



## Recommended Visit Plan for Large Student Groups

The purpose of this plan is to maximize instructional time and minimize congestion in the Museum. Organization, communication, and advance planning guarantee the best possible experience for students as well as for teachers and chaperones. To begin, **schedule your visit by calling 703-965-3198**. Once you are on the schedule, use this document and planning tool as you prepare.

### General information of interest

- NMMC opens daily at 9:00am. Recommended visit time is about 3 hours. Arrival times and intervals between destinations within the Museum may be adjusted depending on the specific needs of the teacher.
- Groups who pack their own lunches **must** eat at the Museum's **outdoor** picnic facility. To order student lunches ("dine in" or "to go") from the Mess Hall, please call 703-649-2369.
- **A large student group is defined as 40+ students.**

To accommodate a large group and move smoothly through the museum, it is helpful to divide students into four groups. Each group will begin at a different gallery and move through the museum in a specific order. This is important to prevent overcrowding in any gallery. See the plan listed below.

### Important notes about grouping your students:

- Each group (**A-D**) must have at least one adult chaperone per every ten students.
- Depending on the **total** number of students visiting with their school, there may be more than ten students in **Groups A-D**, as long as the student to chaperone ratio (10:1) is maintained.
  - For example, a **total** group size of 120 students would have 30 students and 3 adults in each of **Groups A-D**. All students assigned to a group would follow the same schedule.

### Organizing your visit:

- There are seven galleries available at the Museum. We recommend selecting the ones that meet your instructional goals then using any additional time to visit *Scuttlebutt Theater* to see the 15 minute movie overview or browse the museum store.

-*Defending the New Republic*   -*Marines in WWI*   -*Korean War*   -*Making Marines*  
-*Global Expeditionary Force*   -*Marines in WWII*   -*Vietnam War*

- Teachers should plan to spend 30 minutes *per gallery*. Select the number of galleries according to the time you have available. For example, select 4 galleries for a 2 hour visit.
- Before you arrive, determine which galleries will best suit your instructional goals. The following page can be used to plan the order for each group to visit selected galleries. We can discuss instructional objectives for each gallery; contact the [Teacher in Residence](#) (703-221-8430) for more information.
- It is also recommended that the schedule and gallery materials be given to each chaperone prior to your arrival. Chaperones that are well informed **prior to the visit** can effectively assist students as they encounter exhibits and direct their learning.



## A Planning tool for creating your visit agenda

**STEP ONE** Designate your galleries. Select 5 galleries for a 3 hour visit OR 4 galleries for a 2 hour visit.

**List them here.**

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP TWO:** Use the list to complete the chart. Replace the reference number with the name of the gallery.

	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
9:00 – 9:05	Arrival/ Welcome	Arrival/ Welcome	Arrival/ Welcome	Arrival/ Welcome
9:10 – 9:40	1	5	4	3
9:40 – 10:10	2	1	5	4
10: 40 – 11:10	3	2	1	5
11:10- 11:40	4	3	2	1
11:40 – 12:10	5	4	3	2
12:10- 12:30	Lunch and return to busses			

*EXTRA TIME???* Visit the Movie showing in Scuttlebutt Theater or browse the Museum Store.

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**EXAMPLE schedule for a 3 hour visit.** The teacher has selected five galleries:

- 1: Global Expeditionary Force
- 2: WWI
- 3: WWII
- 4: Korea
- 5: Vietnam

(Note that the name of the gallery has been added to the block with the same number)

	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
9:00 – 9:05	Arrival/ Welcome	Arrival/ Welcome	Arrival/ Welcome	Arrival/ Welcome
9:10 – 9:40	1 Glob. Exp. Force	5 <u>Vietnam</u>	4 <u>Korea</u>	3 <u>WWII</u>
9:40 – 10:10	<u>2</u> <u>WWI</u>	1 Glob. Exp. Force	5 <u>Vietnam</u>	4 <u>Korea</u>
10: 40 – 11:10	3 <u>WWII</u>	<u>2</u> <u>WWI</u>	1 Glob. Exp. Force	5 <u>Vietnam</u>
11:10- 11:40	4 <u>Korea</u>	3 <u>WWII</u>	<u>2</u> <u>WWI</u>	1 Glob. Exp. Force
11:40 – 12:10	5 <u>Vietnam</u>	4 <u>Korea</u>	3 <u>WWII</u>	<u>2</u> <u>WWI</u>
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## Museum Map

