



Study Guide

1. Name the first Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Captain Samuel Nichols

2. Who was the first Marine Corps Commandant to reach the rank of Brigadier General?

Archibald Henderson

3. Who was the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps?

General John A. Lejeune

4. What are the most common Marine nicknames?

Leathernecks, Devil Dogs, and Soldiers of the Sea

5. Why are Marines called Devil Dogs?

Names given to Marines by German soldiers for their fierce fighting during WWI

6. What is the title given to the Marine Corps Band?

The Presidents Own

7. What title is given to the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps?

The Commandants Own

8. Name the three parts of the Marine Corps Emblem?

Eagle, Globe, and Anchor

9. What does the Eagle represent?

Nation

10. What does the globe represent?

Worldwide service

11. What does the anchor represent?

Naval traditions

12. What is the Marine Corps motto?

Semper Fidelis

13. What does the Marine Corps motto mean?

Always Faithful

14. What are the official colors of the Marine Corps?

Scarlet and gold

15. Name the only Marine ever awarded (5) Navy Crosses for bravery?

Lieutenant General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller

16. What is the Marine Corps mascot?

A bulldog named Chesty in honor of Lieutenant General Chesty Puller

17. Name the only (2) Marines who received (2) Medals of Honor?

General Smedley Butler and Gunnery Sergeant Dan Daly

18. Which Marines are authorized to wear a scarlet stripe on their uniform trousers?

Officers, Staff NCOs, and NCOs

19. Name the sword carried by Marine Officers

Mameluke

20. Name the Marine Corps Officer who was presented the Mameluke Sword?

Presley O'Bannon

21. What is the Marine Corps term for a toilet or bathroom?

Head

22. What is the Marine Corps expression for candy or sweets?

Pogeybait

23. What is the Marine Corps and Navy term for left?

Port

24. What is the Marine Corps and Navy term for right?

Starboard

25. What does the Marine Corps call the floor?

Deck

26. What does the Marine Corps call a bed?

Bunk or Rack

27. What does the expression "gung ho" mean?

Pull together

28. What do the letters "CMC" mean?

Commandant of the Marine Corps

29. Where are the official battle colors of the Marine Corps located?

Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets, Washington, D.C.

30. Who was the first Woman Marine?

Opha Mae Johnson, May 1918

31. Who was the first Marine Corps aviator?

Major A. A. Cunningham

32. What are the (3) types of flags used in the military?

Storm, Post, Garrison

33. When is the Garrison flag used?

Sundays and Holidays

34. Who wrote the National Anthem?

Francis Scott Key

35. When was the National Anthem written?

September 13-14, 1814, during the Battle of Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Maryland

36. What is the birthdate of the Marine Corps?

November 10, 1775

37. From what country did we get the tradition of a Marine Corps?

Great Britain

38. After the Revolutionary War the Marines were disbanded (along with the Army and Navy). When were they recreated?

July 11, 1798 by a resolution of the United States Congress

39. If you are not in formation, but in uniform, what do you do when the National Colors is being raised, lowered, or passed by in a parade?

Salute

40. If you are in charge of a unit of troops, what do you do when the National Color is being raised, lowered, or passed by in a parade?

Command "Attention," face the flag and Hand Salute

41. When is the only time you stop off with the right foot?

Right Step

42. When marching in formation, what is the correct distance between you and the person in front of you?

40 inches (measured from back to chest)

43. What is the correct interval in formation at normal interval between you and the person to your left and right?

30 inches, or an arm's length with fingers extended

44. What is the correct distance at close interval?

4 inches

45. What is the correct length of step when marching at half step?

15 inches

46. What is the correct length of step when marching at quick time?

30 inches

47. What is the correct length of a step when marching backward?

15 inches

48. What is the correct length of a step when marching at right/left step?

12 inches

49. What are the Marine Corps' core values?

Honor, Courage, Commitment