



**Feb 7, 2023**

**Contact: Gwenn Adams**  
**Public Affairs Chief**  
**703-784-6134**  
[gwenn.adams@usmcu.edu](mailto:gwenn.adams@usmcu.edu)

### **NMMC Commemorates Battle of Iwo Jima**

Triangle, VA – The National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC) will commemorate the World War II battle of Iwo Jima with an exhibit of both flags that were raised on Mount Suribachi. Visitors can see both flags in the Museum’s World War II Gallery from February 16 through March 30, 2023.

The WWII battle of Iwo Jima lasted from February 19 to March 26, 1945, and was a key battle in American and Marine Corps history. On February 23, 1945, U.S. Marines took control of Mount Suribachi, the highest point on the island, and raised a small flag on the peak. Later that day, different troops raised a larger flag while others respectfully lowered the original.

Several combat photographers captured images of this triumphant moment, but Joe Rosenthal’s snapshot of the men struggling against a strong wind to raise the second flag on Mount Suribachi immediately became an enduring symbol of American resolve. The NMMC is fortunate to have both historic flags in its collection.

Each year during the anniversary of the battle, NMMC curators have the honor of exhibiting the first flag raised near the second flag, which is always on exhibit. Volunteers and staff will share their insights on the two flags and highlight the history of their acquisition into the Museum’s permanent collection.

All events are free and open to the public. Admission and parking are free.

#### **About the National Museum of the Marine Corps**

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

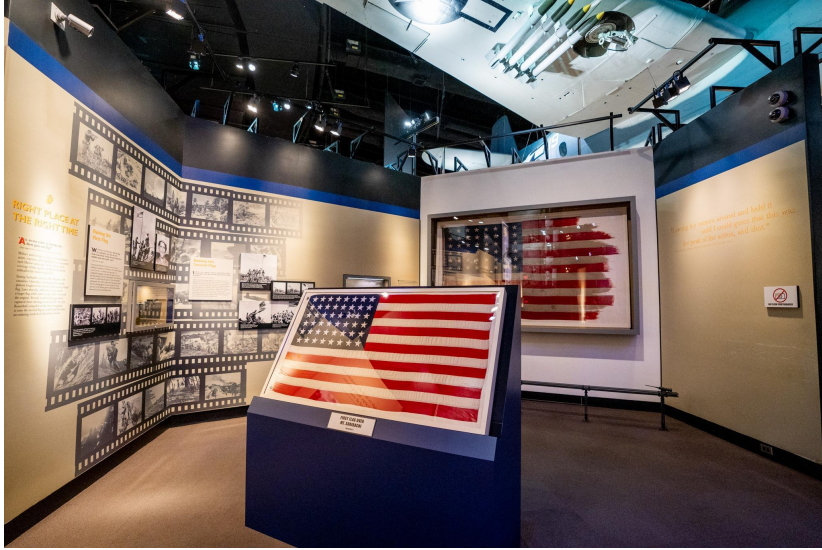
platform for the exploration of Marine Corps history. It is located at 1775 Semper Fidelis Way in Triangle, VA 22172. For more information, call 703-784-6107 or visit on the web [www.usmcmuseum.com](http://www.usmcmuseum.com).

### **About the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation**

Dedicated to the preservation and promulgation of Marine Corps history, culture and traditions, and the education of all American of its virtues, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation was established in 1979 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The Foundation supports the historical programs of the Marine Corps in ways not possible through government funds. The Foundation provides grants and scholarships for research and the renovation, restoration, and commissioning of historical Marine Corps artifacts and landmarks. Having secured the necessary funding for the complete construction of the National Museum of the Marine Corps and Heritage Center, located in Triangle, Virginia, the Foundation's current primary mission is to vigorously seek financial support to expand programs at the National Museum of the Marine Corps and beyond its walls. For more information, visit [marineheritage.org](http://marineheritage.org).



Attached Image: The famous flag raising photo taken by Joe Rosenthal on Mt. Suribachi, on February 23, 1945.



Attached Image: The first and second flags raised on Mount Suribachi on February 23, 1945 on display at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.