

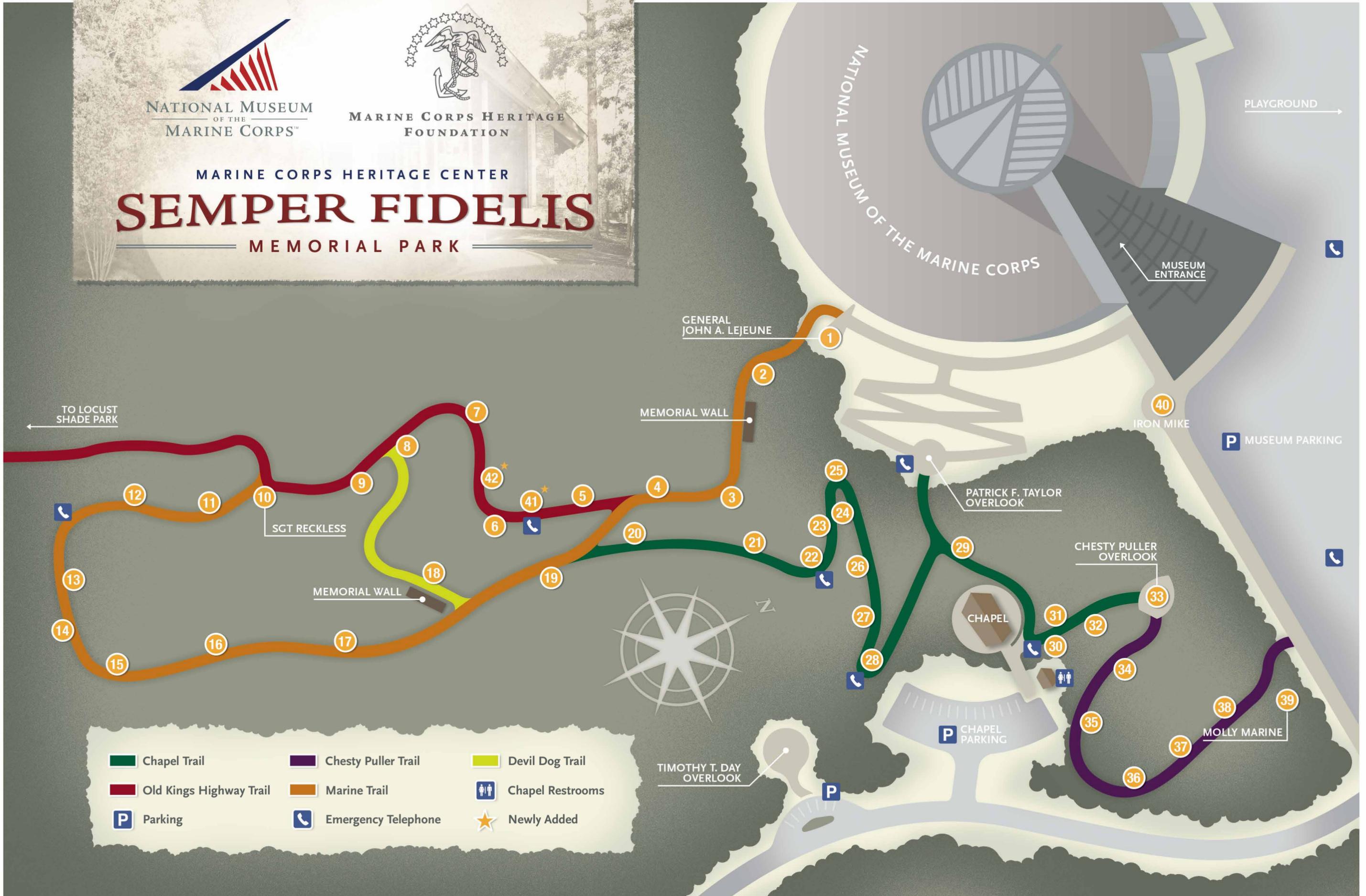


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# SEMPER FIDELIS

MEMORIAL PARK



TO LOCUST SHADE PARK

PLAYGROUND

MUSEUM ENTRANCE

GENERAL JOHN A. LEJEUNE

MEMORIAL WALL

IRON MIKE

MUSEUM PARKING

SGT RECKLESS

PATRICK F. TAYLOR OVERLOOK

CHESTY PULLER OVERLOOK

MEMORIAL WALL

CHapel

CHapel PARKING

MOLLY MARINE

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**1 Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune** Known as "the greatest of all leathernecks," Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune served in the Marine Corps for 40 years, beginning in 1890. He was the first commanding officer of Marine Barracks Quantico at the start of WWI and served as Commandant of the Marine Corps from 1920 to 1929. He was the recipient of several medals, including the Navy Distinguished Service Medal for his service in WWI.

**2 Osprey Memorial** In 2000, 23 Marines were killed onboard the controversial V-22 Osprey Tiltrotor aircraft. On April 8 in Marana, Arizona, an Osprey went down while training as part of an OPEVAL mission simulating a night-time rescue, killing all 19 on board. On December 11 of the same year, another Osprey crashed into a forest in Jacksonville, NC, killing all 4 onboard.

**3 Ripley's Raiders** Company L, 3rd Battalion 3rd Marines honors its fallen comrades and commanding officer, Captain John Ripley. On April 2, 1972, Ripley faced intense enemy fire while preparing to blow up a bridge in Dong Ha, slowing the North Vietnam Army's advance. This famous stand became known as "Ripley at the Bridge." He received the Navy Cross for his actions in combat in Vietnam.

**4 Fallen Warrior** Dedicated to Wisconsin fallen Marines. This symbol for a fallen warrior goes back to World War I. It is a tribute to all American service members who made the ultimate sacrifice. The original monument was commissioned for placement at Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Madison, WI.

**5 3rd Battalion 26th Marines** 3rd Battalion 26th Marines first fought at Iwo Jima in World War II. This monument is in memory of those lost while serving in Vietnam from December 1966 to March 1970. 3/26 has a Medal of Honor recipient from both WWII and Vietnam and is one of the most highly decorated units to serve in Vietnam.

**6 HMM-364** is a Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron known as the "Purple Foxes." From 1964 to 1969, the Purple Foxes served by flying re-supply, troop-lifts and medevacs twenty-four hours a day. **881 South** On January 20, 1968, US Marines went against the Northern Vietnamese Army in what became one of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War, the Battle of Hill 881. The battle in the I Corps Tactical Zone was one of the "hill fights" in defense of Khe Sanh from December 1967 to April 1968.

**7 Marine Veterans Memorial** In memory of all United States Marines who died in the service of their country.

**8 The Tank Infantry Team** This monument honors all combat tankers who have participated in every battle where Marine tanks were committed in support of a Marine infantry unit from World War II to the present.

**9 Force Reconnaissance** Marine Corps Force Reconnaissance (FORECON) companies, formed in 1957, are one of the Corps' operational forces that work to provide intelligence to the Marine Air-Ground Task Force. The insertion and extraction methods used by FORECON are similar to those of Navy SEALs and other special Operations Units.

**10 Sgt Reckless** Sgt Reckless carried ammunition to the front lines for the 75mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon of the 5th Marines. Perhaps her most valiant effort was in the Battle of Outpost Vegas in March 1953, in which she was wounded twice and carried over 9,000 pounds of ammunition. Reckless earned multiple medals and was eventually promoted to SSgt in 1959 by Gen Pate, 21st Commandant of the Marine Corps.

**11 TBS Class 3-67 and 41st OCC** Commissioned in 1966, the men of the 41st Officer Candidate Course went on together to Basic Officers Course. During the Vietnam War, 43 members of this class along with 2 instructors were killed in combat. Many received the Navy Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

**12 Fire Department New York 9/11** honors the Marines who were killed in the 2001 attack on the World Trade Center. Includes steel beams from one of the towers.

**13 2nd Battalion 1st Marines** Though the true nickname of this infantry unit is "The Professionals," it earned another in Vietnam in 1968. While the Marines were operating near Khe Sanh under cover of artillery fire, a North Vietnamese Army commander said 2/1 disappeared from his sector, thus coining the legendary nickname of "Ghost Battalion."

**14 3rd Battalion 3rd Marines** 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines is known as "America's Battalion." Formed in 1942, this infantry unit has seen action in World War II, Vietnam, The Gulf War and the Global War on Terror.

**15 Hotel Company 2/7** Hotel Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment is an infantry unit that served in Vietnam from July 1965 to September 1970, where they fought in more than 50 operations, including at Qui Nhon, Chu Lai, Dai Loc and An Hoa. 84 Marines were killed in action.

**16 Golf Company 2/7** Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division is an infantry unit that served in Vietnam from July 1965 to October 1970, where they fought at Qui Nhon, Chu Lai, Dai Loc and An Hoa.

**17 Marine Corps Engineers** Since the establishment of the first Marine engineer organization, Company H, 1st Regiment, First Advance Base Brigade, in 1913, Marine engineers have served in the fields of combat engineering for more than 100 years.

**18 USS Arizona** Steel from the USS Arizona is encased in this monument, which honors those Marines killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Of the 88 Marines in the detachment onboard the USS Arizona, only 15 survived the attack. Also listed are those killed in action onboard other vessels in Pearl Harbor.

**19 5th Special Basic Course** Known as the 291 Mustangs, these Marines were pulled from the enlisted ranks and earned commissions as second lieutenants for duty in the Korean War, in 1951.

**20 Basic School Class 1-57** This monument, which contains a time capsule, represents the 327 graduates of the Basic School Class 1-57 at Quantico. Many went on to serve in Vietnam, where one classmate was killed.

**21 Echo Company 2/7** Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines is an infantry unit that served in Vietnam from 1965-70, during which they fought at Qui Nhon, Chu Lai, Dai Loc and An Hoa.

**22 The Chosin Few** Dedicated to the United Nations Forces that participated in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir that helped determine the fate of the Republic of Korea. From 27 November to 10 December 1950, 18,000 UN Forces fought about 120,000 Chinese in four concentrated areas across 40 miles in the area of the reservoir.

**23 TBS Class 3-57** 550 Marine officers graduated from The Basic School class 3-57 as part of the 3rd BOC at Camp Goettge, Guadalcanal Area. Many served in Vietnam.

**24 VMO-6** Marine Observation Squadron 6 became the first Marine Corps helicopter squadron to participate in combat in 1950 during the Battle of the Pusan Perimeter. It also saw action in the Battle of Okinawa in World War II, as well as the Korean and Vietnam Wars before deactivating in January of 1977.

**25 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division**, Established in 1941, the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Division provides task organized forces that conduct amphibious and ground reconnaissance, battle space shaping operations, raids, and specialized insertion and extraction. It has served in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War and the Global War on Terror.

**26 HML/HMLA-167** was the only Marine Helicopter squadron formed in a combat zone in April 1968 in the Republic of Vietnam. This memorial honors the 47 Marines who gave all serving with HMLA-167.

**27 BOC 1-69** The 250 lieutenants of TBS/ Basic Officers Course 1-69 Company A were sent to Vietnam directly upon graduation. Five of their classmates were killed in action, and one was declared missing in action.

**28 BAR on the Beach** This depiction of a Marine storming the beach with a Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) honors the members of the 5th Marine division, who landed and fought on Iwo Jima in February 1945. In one month of fighting, they sustained 1,098 killed in action and 2,974 wounded, the highest casualty rate among the Marine divisions in the battle.

**29 War Dog** This statue of Kurt, the first dog killed in action in Guam, represents the 25 dogs killed in action there and the hundreds of dogs that served in World War II as sentries, messengers and scouts, but were also dedicated and loyal companions to the Marines who served with them.

**30 Seagoing Marines** Even though the word "Marine" is related to the sea, many people only associate Marines with land, air and amphibious activities. However, Marines first served in seagoing detachments on the USS Cabot in December 1775 and are still seagoing today onboard naval ships.

**31 The Magnificent Bastards** Second Battalion, 4th Marines is an infantry unit that first activated in April 1914 during World War I. Since activation, 2/4 has played a role in every major American conflict to the present.

**32 HMM-362 Ugly Angels** Formerly known as Archie's Angels under the command of LtCol Archie Clapp, the Ugly Angels were the first Marine aircraft unit to serve in Vietnam. The Ugly Angels lost 33 Marines while serving in Soc Trang, Ky Ha, Marble Mountain and Hue/Phu Bai until 1969. They also supported operations in Vietnam from the sea onboard the USS Iwo Jima, USS Okinawa and USS Princeton.

**33 Lieutenant General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller** Lieutenant General Lewis "Chesty" Puller is the most decorated combat Marine in history. During his esteemed career, he fought in Nicaragua and Haiti, as well as some of the bloodiest battles of World War II and the Korean War. He is the only Marine to be awarded five Navy Crosses, and has become a symbol of esprit de corps to the Marines.

**34 Denig's Demons** In 1941, Gen Robert Denig Sr. formed the first Marine Corps Public Relations Division. He recruited civilian photographers, news reporters and radio personalities. These correspondents, who became known as Denig's Demons, covered World War II in the Pacific.

**35 China Marines** For more than 125 years, the Marine Corps maintained a presence in or around China (1819-1949.) Some were aboard warships protecting American trade, while others experienced China in river gunboats or in cities like Peking and Shanghai. Forty received Medals of Honor and 15 became Commandants of the Marine Corps.

**36 G-3-1 Korea** George Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines served in the Korean War beginning in 1950 at the Battle of Inchon. Upon the recapture of Seoul, they relocated to the east coast of Korea and fought in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir. The unit fought in Korea until 1953 and participated in the Korean Demilitarized Defense until 1955.

**37 5th Officers Basic Class 1948** The 228 members of the 5th Officers Basic Class were the only officers commissioned in 1948. About 75 percent were commissioned from enlisted ranks, and 90 percent went on to serve in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, where 23 were killed in action.

**38 The Boys of '67** The graduates of Basic Officers Class 5-67 were immediately sent to Vietnam and served in the Fleet Marine Force-Pacific, where 39 classmates were killed in action. Members of the class received a total of 6 Navy Crosses and 27 Silver Stars.

**39 Molly Marine** This depiction of a WWII woman Marine is a recreation of an original 1943 statue, which was made to encourage women to join the Corps during WWII. Molly Marine has come to represent all women who have earned the distinguished title of Marine. Today, approximately 13,000 women serve in the Marine Corps.

**40 Iron Mike** "Iron Mike" is an ambiguous term used for US military memorials. This Mike is a recreation of a sculpture titled "Crusading for Right," and was originally intended to depict a World War I Army soldier. However, the sculptor unknowingly used a Marine to inspire the image, and the Army refused to buy it. The Marines bought it and eventually dedicated it to the men of the 6th Machine Gun Battalion, 5th Regiment and 6th Regiment who gave their lives in 1918.

**41 1st Battalion 1st Marines 1st Marine Division** Dedicated to the more than 567 Marines and Corpsmen serving with 1st Battalion 1st Marines that perished at their posts in Vietnam, 1965-1971.

**42 1st Battalion 7th Marines** Dedicated to the Marines and Corpsmen of 1st Battalion 7th Marines that were Killed In Action in Vietnam, 1965-1970.