

Thank you

FOR THE IMPACT THAT YOU HAVE MADE

MCRD Museum Foundation
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YOUR IMPACT IN 2024



Docent Tours

This year you helped fund docent tours for 35 companies of new Marines along with over 100 other docent-supported presentations. Every Marine who graduates from MCRD San Diego goes through the Command Museum and has the opportunity to learn from our dedicated and knowledgeable docents. Thank you for making this important program possible.



Museum Updates

Your donations funded much-needed updates to the Museum's Visitor Reception Center. Most notably, the pictures and text in the bootcamp timeline now include representations of female recruits, reflecting the milestone change in 2021 when women began training at MCRD San Diego, alongside MCRD Parris Island.



Golf Tournament

Your participation in and support of our 6th Annual Sgt Lucas T. Pyeatt Memorial Golf Tournament made it the most successful golf tournament that we have ever had! Your contributions nearly tripled the net revenue raised at our previous best tournament!



ASL Museum Tour

In April, one of our docents and a Marine ASL translator took a group of deaf people on a tour through the Museum. Your support makes the Museum more accessible so that all can engage in the rich history of the Marine Corps.

YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM IN 2024



EGA Scavenger Hunt with the Devil Pups



Cpl Belleau Scavenger Hunt with Elementary Students



Storytime with the MCRD San Diego Library



MUSEUM UPDATES IN 2024



Weapons Simulator

Your contributions made it possible for the MCRD Museum Foundation to welcome an exciting new feature to our gift shop: a weapons simulator! This is used as both an interactive addition to visitors' experiences and as a fundraising tool. Want to see how good a shot you are? Come visit the Museum!



Landscaping

Thanks to the generosity of The Home Depot Foundation, the exterior of the Museum got quite the makeover! Flowers and bushes were planted, shaded picnic tables were built, mulch was laid, and the Museum has a new fresh and welcoming look to it.



DI Window

Along with important updates to the bootcamp timeline columns, your support helped us to install a window in the Museum's Visitor Reception Center that is dedicated to the hard-working Drill Instructors on base.

Balcony

After a few years of work, the Museum's balcony was finally finished! The MCRD Command Museum is a historic building that was built in 1939 and originally used as barracks. The balcony was still the original from 1939 and had deteriorating wood, making it unsafe. With the balcony replacement, it is now safe and sturdy!



FOUNDATION OUTREACH

2024 was the year for the Foundation to get out in the community and spread awareness of the Museum and our programs!



Escondido VetFest



San Diego Padres Game



San Diego Legion Rugby Game



MCAS Miramar Air Show



Liberty Military Housing Community Expo

2024 EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM



Globe and Anchor Salute at the Museum for the first time



San Diego Gulls launched their Military Alliance Program



The Commanding General's Reception and Toys for Tots



COMING 2025

OORAH Coloring Book

In the past, the Museum offered an activity book for children who visited the Museum with their Marine on Family Day. We are currently working on updating this book and expanding it to a broader audience of children grades K-3. We look forward to having these available for the young Museum visitors this year!

June 5th Golf Tournament

Save the date for our 7th Annual Sgt Lucas T. Pyeatt Memorial Golf Tournament on June 5th! Following the success from our generous sponsors and donors last year, we are thrilled for this year's tournament. The fundraising focus on this tournament will be raising money to update Museum exhibits and their programs.

Further Youth Education

With our grant from the County of San Diego along with donations from people and organizations like you, we will be expanding our youth education this year. There are several possibilities for how this may look. We are considering installing an interactive map in the Museum, creating self-guided audio tours, or making more educational materials available at the Museum.

Col Nate Smith Scholarship

In 2024, we awarded 3 people with the Col Nate Smith Scholarship. This scholarship is available to enlisted Marines, Sailors, and dependents of MCRD San Diego/Western Recruiting Region that are pursuing further education. We thank our generous donors who make this program possible! We are excited for the impact that the scholarship will have on this year's recipients.

250th Marine Corps Birthday

You've probably heard from us several times by now that we are very excited to be celebrating the 250th year of the Marine Corps! Our 250th Year Giving Drive has already raised over \$5,000 towards preserving Marine Corps history and our programs! We look forward to the rest of the year and celebrating the 250th Marine Corps birthday on November 10th!

THANK YOU FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What a pleasure it has been looking back on what you have made possible in 2024. The Museum Foundation's accomplishments this year are merely a reflection of the enormous support we receive from generous donors such as yourself. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you!

Daren Erickson

