck Gallery.

Some of the Museum's youngest visitors will keep the Marine Corps birthday celebration going on November 13 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. during Preschool Playdate. There will be sing-a-longs, story time and fun activities for children up to 5 years of age.

The Museum commemorates the 75th anniversary of the battle of Tarawa on 20 and 24 November from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. On 20 November, the actual anniversary of the battle, Museum curators will have a special display of Tarawa-related artifacts in Leatherneck Gallery as well as archival materials from the Archives Branch of the USMC History Division. At 11 a.m. there will be a special screening of the Academy Award winning documentary "With the Marines at Tarawa," along with a curator talk featuring the rare WWII plaster cast version of the Oscar originally presented for the film. The movie screening and talk will happen again on 24 November at 11 a.m. along with a special display of WWII-era uniforms and gear in Leatherneck Gallery.

In addition to all the special activities, the Museum's galleries offer visitors a chance to reflect on the dedication and sacrifice of Marines and all service members. The National Museum of the Marine Corps is a fitting destination during a month when veterans are honored and thanks is given.

The National Museum of the Marine Corps is located at 18900 Jefferson Davis Highway in Triangle, VA. and is open 9:00 am – 5:00 pm daily except Christmas. Admission and parking are always free. For more information, please call 703 784-6107 or visit

www.usmcmuseum.com