Semper Fi!
U.S. Marine Corps Photographs

The Still Picture Branch of the National Archives is excited to share more than 6,000 recently digitized photographs of U.S. Marine Corps activities in World War II and Korea.

A large portion of this incredible series covers USMC presence in Korea, with additional images dating back to the advent of photography and covering a wide variety of USMC activities. Within this series, you will find images of USMC aircraft, the Marine Corps Band, artillery, atomic bomb testing in Nevada in 1952, communication equipment, commandants, the Cunningham Collection (early aviation photographs), insignia, medical evacuation (medevac), Marines on liberty, Medal of Honor recipients, enlistment posters, the surrender of Japan, and Japanese and Allied prisoners of war (POWs).
The World War II subjects include the Battles of Bataan, Bougainville, Cape Gloucester, Central Solomons, Corregidor, Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, Japan, Marshall Islands, Midway, New Britain, Okinawa, Philippines, Saipan, Tarawa, Tinian, and Wake Islands. There are also photographs of Navajo Indians and wounded soldiers. The Korea section consists of photographs of various USMC campaigns in Korea, as well as views of aircraft, artillery, bunkers, cemeteries, close air supply and support, communications, engineering activities, captured weapons and equipment, and much more.

Looking for U.S. Marine Corps service records or photographs? Learn how to search and request these records on History Hub.

Want to learn more about these records? The Unwritten Record's Operation Watchtower: The Guadalcanal Campaign blog post features many photographs from this series.

Transcription Mission

In addition to the images themselves, the captions and additional descriptive information on the backs of the photographs have also been digitized and are now available in the Catalog. Currently the metadata is limited to general subject headings, so we need your help. Your transcriptions will help unlock the details within each photograph and make these records more discoverable!

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New in the Catalog

8,124 new photographs from the Space Shuttle mission Endeavour (STS-99) in February 2000, were added to the series Mission Photographs Taken During the Space Shuttle Program, 4/12/1981 - 7/21/2011. Photographs include observations of the Earth and astronauts working and living in the shuttle.

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