From Tripoli 1805 To Afghanistan 2011

Born 10 November 1775 and Proven
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THE BIRTH OF
THE MARINE CORPS
1775
The Marine Corps was established on 10 Nov 1775 in Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, PA by a resolution of the Continental Congress.
Significant Marine

- Captain Samual Nicholas
  The Commander of the first two Marine battalions and is considered the 1st Commandant of the Marine Corps.
Leathernecks - The first Marine uniforms were green coats with white trim and white breeches. Also mandated was a leather collar to protect the neck against cutlass slashes and to hold the head erect in proper military bearing. Sailors serving aboard ship with Marines came to call them "leathernecks."
A FEW GOOD MEN

THE MARINE CORPS’ SLOGAN
“A FEW GOOD MEN”
ADOPTED - 20 MARCH 1779
There is no specific battle tied to the Marine Corps slogan, “A FEW GOOD MEN”. The first known use of “A Few Good Men” was in 1779.

On 20 March 1779 in Boston, Capt. William Jones, USMC, advertised for "a few good men" to enlist in the Corps for naval duty. The term seemed ideally suited for Marines, mainly because of the implication that "a few" good men would be enough. This term has survived for over 200 years and has been synonymous with U.S. Marines ever since.
ESPRIT DE CORPS

THE MARINE CORPS TERM
“ESPRIT DE CORPS”
ADOPTED - 1780
There is no specific battle tied to the Marine Corps term, “ESPRIT DE CORPS”. The first known use of “spirit de corps” was in 1780.

The definition of “ESPRIT DE CORPS” is: The common spirit existing in the members of a group and inspiring enthusiasm, devotion, and strong regard for the honor of the group.

The Marine Corps commonly uses “ESPRIT DE CORPS” to describe comradeship, enthusiasm, and devotion to a cause.
THE BATTLE OF
DERNE, TRIPOLI
1805
In 1805, Marines were sent to destroy the Barbary Pirates who were holding American ships for ransom. The Battle of Tripoli was the first United States land battle on foreign soil, after the American Revolutionary War.
1st LT Presley O’Bannon, the first Marine Corps Lieutenant, was awarded the Mameluke Sword for his bravery in the Tripoli Barbary Pirate War. This sword became the model for Marine Corps Officers.
DERNE, TRIPOLI

**Significant Terminology**

- The Marines Hymn – The line "To the shores of Tripoli" refers to the First Barbary War, specifically the Battle of Derne in 1805 after Lieutenant Presley O'Bannon and his Marines hoisted the American Flag over Tripoli.
THE INDIAN WARS OF FLORIDA AND GEORGIA
1836 - 1837
In 1836 and 1837, Marines fought in numerous battles with both Creek and Seminole Indians in Florida and Georgia territories.

Marine boat expedition searching for Seminoles in the Everglades during the Second Seminole War.
Significant Marine

- General Archibald Henderson fought the Creek & Seminole Indians in Florida & Georgia. In addition, led the Marine Corps during several years of conflict with Mexico over California and Texas territories.
The Grand Old Man of the Marine Corps – was the name given to General Archibald Henderson as he served (39 years), Jan 1820 - Oct 1859, as the 5\textsuperscript{th} Commandant of the Marine Corps. In 1830, General Archibald Henderson successfully prevented the Marine Corps from being absorbed into the Army by establishing a “Force in Readiness concept.
THE BATTLE OF VERACRUZ
MARCH 9-29, 1847
The Battle of Veracruz was a 20-day siege of the key Mexican beachhead seaport of Veracruz, during the Mexican–American War. It was the first large-scale United States amphibious assault, and ended with the surrender and occupation of the city. U.S. Army and Marine forces then marched inland to Mexico City.
Significant Leader

- Major General Smedley D. Butler, received his first of two Medals of Honor for his heroic actions in the Battle of Veracruz. By the end of his career, Butler had received 16 medals, five for heroism. At the time of his death in 1940, Smedley Butler was the most decorated Marine in U.S. history.
"The Fighting Quaker" - was the name given to Major General Smedley Darlington Butler. Raised by prominent Quaker parents, Smedley Butler defied his pacifist lineage by joining the Marines just before his 17th birthday. He served in Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico and Haiti. Butler was known for his leadership and commitment to the welfare of the men under his command. He rose quickly through the ranks to become, at age 48, one of the youngest major generals.
THE BATTLE OF CHAPULTEPEC
1847
Chapultepec Castle was the final stronghold Marines captured during the War with Mexico in 1847. By the end of this battle, when the American Flag was raised in the Halls of Montezuma, 90% of the Marine officers and NCOs were killed.
General Winfield Scott, 3rd Commanding General of the US Army, led the Marines into the Battle of Chapultepec against the outnumbering forces of Santa Anna. By the battles’ end, General Scott found it was the remaining Marines who guarded the streets.
**Significant Terminology**

- **Blood Stripes** - Marine officers and noncommissioned officers added scarlet stripes to their blue dress trousers, which are now referred to as “blood stripes,” to commemorate the Marines’ blood shed at the Battle of Chapultepec.
THE MARINE CORPS MOTTO
“SEMPER FIDELIS”
ADOPTED - 1883
There is no specific battle tied to the Marine Corps Moto, “SEMPER FIDELIS” meaning “ALWAYS FITHFUL”.

The United States Marine Corps adopted the motto "Semper Fidelis" in 1883, on the initiative of Colonel Charles McCawley, the 8th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

There were three mottos prior to Semper Fidelis including Fortitudine (meaning "with courage") antedating the War of 1812, Per Mare, Per Terram ("by sea, by land"; presumably inherited from the British Royal Marines, who have that as a motto), and, up until 1843, there was also the Marines' Hymn motto "To the Shores of Tripoli". "Semper fidelis" signifies the dedication and loyalty that individual Marines have for 'Corps and Country', even after leaving service. Marines frequently shorten the motto to "Semper Fi".
THE BOXER REBELLION
CHINA
1900
In 1898, the “I Ho Ch’uan”, a Chinese organization known as the (Society of Righteous and Harmonious Fists) or more commonly called “The Boxers”, began a massive revolt to remove Western Country influence from China. The United States and seven other countries - Austria-Hungary, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, and Russia-all had interests in China and united to confront the Boxer Rebellion.
SgtMaj Dan Daly is recognized for earning two Medals of Honor: (1) for heroic actions in the China Boxer Rebellion and (2) for heroic actions in the First Haiti Caco War. When his unit was pinned down and their attack stalled during the Battle of Belleau Wood, then Gunnery Sergeant Daly yelled to his men, “Come on you sons of b----es, do you want to live forever?”
Significant Accomplishment

- Foreign Trade
- Colonization
THE BATTLE OF
BELLEAU WOOD
WWI - 1918
June 6, 1918 is one of the bloodiest days in U.S. Marine Corps history. It was the first day of the Battle of Belleau Wood, which pitted the Marines against the German Army attempting to reach Paris during WWI.
Significant Marine Leader

- Gunnery Sergeant Charles Hoffman, (AKA – Ernest Janson) was awarded his second Medal of Honor for his valor during the Battle of Belleau Wood. GySgt Hoffman killed 2 dozen German soldiers with his bayonet in order to stop an advancing attack.
Significant Terminology

- Devil Dogs - Fighting through impenetrable woods and capturing untakeable terrain, the persistent attacks, delivered with unbelievable courage soon had the Germans calling Marines "Teufelhunde," referring to the fierce fighting dogs of legendary origin.
THE BATTLE OF BLANC MONT RIDGE

WWI - 1918
What transpired around Blanc Mont in October 1918 was a vicious battle that cost America over 7,800 men, killed and wounded. Marshal Petain (then still a hero) called what happened there the greatest single achievement of the 1918 campaign. Sadly, the Battle for Blanc Mont Ridge has slipped off of History's radar screen, appearing only in official documents and memoirs of the participants. It has become the forgotten victory of WWI. The limestone tower on the ridge, built to honor the Doughboys, might be the least visited monument on the Western Front.
Significant Marine Leader

- General John A. Lejeune was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his leadership during the Battles of Blanc Mont Ridge and The Soissons Offensive, WWI. During that war he was recognized by the French Government as a strategist and leader, as evidenced by the Legion of Honor, and the Croix de Guerre bestowed upon him by the French.
Significant Terminology

- "The Greatest of all Leathernecks," - was the title bestowed upon General John A. Lejeune, having served as the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps (1920-1929), the first Marine Officer to ever command an Army Division in Combat during WWI and more than 40 years of distinguished active service.
THE MARINE CORPS SLOGAN
“FIRST TO FIGHT”
ADOPTED - 1929
• Not associated to any specific battle; The recruiting slogan "first to fight" comes from the Marine Corps hymn. In 1929, the Marine Corps officially adopted the hymn and immortalized the words of "first to fight for right and freedom" in the memories of future generations of Marines.

• Marines began actually seeing "first to fight" in France during World War I, and they still do. Marine Corps Recruiting Command still uses the phrase in promotional materials today.
THE BATTLE OF WAKE ISLAND
WWII - 1941
On Dec 8th 1941, just hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Japan air attacked Wake Island. Of the 55 Marine aviation personnel stationed on Wake Island, 23 were killed and 11 were wounded. Eight of the twelve F4F-3 Marine aircraft were destroyed, as well a civilian hospital and the Pan Am air facility. A second Japan attack came on Dec 23rd 1941. After a full night of fighting, of the original 55 Marines, a total 49 Marines were now killed and 2 wounded. The Japanese captured all remaining military and civilian personnel and used them to dig bunkers.

On Oct 5th 1943, Naval Aircraft raided Wake Island. Two days later, fearing an imminent invasion, Japanese Rear Admiral Shigematsu Sakaibara ordered the execution of the 98 captive American civilian workers who had initially been kept to perform forced labor. They were taken to the northern end of the island, blindfolded and executed with a machine gun.

On 4 Sept 4th 1945, the remaining Japanese garrison surrendered to a detachment of US Marines.
Significant Marine Leader

- During the defense of Wake Island, Major Henry T. Elrod repeatedly displayed conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty. On the 12th of December he single-handedly attacked a flight of 22 enemy planes and shot down two. On several flights he executed low altitude bombing and strafing runs on enemy ships, and became the first man to sink a major warship with small caliber bombs delivered from a fighter-type aircraft.

- On November 8, 1946, his widow was presented with the Medal of Honor, posthumously awarded to her husband for his heroic actions during the last bitter days of the defense of Wake.
Significant Accomplishment

- Honolulu, Hawaii’s National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, commonly known as the “Punchbowl Crater”, became the final resting place of the 98 Wake Island POWs who were murdered.

- After the war, Sakaibara and his subordinate, a lieutenant commander, were sentenced to death for the massacre of the 98 and for other war crimes.
THE BATTLE OF GUADALCANAL
WWII - 1942
The World War II Battle of Guadalcanal was the first major offensive and a decisive victory for the Allies in the Pacific theater. With Japanese troops stationed in this section of the Solomon Islands, U.S. marines launched a surprise attack in August 1942 and took control of an air base under construction.
When World War II began, Lt Colonel Lewis "Chesty" Puller was commanding the 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment at New River (later renamed Camp Lejeune), North Carolina, and was sent with his unit to Guadalcanal in the summer of 1942. Guadalcanal is part of the Solomon Islands, northeast of Australia in the Pacific Ocean. He won his third Navy Cross leading his battalion in defense of the island's Henderson Airfield against an overwhelming force of seasoned Japanese troops.
Capturing Guadalcanal was vital for the Americans, to protect Australia from a Japanese invasion, and to secure the communication lines between Australia and the U.S. The battle ensured safety of the sea route and delivered a severe blow to the strategic plans of the Japanese.
THE BATTLE OF TARAWA

WWII - NOV 22\textsuperscript{nd} and 23\textsuperscript{rd} 1943
The Battle of Tarawa was the first American offensive in the critical central Pacific region. It was also the first time in the Pacific War that the United States had faced serious Japanese opposition to an amphibious landing. Previous landings met little or no initial resistance, but on Tarawa the 4,500 Japanese defenders were well-supplied and well-prepared, and they fought almost to the last man, exacting a heavy toll on the United States Marine Corps.

Nearly 6,400 Japanese, Koreans, and Americans died in the fighting, on and around the small island. U.S. Divisions suffered similar casualties in previous campaigns, however they were over months at a time. The massive losses on Tarawa occurred within 76 hours.
On the second day of the Tarawa struggle, Lt Alexander “Sandy” Bonnyman, determined to breach the enemy’s strong defensive line, led a demolition team of 21 Marines in an assault on the entrance to a huge bombproof shelter which contained approximately 150 Japanese soldiers. The enemy position was about forty yards forward of the Marine lines. Bonnyman advanced his team to the mouth of the position and killed many of the defenders. His team was forced to withdraw to replenish its supply of ammunition and grenades. Bonnyman again pressed his attack and gained the top of the structure, thereby flushing more than one hundred of its occupants into the open where they were cut down by Marine infantry and a supporting tank. When the Japanese returned fire, Bonnyman stood on the forward edge of the position and killed three of the attackers, but was himself killed as he ordered more charges brought forward. The battle continued for another 10–15 minutes, with all of the Japanese defenders flushed out. Of Bonnyman’s original assault party of 21 Marines, 13 had survived. The Island was declared secured on the same day.

For his actions during the battle, Bonnyman was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. The medal was formally presented to his family by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal in 1947. His 12-year-old daughter, Frances, accepted the medal on behalf of the Bonnyman family.
Following the 1943 battle, Lt Bonnyman was buried in Tarawa where his burial site was lost. In March of 2015, History Flight, a Florida-based non-profit tasked with recovering the remains of missing U.S. service members, discovered the remains of Lt Bonnyman and his fellow Marines. 71 years after the Battle of Tarawa, families were reunited with their heroes and provide a proper burial on home ground.
THE BATTLE OF IWO JIMA, WWII

1945
19 Feb – 26 Mar 1945 was a five-week battle in which the Marine Corps landed on and eventually captured the island of Iwo Jima from the Imperial Japanese Army (IJA) during World War II. The American invasion, designated Operation Detachment, had the goal of capturing the entire island, including the three Japanese-controlled airfields, to provide a staging area for attacks on the Japanese main islands.
Significant Marine Leader

- Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone, was awarded his second Medal of Honor posthumously for his valor during the Battle of Iwo Jima. He was killed in action on the first day of the invasion of Iwo Jima, after he single-handedly destroyed an enemy blockhouse and led a Marine tank under fire safely through a minefield.
Significant Terminology

- Uncommon Valor - Refers to the victories in World War II, especially at Iwo Jima, the largest all-Marine battle in history. Admiral Nimitz's ringing epitome of Marine fighting on Iwo Jima was applied to the entire Marine Corps in World War II: "Uncommon valor was a common virtue."
THE BATTLE OF OKINAWA, WWII
APRIL 1ST 1945
(Easter Sunday)
On April 1, 1945—the Navy’s Fifth Fleet and more than 180,000 U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps troops descended on the Pacific island of Okinawa for a final push towards Japan. This invasion was known as Operation Iceberg. The Battle of Okinawa was the last major battle of World War II.
Major General Roy S. Geiger, assumed command of the 10th Army during the Battle of Okinawa and was the first Marine Officer to command a field Army. Marine Corps base Camp Geiger in North Carolina is named in his honor.
**Significant Terminology**

- **Hacksaw Ridge** - Refers to a 400-foot vertical cliff heavily defended by Japanese troops hunkered down in a network of caves and dugouts. The fight at Hacksaw Ridge, Okinawa began on April 26, 1945 and did not end until May 6th. Much of the fighting was hand-to-hand and was brutal for both sides.
THE CHOSIN RESERVOR
NORTH KOREA
1950
In the winter of 1950 Marines pushed into North Korea and were surrounded by 10 Chinese Divisions. Marines destroyed 7 of the 10 Divisions, bringing out all wounded and dead Marines and all operational gear.
Colonel William E. Barber, fought on Iwo Jima during World War II and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War. Then Captain Barber and his company of 220 men held off more than 1,400 Chinese soldiers during six days of fighting in North Korea.
**THE CHOSIN RESERVOIR**

*Significant Terminology*

- **Frozen Chosen** - Refers to the US 1st Marine Division, trapped in North Korea’s Chosin Reservoir, November 1950, during the Korean War. These Marines fought during the worst blizzard in a century, the ensuing battle is considered by the United States Marine Corps to be 'the Corps' Finest Hour.' The soldiers who fought there would later become known as the 'Frozen Chosen.'
THE BATTLE OF HUE’
VIETNAM
1968
Fighting in Hue’ City, Vietnam was both intense and the most confusing Battle Marines had ever experienced. Marines and South Vietnamese forces were desperately trying to counter a surprise onslaught that became known as the Tet offensive. First Battalion, Fifth Marines suffered many casualties as they breached Hue’ City’s historic Citadel.
HUE’, VIETNAM

Significant Marine

- Gunnery Sgt. John Canley led an undersized company of Marines during one of the Corps’ bloodiest urban street battles in Hue City, Vietnam. Outgunned by nearly 10,000 North Vietnamese Army soldiers, who assaulted the urban stronghold in January 1968 as part of the infamous surprise attack that would become known as the Tet Offensive, Canley took command of Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment after its commanding officer was severely wounded at the outset of the battle. From Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, 1968, Canley exposed himself on numerous occasions to machine gun and rocket-propelled grenade fire as he led his company and helped keep his Marines alive.
**Significant Accomplishment**

- As the ancient imperial capital, Hué was the cradle of Vietnamese history and culture, and the symbol of a unified Vietnam. Hué stood as a tremendous psychological prize in the struggle for control of that longsuffering country.
DESERT SHIELD / DESERT STORM
SAUDI ARABIA
(KUWAIT / IRAQ)
1990 / 1991
After Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, the United Nations intervened with a stern resolution warning Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait or be driven out by United States and UN forces. Iraq refused, and Operation Desert Shield began.

This operation validated the Marine Corps Maritime Prepositioning Force (MPF) concept and enacted the concept of tailoring MAGTF units to fit each specific mission.
DESERT STORM, IRAQ

- From the air, Marine pilots used fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft to destroy Iraq's air and naval forces, anti-air defenses and ballistic missile launchers. The 1st and 2nd Marine Divisions broke through Iraq's southern border while 8,000 Marines kept the Iraqi army distracted in the north.

- On Iraqi soil, Marines crossed minefields, barbed-wire obstacles, booby traps and fire trenches while under attack from Iraqi artillery. Combining precise air operations, tenacious amphibious assaults and versatile land tactics, the Marines led one of the most successful assaults in modern warfare.

- Marine ground forces swept into Kuwait and liberated the country, causing severe damage to the Iraqi military capability.
Significant Leader

- General Norman Schwartzkopf commanded coalition forces during Desert Shield and developed a reputation for leading from the front, thus earning the nickname “Stormin Norman”.
Significant Terminology

- The Persian Gulf War refers to the war between the United Nations, led by the United States, and Iraq led by dictator Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990.

- By Jan 1991, The United Nations became known as the Coalition Forces, working in unison to liberate Kuwait.
OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF)

NOV 2001 – MAR 2003
After the attack on our Nation on September 11, 2001, the entire American military focused its might on defeating Al-Qaeda. Two months later, Marines were the first major ground forces in Afghanistan.
In mid-December, 2001, Marines from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit captured Kandahar Airport and converted it into one of the first coalition command centers in the country.
OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF)
MAR 2003 – DEC 2011
The Battle of Nasiriya was fought between the US 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade and Iraqi forces from 23 March to 2 April 2003 during the US-led invasion of Iraq.

On the night of 24–25 March, the bulk of the Marines of Regimental Combat Team 1 passed through the city over the bridges and attacked north towards Baghdad.
Marines assaulted the city of Fallujah after a humanitarian convoy protected by private contractors was ambushed and the contractors were burnt and hung from bridges. Due to false press statements, international pressure forces the Marines to halt the attack.
In August 2004, Marines took the fight to insurgent forces in a door-to-door clearing centered on Wadi As-Salam Cemetery.
During Nov/Dec 2004, Marines recapture the city of Fallujah in Operation Phantom Fury. Tough and chaotic house-to-house clearing is compared to Hue’ City. Citizens were told to leave the city if they didn’t want to fight. Iraqi Insurgents were challenged to come fight Marines in the city.
After Fallujah was secured, the hub of the insurgency moved to Ramadi where fighting was intense and frequent. 

In August, insurgents executed a tribal sheik who was encouraging his kinsmen to join the Iraqi police and prevented his body from being buried in accordance with Islamic laws. In response, Sunni sheiks banded together to help the Marines drive insurgents from Ramadi.
Significant Marine

- Corporal Jason Dunham was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for actions in Karabilah, Iraq
- First Marine to be awarded the Medal of Honor since Vietnam
- Dove on a grenade with helmet and body shielding everyone else in the squad
AFGHANISTAN

2009 – 2011
1st Bn, 5th Marines occupied Nawa as part of Operation Strike of the Sword and was considered to be a main part of the Taliban movement in the Helmand Province. By 2011, Nawa was the first district to be turned over to a complete Afghan control.
AFGHANISTAN, 2010 (MARJA)

- Operation Moshtarak 2010, Marines from 1st Bn, 6th Marines moved into Marjah, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, believed to be the last Taliban stronghold.

- Marjah was considered to be the highest opium producing district in the entire country, a primary source of Taliban funding.
AFGHANISTAN, 2010/11 (SANGIN)

- The heaviest fighting in recent years.
- 5th, 7th and 9th Marines battled Taliban fighters during Operation Sangin Sunrise.
- High numbers of casualties
  - 2010 - 25 KIA, 184 WIA
  - 2011 - 17 KIA, 191 WIA
Significant Marine

- Sergeant Dakota Meyer is the 1st living Marine to receive the Medal of Honor since Vietnam
- Was awarded the Medal of Honor for actions in Kunar Province, Afghanistan 2009
- Purposefully made five trips into an ambush kill zone to locate and extract four Marines who were trapped and killed. He also evacuated over two dozen Afghan soldiers
Significant Terminology

- ISAF - The International Security Assistance Force, established by the United Nations Security Council, for the primary purpose of training the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and assist Afghanistan in rebuilding key government institutions.
QUESTIONS
PATHBREAKERS
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(MONTFORD POINT MARINES)
After President Roosevelt established fair employment practice, African Americans had the opportunity to be recruited into the Marines.

During the first seven years, these Marines were segregated from normal recruit training sites.

These Marines were sent to Montford Point, NC which was later renamed Camp Johnson, NC.
PATHBREAKERS
(NAVAJO CODE TALKERS)
Fluent speaking Navajo Indians were recruited to participate in the most successful military code ever created, and never broken.

Radio operators participated in every island-hopping campaign of the Pacific.

Saved countless lives just by speaking their native language.
PATHBREAKER
(CORPORAL IRA H. HAYES)

- Native American (Pima Tribe) and One of the six Marines who raised the flag on top of Mount Suribachi

- One of 27 out of 250 of his original company strength

- Never considered himself a hero
PATHBREAKER
(WOMEN MARINES)

PLATOON 16-A

WOMAN RECRUIT BATTALION
S.SGT. J. L. SHIPMAN
SGT. H. E. MANOS
DEC. 10th 1954

BN. HONOR PLATOON

M.C.R.D., PARRIS ISLAND, S.C.
SGT. N. L. AGNEW
CPL. J. K. PAULSON

PHOTO BY, MAAS
1918 – The Secretary of the Navy allowed women to enroll for clerical duty in the Marine Corps

300 women enrolled in that first year

June 12th, 1948 - Congress passed the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act and made women a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps
The first woman to enlist in the Marine Corps on 13 August 1918, but certainly not the last. In fact, during WWI, thousands of women arrived for recruitment days in major cities, but the Marines required intense mental and physical stamina in addition to superior office skills, which resulted in only a small portion of these enthusiastic women successfully enlisting. In these major cities, local women were recruited for office work so that male personnel could be reassigned to the front. Without these women, the Marines would have lacked the man-power necessary to their success.
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THE U.S. MARINES WANT YOU TO STUDY