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The Lima Company Memorial, The Eyes of Freedom

<http://www.limacompanymemorial.org/>

THE MEMORIAL

The Lima Company Memorial, The Eyes of Freedom was created as a result of a vision of an Ohio artist, in which she saw the finished memorial and felt she was being asked to create it. With the help of the families of the fallen and the returned Marines of Lima 3/25, the work was created and unveiled in the Ohio State House Rotunda in 2008, as the vision foretold.

Although the paintings in this Memorial specifically depict the 23 fallen Marines from Lima 3/25, it has become much more: a Remembrance of Spirit & Choice for all who have answered the call of service. Behind each portrait we feel the hearts and spirits of the thousands of men and women who have served, fought and died for their country, in every branch of the armed forces.

It has been said, "There is no greater love than this: than one lay down his life for his friends." These Marines and thousands more have given their lives for us. The Memorial now travels to tell the story of love and sacrifice, as a reminder of the great price men & women are willing to pay for their country. This work is offered in gratitude for their gift.



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M16A4



Purpose

No recruit earns the Marine title without first gaining proficiency as a marksman with the M16 service rifle. Designed for three-round burst or single-shot semi-automatic firing, the M16 is lightweight, yet still pinpoint accurate, capable of hitting targets with precision at a maximum effective range of 550 meters.

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M4 Carbine



Purpose

With less weight and a shorter barrel, the M4 Carbine rifle ensures the "Every Marine a Rifleman" credo is just as appropriate at shorter distances and in confined space as it is from 500 yards out. Whether moving town to town or room to room, Marines continue to exhibit exceptional marksmanship with the M4.

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M249 SAW



Purpose

The M249 Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW) is the fireteam's automatic weapon, providing Marines with the ability to quickly gain and maintain fire superiority. The M249 is counted on to provide the bulk of each Marine fire team's firepower, yet it isn't so heavy that it sacrifices maneuverability.



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M27 IAR



Purpose

The M27 Infantry Automatic Rifle (IAR) is a lightweight, magazine-fed 5.56mm weapon used by the United States Marine Corps. It is intended to enhance an automatic rifleman's maneuverability. The U.S. Marine Corps is planning to replace a portion of the M249 light machine guns currently employed by automatic riflemen within Infantry and Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalions.

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M240B



Purpose

The M240 Machinegun provides Marines with a continuous and high rate of fire to engage long-range targets. It is a heavier automatic weapon than the M249 Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW) but provides a faster rate of fire and a longer effective range. Typically, the tripod is employed when the weapon is to be used for defensive situations, or when precise fire is needed in support of maneuver units. The bipod is always attached and is suitable for use while patrolling.

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M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun



Purpose

The Browning .50 Cal Machine gun provides Marines with automatic weapon suppression fire for offensive and defensive purposes. This weapon can be used effectively against enemy personnel, light armored vehicles and slow, low-flying aircraft. When mounted to the M3 Tripod, the machine gun permits a high degree of accuracy and control of fire.

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Mark 19



Purpose

At the smallest unit level, the lightest weapons often carry the day, as maneuverability is one of the primary assets of a Marine fireteam. When high-volume, suppressive fire support is required, there are few weapon systems as effective as the MK19 Mod 3 Automatic Grenade Launcher. Capable of destroying most light-armored vehicles, protecting supply convoys and even defending against hovering rotary aircraft, the MK19 provides Marine infantry battalions with the means to deliver massive direct fire or indirect fire from hidden positions. The MK19 rapidly fires explosive 40mm grenades, making it an ideal weapon against armored, mechanized and enemy infantry forces.

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60MM Mortar/81MM Mortar



Purpose

Marines are known for their exceptional ability to work cohesively as a unit, and nowhere is this more evident than when mortar teams are providing effective, indirect fire on a target. With 60mm and 81mm mortars, Marines work together to provide constant and accurate high-angle suppressive fire on targets they may not be able to even see. Marine mortar teams locate targets by converting chart data to firing data, delivering mortar fire in timely response to the ground units they support.

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RQ-7B Shadow



PURPOSE

The recent development and fielding of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) has delivered even more capabilities to our Marines. One such aircraft, the RQ-7B Shadow, is deployed in squadrons as an asset of the Marine Expeditionary Force or Marine Expeditionary Brigade. Designed to provide reconnaissance, relay communications and assist in target acquisition, the RQ-7B Shadow keeps an eye above the battlefield for extended periods of time, constantly relaying information between Marine air and ground controls. The Shadow enhances the capabilities of Marine commanders across the spectrum of military operations and was first deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom in September 2007.



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ITV - M1161 Growler



Purpose

The M1161 Growler is an Internally Transportable-Light Strike Vehicle (ITV-LSV) designed specifically for use with the V-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft. Fulfilling multiple roles of Light Utility, Light Strike and Fast Attack vehicle, it is smaller than most international vehicles in the same role. The Growler has taken over duties of the M151 Jeep variants and completely replaced the Interim Fast Attack Vehicle (IFAV). The United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) has expressed interest in a modified version.[1] A separate Marine variant, the M1163 Prime Mover is a combination 120mm mortar and integral ammunition trailer.

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HMMWV



Purpose

Since the mid-1980s, there hasn't been a Marine vehicle more utilized for a wider variety of missions than the Marine HMMWV. Operating on every area of the battlefield, Marine HMMWVs are truly multipurpose vehicles, serving such functions as command and control, troop transport, shelter carrier, towed weapons mover, armament carrier, TOW missile system carrier and even ambulance. For Marine units requiring specific vehicle configurations, Marine HMMWVs have several kits that can be easily installed to meet the requirements of each mission

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