

INFORMATION PAPER

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Subj: DACOWITS RFI #3: WOMEN IN THE MILITARY SERVICES FOR
AMERICA MEMORIAL FOUNDATION AND EDUCATION CENTER

1. Purpose. To provide a written response to the DACOWITS RFI regarding The Women in Military Services for America memorial Foundation and Education Center inquires on The Marine Corps funding and budget to The National Museum of the Marine Corps.

2. Key Points:

a. What financial and/or manpower support do the Department/Services provide to various museums/memorials/education centers.

The National Museum of the Marine Corps receives appropriated funds to support the operation and maintenance of the Museum. Since FY16, the non-labor costs associated with the museum increased significantly due to the Final Phase expansion. In FY19, the funding profile normalizes and provides a more accurate picture of the amount of funding required to operate and maintain the Museum. The programmed amount in FY19 is \$11.386M and increases throughout the Future Years Defense Plan (FYDP) by approximately 1.8%.

Additionally, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation has historically contributed an average of \$400K annually which has allowed the Museum to administer a volunteer docent program, college internships, outreach initiatives, and collections conservation and cataloging.

b. Please specify dollar and full time employee (FTE) support by name of museum/memorial/education center and location.

Currently, we have approved funding and structure for 54 FTEs (3 from CURB 1-15) which is projected to cost \$5.07M in FY19. The pay grades are as follows: GS-07 (3), GS-09 (14), GS-11 (7), GS-12 (16), GS-13 (3), GS-14 (2), GS-15 (1), and (8) are not yet hired.

c. Please specify how supporting these museums/memorials/education centers contributes to your Department/Service's mission.

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 exploration of Marine Corps history.

The Museum collects and provides responsible stewardship for objects related to the history of the Marine Corps; interprets the history of the Marine Corps through public exhibitions, collections-based publications, and other public programming venues; conducts collections-based research and shares the results of that research through publications, exhibitions, and public programming; and develops educational materials and conducts education programs for educators, students, and families to increase their awareness of the history of the Marine Corps.

The Museum contributes to the recruitment, training, education, and retention of Marines by informing and inspiring visitors through exhibitions and other public programs; by providing a backdrop for recruitment initiatives and an understanding of what it takes to "make a Marine"; by hosting classes for the Training and Education Command; and by providing opportunities for continuing education.

Apart from the National Museum of the Marine Corps and the support previously stated, the Marine Corps does not support any other museums/memorials/education centers.

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