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Restore the Iwo Jima Monument

Partner Fundraising Resource Packet

Help your community support the restoration of the historic Iwo Jima monument at Quantico. This packet provides five ready-to-publish posts, answers to common questions, historical context, and practical guidance for sharing the campaign responsibly.

The Message to Carry Forward

Our community can help preserve a place of remembrance for future generations. Funds are still needed. Invite people to learn more, give through the official campaign, and share the opportunity with others. Keep every appeal welcoming and focused on service, remembrance, and restoration.

Where to Send Supporters

Official campaign link:
https://www.marineheritage.org/restore-iwo-jima

Use this campaign page as the starting point for every donation request. It links to the restoration giving form. Gifts support MCHF's restoration effort, subject to required planning and approvals.

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How to Use This Packet

- Choose one of the five social posts below and publish it with the official campaign link.
- Use the frequently asked questions for donor inquiries and the conservation section for questions about the process and timing.
- Follow the partner sharing instructions and donor verification guidance before promoting the campaign.

Partner message: We are sharing the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation's restoration campaign and encouraging our community to support it directly.

Sharing standard: Do not publish fundraising totals, speculate about motives, assign political blame, or promise a completion date. Recheck changing facts before reusing this packet.

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Social Media Posts

Copy the text beneath any post heading. Each post includes the official campaign link and can stand alone.

Post 1: Invite the Community

Help preserve a place of remembrance. The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation is raising funds to help restore the Iwo Jima monument at Quantico. Funds are still needed, and our community can help. Learn more, consider a gift, and share this opportunity with someone who cares about preserving Marine Corps history.

https://www.marineheritage.org/iwo-jima-restoration-updates

Post 2: Honor Service

For those who served, their families, and the generations still learning their stories, places of remembrance matter. Join us in supporting the Restore the Iwo Jima Memorial campaign. Let's turn our care for Marine Corps history into positive action. Give or share through the official campaign page:

https://www.marineheritage.org/iwo-jima-restoration-updates

Post 3: Encourage Confidence

Want to learn more before giving? Start with the source. The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation is the nonprofit partner supporting the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Visit its official

restoration campaign page, learn about the effort, and use the donation link provided there. Thank you for helping our community give thoughtfully.

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Post 4: Support Careful Restoration

Preserving a historic stone monument takes care, expertise, and patience. We support a thoughtful restoration that respects the original work and the history it carries. Help the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation's Restore the Iwo Jima Memorial campaign by making a gift or sharing the official page with your community.

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Post 5: Keep the Response Positive

Let's bring our community together around remembrance and care for our shared history. Funds are still needed for the Restore the Iwo Jima Memorial campaign. Whether you give, share this post, or invite a friend to learn more, you can help keep the response constructive and welcoming. Join us here:

https://www.marineheritage.org/iwo-jima-restoration-updates

Suggested Imagery

Use a permitted photograph of the intact Quantico monument, a respectful detail of the sculpture, or a partner-approved campaign graphic.

Link to Approved Images

Link to Approved Graphics

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Publishing Notes

Facebook and LinkedIn: Retain the full campaign link.

Instagram: Place the official campaign link in your profile or a Story link sticker. If using a profile link, replace the URL sentence with: “Learn more and give through the official campaign link in our bio.” Verify that the link is live before publishing.

Optional hashtags: #MarineCorpsHeritage #IwoJima #PreserveHistory #USMC

A Short Reply for Political Comments

We’re focused on honoring service and supporting the monument’s restoration. We welcome everyone who wants to help preserve this history. Campaign information is available at https://www.marineheritage.org/iwo-jima-restoration-updates

A Short Reply to a Legitimacy Question

Thank you for checking. This is the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation’s campaign. You can verify the organization and follow the donation link directly from its official website: https://www.marineheritage.org/iwo-jima-restoration-updates

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Frequently Asked Questions & Talking Points

Is the Foundation Legitimate?

Yes. MCHF identifies itself as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax ID 26-0803466. It publishes IRS Form 990s and audited financial statements. Donors can review those records and independently check the IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search.

Who Are MCHF and the Museum?

Founded in 1979, MCHF preserves and shares Marine Corps history through museum support, education, scholarship, and the arts. It raised the funds to build the National Museum of the Marine Corps. The Museum opened in Triangle, Virginia, on November 10, 2006.

The National Museum of the Marine Corps, or NMMC, is a Marine Corps institution under Marine Corps University. It cares for and exhibits Marine Corps material history and provides research, public programming, and educational resources. MCHF is its nonprofit partner; the Foundation and Museum have distinct roles.

Why Is MCHF Helping With This Monument?

Preserving this memorial fits the Foundation's heritage mission. MCHF offers a way for private supporters to contribute to that work. Donations support the effort while the necessary planning, permissions, and specialist decisions guide treatment.

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What Happened?

On October 21, 2026, the historic Iwo Jima monument outside Marine Corps Base Quantico's Main Gate was severely damaged in an act of vandalism. The damage included the loss of a figure's head and damage to other portions of the limestone sculpture.

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation is raising funds to support its restoration, giving Marines, veterans, families, and supporters a constructive way to help preserve this important piece of Marine Corps history.

Are More Donations Needed, and How Will Gifts Be Used?

Funds are still needed. Direct supporters to the restoration campaign for the current purpose and giving terms.

Refer questions about allocation, unused funds, fees, or gift restrictions to MCHF. Do not promise that every dollar goes to physical repairs, quote an unapproved cost, or announce a fundraising total.

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Conservation and Timing

What Does Restoration Involve?

A qualified stone conservator should document the damage, assess stability, examine cracks and surviving fragments, and develop a treatment proposal.

Depending on the assessment, work may involve reattaching sound fragments, fitting matching replacement stone, or compatible repairs. Samples and methods should be evaluated before treatment, with final documentation and follow-up care.

These are general conservation steps, not an announced scope for this monument. General Services Administration guidance stresses professional judgment and project-specific specifications.

What Is Happening Now?

The full restoration scope is being assessed. A final treatment plan, contractor selection, and completion date should be shared only when confirmed by MCHF and the responsible authorities.

How Long Could It Take?

There is no verified completion date in the reviewed campaign material. Partners should describe restoration as a process with several stages. Assessment, estimates, permissions, material matching, specialist availability, treatment, and curing all affect the schedule.

For expectation setting, allow for a process that could extend over months, particularly if replacement carving or seasonal delays are involved. This is a planning inference from the work involved, not a published duration or a project estimate.

Do not attach a number of weeks or a reopening date without a conservator-approved schedule.

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Why Does Winter Matter for Limestone?

Water that enters porous stone or cracks can freeze and expand. Repeated freezing and thawing can widen cracks and cause pieces to break away. The Canadian Conservation Institute illustrates this damage in limestone.

This explains a risk to assess; it does not establish that the Quantico monument has structural instability.

Cold or wet conditions can also limit installation and curing. GSA's limestone repair procedure calls for favorable dry weather and protection of repaired masonry from freezing for at least 48 hours. Actual limits depend on the selected treatment and materials.

Specialists may need protective measures or a later weather window. Winter can therefore lengthen the schedule.

Partner reminder: Do not arrange volunteer cleaning, gluing, patching, sealing, or fragment handling. Offer professional services through MCHF so they can be considered within the authorized restoration plan.

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Monument History

The Monument and the History It Preserves

The Iwo Jima monument at Quantico connects a defining moment of World War II with generations of Marines, families, and visitors. Created by sculptor Felix de Weldon, the limestone sculpture depicts the raising of the American flag atop Mount Suribachi on February 23, 1945, during the Battle of Iwo Jima.

The Moment Behind the Monument

Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal captured the second flag raising on Mount Suribachi that day. His photograph became one of the most recognized images of World War II and received the 1945 Pulitzer Prize for Photography. Although fighting on Iwo Jima continued after the flag raising, the image became an enduring expression of determination, teamwork, and sacrifice. National Archives

The sculpture gives that moment a lasting physical presence. Its figures working together to raise the flag offer a place to reflect on the service of those who fought on Iwo Jima and the lives lost during the battle.

Felix de Weldon and the Quantico Sculpture

De Weldon began working on a sculptural interpretation after seeing Rosenthal's photograph in 1945, while serving in the U.S. Navy. His work on the flag-raising scene included the limestone sculpture that stands at Quantico and culminated in the much larger bronze Marine Corps War Memorial dedicated in Arlington in 1954. The Quantico monument is part of that artistic history and an important work in its own right.

Marine Corps historical research records the Quantico monument's dedication at the base's main entrance on November 10, 1951—the Marine Corps' birthday. Its location made the flag-raising scene a familiar landmark for those entering and leaving the base.

Why Preserving It Matters

Restoring the Quantico monument preserves both a historic sculpture and a place of remembrance. Its significance rests in the event it depicts, its connection to de Weldon's work, and its longstanding presence at the entrance to a Marine Corps installation.

Careful restoration will help future generations encounter that history through the monument itself—preserving its artistry and its ability to prompt reflection on service, sacrifice, and shared responsibility.

Partner sharing note: This campaign supports the limestone Iwo Jima monument at Quantico. Use photographs of the Quantico sculpture and identify its location clearly so supporters understand which monument their gifts will help restore.

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Donor Verification Guidance

Help Donors Verify an Appeal

Start with the official website. Type marineheritage.org into your browser and navigate to the campaign. Use its donation button rather than an unsolicited payment request.

The campaign currently links to marineheritage.givevirtuous.org. A different checkout domain alone does not prove fraud; confirm the path from the official site.

Verify the organization. Check the legal name and tax ID against MCHF's financial transparency page and IRS records. Read financial disclosures and ask how the gift will be used.

A valid charity registration does not authenticate every fundraiser using its name.

Take time to decide. Avoid pressure and demands for gift cards, wire transfers, or payment to a personal account.

Use a traceable payment method, review recurring-gift settings, retain your receipt, and check the amount charged. Report suspected scams at https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

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Partner Sharing Instructions

Direct Supporters to the Official Campaign

Send supporters directly to:

https://www.marineheritage.org/iwo-jima-restoration-updates

Before creating a separate fundraiser, collecting money, or promoting a benefit event, coordinate the arrangement and donation handling with MCHF.

Identify Your Role Clearly

Identify your organization as a supporter. Request permission for logos and current campaign images. Do not imply that MCHF or the Marine Corps endorses your organization.

Check image rights, credits, and alternative text.

Keep the Message Accurate and Positive

Use the copy as supplied or adapt it without changing factual claims.

Keep fundraising totals private and avoid speculation about motive, nationality, politics, or legal outcomes.

Respond Thoughtfully to Comments

Moderate under your organization's policy. Answer sincere questions with the FAQ, redirect political debate once, and remove abusive content as appropriate.

Refer media, investigation, technical, and financial-policy questions to MCHF.

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Confirm Updates Before Sharing

Before each new wave of sharing, check the campaign for updates.

Ask MCHF to confirm specialist interviews, estimate gathering, restoration milestones, and any new timeline before describing them as current.

Contact Information

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