

The Mini Page

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Meet the U.S. Marines

photo by Marine Corps Sgt. Armando Elizalde

Mini Fact:

Marines land an amphibious assault craft during an exercise in Finland.

Each November, Americans honor veterans of the U.S. military. This year, The Mini Page learns more about the United States Marine Corps, which celebrates its 247th birthday on Nov. 10.

Who are the Marines?

The United States has six branches of military forces: the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Space Force.

The branches work together on some missions, including during wartime.

The Marine Corps (pronounced CORE) is the United States' **expeditionary force in readiness**. This means that Marines are trained in and work at responding quickly in a crisis. (An **expedition** is a journey that people take with a purpose or goal in mind.)

Marines are also trained to provide **power projection**, or force, from the sea.

Marine history

The Second Continental Congress made a resolution on Nov. 10, 1775, to form the Continental Marines. The first eight Marines signed up that day at the Tun Tavern in Philadelphia.

In March 1776, the Marines made their first **amphibious** landing at New Providence Island in the Bahamas. ("Amphibious" means

a military unit can assault a land target from the water.) They captured a British fort and took away the supplies there for Washington's army in the Revolutionary War.

Marines helped with other battles of the war and fought off pirates. After the war ended, the Continental Marines were **disbanded**, or broken up.

First foreign battle

In July 1798, President John Adams signed an act to establish the U.S. Marine Corps.

Three years later, Marines joined the U.S. Navy to respond to raids on **merchant ships** (ships carrying goods) in the Mediterranean Sea. In 1805, after several battles in Tripoli, a treaty was signed with that country.

The "Marines' Hymn" remembers this battle in its first verse: *"From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli, we fight our country's battles in the air, on land and sea."*

Marine Mini Facts

- The Marine Corps motto is *Semper fidelis*. This is Latin, meaning "always faithful."
- *Honor, Courage, Commitment* are the core values, or principles, that Marines live by.



An amphibious assault vehicle lands on an island near San Clemente, California, for exercises.

U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Ryan Carpenter



photo by Eric Long, courtesy of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation

The flag from Rosenthal's photo can be seen at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. The high winds at the top of the mountain shredded its edges.

Famous Marines

Have you ever heard of Iwo Jima? This island, part of Japan, was the scene of an important battle during World War II.

The Japanese had air bases on the island that made it difficult for American planes to bomb Tokyo. In February 1945, Marines invaded, and the battle continued until the end of March.

When Marines and sailors overtook Mount Suribachi on the island, they raised a flag on the peak of the mountain, and photographer Joe Rosenthal took a picture. The picture became a famous symbol of the war.

Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPMarine

At the library:

- "The United States Marine Corps" by Tracy Vonder Brink
- "The U.S. Marine Corps in Action" by Percy Leed

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of the U.S. Marine Corps are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

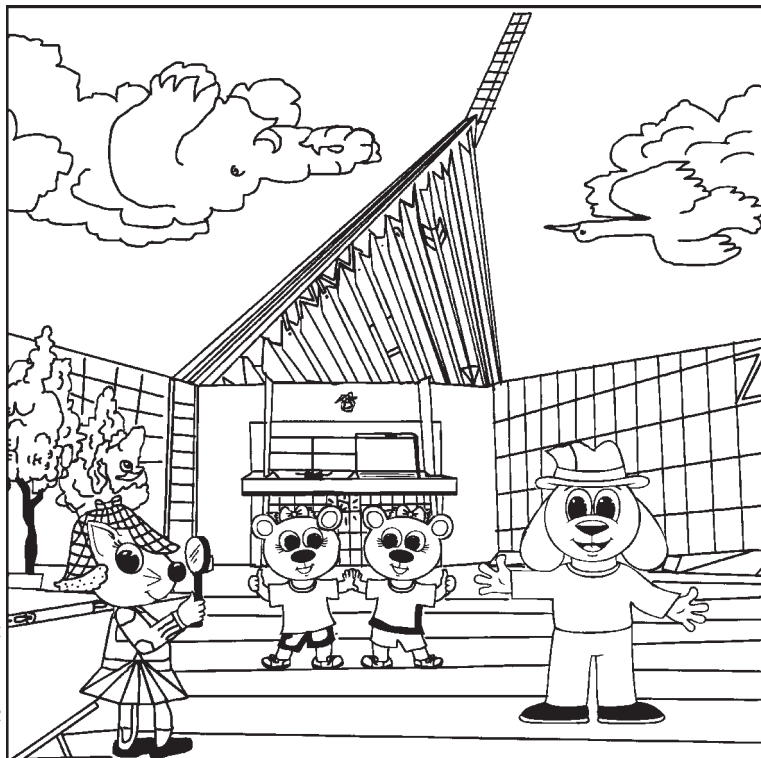


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Mini Spy Classics

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting the Marine Corps Museum. See if you can find the hidden pictures. Then color the picture.



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- umbrella
- word MINI
- number 7
- letter A
- letter Z
- arrow
- bird
- bearded man
- number 3
- rolling pin
- ladder
- elephant head
- book
- sock
- letter H
- gift
- cat

Mini Jokes



Mick: What do you call a part-time Marine?
Mia: A submarine!

Eco Note



Iron may soon be used as a source of clean and renewable energy. The element has an energy density higher than gasoline in powder form but produces no carbon emissions. It can easily be transported for use in heavily polluting industrial plants and ships. After iron is burned, it leaves behind iron oxide, which can be turned back into iron. However, other energy is needed for that chemical reaction.

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For later:

Look in your newspaper for articles about Veterans Day activities in your area. Veterans Day is Nov. 11.

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