



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS OUTING

DATE: THURS 23 JUNE 2016

PLACE: NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS - QUANTICO, VA

How fitting that Mother Nature felt compelled to kick off this outing to the Marine Museum with "incoming" cracks of lightening and loud booms of thunder --- she was simulating an aerial attack on our group as we ran for cover from our cars to the bus (for coffee & donuts) prior to leaving the James River Bus parking lot.

This was really an unplanned assault as the first WAVE deployed promptly at 0830 under a heavy deluge of sheets of rain and very limited visibility. OK, so much for the dramatics!

On this outing, a group of 30 Navy League members, Marines and guests enjoyed the numerous and outstanding exhibits that followed the Marine Corps history from its founding in 1775 through the Civil War and on to the Battle at Belleau Woods (WWI) and the Marine combat action in the South Pacific (WWII), to the (frozen) Chosin Reservoir in Korea, to the bloody guerrilla warfare in Vietnam.

Lunch on the 2nd deck at the Devil Dog Diner or at Tun Tavern was a welcome break before the afternoon tour.

Voted one of the favorite exhibits was the pre-invasion briefing the group received before boarding a landing craft and the simulated landing on the beaches of Iwo Jima with actual footage taken during the invasion in 1945.

Add to that, the impressive sight of the actual U.S. Flag (large 2nd flag) that was raised by Marines on Mount Suribachi made for a very memorable display.

A most enjoyable outing was handled by our Council Directors as follows: Ed Gibbons, Ken Lee, Milton Owen, William Seaton and Carol Zembroski. Thanks for their help in making this outing a success! 🍷

