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Continuation of Legacy Walk Opens at NMMC

Triangle, VA - The National Museum of the Marine Corps' extension of Legacy Walk, the timeline hallway leading to the exhibit galleries, is now open. While work continues on the major historical galleries, this extension is an important milestone. The space tells Marine Corps stories of compassion, dedication, terror, family and loss.

The extension starts with an exploration of the Corps' many non-combat duties in the "No Better Friend" exhibit. "Terror Strikes" reveals the role Marines played on September 11, 2001 and its aftermath. "Semper Families" examines the evolution of the Marine family while the "Never Forget" area honors the ultimate sacrifice made by some Marines.

"Although completion of the historical galleries is still several years down the road, these new spaces are an exciting step toward completing the Museum's Final Phase," Annie Pardo, NMMC Director, said. "All the design work, writing and artifact selection is complete for these coming historical galleries. Funding has been secured and contracts will soon be let to begin the buildout of the exhibit spaces. While there are no concrete projections for completion, we are excited about these next steps."

Progress on the galleries is regularly updated on the Museum's website (<https://www.usmcmuseum.com/finalphase.html>) and social media as well as through the mainstream media.

The opening ceremony, scheduled for 2 p.m. on Friday, March 13, will include remarks from BGen. Jay M. Barger, President of Marine Corps University; MajGen James Kessler, President of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and Annie Pardo. Marines will be on hand in the extension space to discuss the roles of Marine Security Guards, humanitarian efforts, family readiness and more. Curators will be available to speak about artifact selection and provenance.

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.