

**Phoenix Project:** After witnessing the devastation on September 11th, construction workers vowed to rebuild the Pentagon before the one-year anniversary of the attack. The reconstruction effort was nicknamed "The Phoenix Project," derived from the mythological bird reborn from its own ashes. Starting November 19th, 2001, over 1,000 construction specialists labored 24 hours a day to finish the construction by August 15th, 2002. **-Exit building to the Center courtyard. Walk through Center Courtyard towards 3-4 Apex-Center Courtyard** This restful outdoor setting is the Pentagon Center Courtyard. The courtyard is used extensively by the people who work here to gain a bit of respite in the midst of what can be a high stress profession. It is the largest no hat, no salute zone within the continental United States. In fact, the U.S. Capitol building would fit in this 5 ½ acre plot of land. **- Walk through center courtyard into 3-4 Apex-Korean War** This Apex commemorates the Anniversary of the Korean War. On June 25th, 1950, North Korea launched an invasion across the 38th parallel into the Republic of Korea, today more commonly known as South Korea. North Korean forces were ultimately pushed back across this parallel by the amazing strength of the Allied Forces. When the Armistice, or cease-fire, was finally signed on July 27th, 1953, the Demilitarized Zone, or DMZ, became the permanent dividing line between North and South Korea. Now this 160-mile-long stretch of land is the most heavily militarized border and arguably the most dangerous place in the world. **Women in Military Service** Women have served in the military since the start of the American Revolution; first, as battlefield nurses, water bearers and cooks, and some even in disguise as Soldiers during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Today's conflicts have taught us that women and men serve together on an asymmetrical battlefield with no front lines. Now women serve as fighter pilots, surgeons, on submarines, and in many other positions. In 1948, women were finally officially integrated into the Services, and in 1976, more than 300 women were admitted to the Service academies for the first time. In 1993 women were allowed to serve on combat ships, and in 2010 began serving on Submarines. **- Continue along A ring, go up 1 floor using the ramp and proceed toward the Metro entrance. Turn left at the end of the ramp towards corridor 10, 2nd floor**

The Hall of Heroes This room is dedicated to approximately 3,500 recipients of the Medal of Honor, our Nation's highest military decoration. There are three different versions of the Medal of Honor. There is; the Army version, the Sea Service version (representing the Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard), and the Air Force version. The Medal of Honor may be worn in three ways: The Medal of Honor itself hangs on a light blue ribbon which is worn around the neck; it can also be worn as a ribbon, placed above and before all other ribbons worn on a military uniform; or, as a small rosette, worn on the lapel of proper civilian attire. Names of all the recipients are displayed on these walls and on the lists you will see two symbols: asterisks, which mark the fourteen service members who received two separate Medals of Honor for different acts of bravery; and dots which signify the five Marines who, while under the command of the Army during WWI, received both the Army and the Sea Service versions of the Medal of Honor for the same single act of bravery. Under the War on terrorism section, you will see the most recent recipients of the Medal of Honor. **-Exit Hall of Heroes towards the Metro Entrance**-Exiting Facts as you come towards the end of the Tour keep in mind that you've walked almost a mile and a half! There are about 17 ½ miles of corridor in the Pentagon, and over 6 ½ million square feet of floor space. Even though we are twice as large as the Empire State building, you can walk between any two points in the Pentagon in under seven minutes! There is nearly 100,000 miles of telephone wire, enough to wrap around the world 4 ½ times. On a normal day, Pentagon personnel make 200,000 phone calls, send over 1,000,000 emails, and drink almost 30,000 cups of coffee! The pentagon has 19 escalators, 131 stairways, 284 restrooms, 691 drinking fountains, 7,754 windows, and over 16,000 light fixtures. We hope that when you return home, you'll share what you've seen here with your friends, family, and neighbors. The Department of Defense stands ready to keep America and our Allies strong and free! Your military is the Strength of the Nation, and military families are the Strength of our force. When you see a Soldier, Marine, Sailor, Airman, or Coast in their service to our Nation. Guardsmen, take time to say hello, and encourage Them-

## Welcome to The Headquarters of the Department of Defense



## Self-Guided Tour Brochure

**Take Metro entrance escalators, 2nd floor.** Start by building Map. Walk towards A-ring and the food court escalators Main Concourse Welcome to the Pentagon. The Pentagon is the world's largest low-rise office building, and was built in just 16 months! Construction began on September 11th, 1941, and after the attacks on Pearl Harbor less than three months later, 15,000 workers would labor around the clock to complete this massive project on January 15th, 1943. The original Construction of the Pentagon was composed primarily of reinforced concrete, as iron and steel were needed for other war projects. Today the Pentagon has more than 26,000 employees, including military personnel, government civilians, political appointees, and contractors. **Take the food court escalators to the 4th floor. Continue in the A-ring towards corridors 9&10** Air Force The next few corridors will explore the history of each military branch, beginning with the youngest, the United States Air Force. The Mission of the Air Force is to Fly, Fight, and Win, Airpower anytime, anywhere. Today, the Air Force is led by the Secretary of the Air Force, The Honorable Frank Kendall, and Air Force Chief of Staff, General Charles Q. Brown, Jr. (Stop at Display Cases) The models show the dramatic advances in aviation technology over the past century. In the first case you can see the P-51 Mustang which was the long range single seat fighter, flown by the Famous Tuskegee Airmen, the Amazing African American fighter pilots who broke the color barrier in the Air Force. The center case shows the F-22 Raptor, a "5th generation" fighter that can fly faster than the speed of sound without afterburners, and remain as small as a bird on radar. The F-22 was built to ensure America's capability to establish "Air Dominance." **Space Force** The newest branch of armed forces in over 73 years is the United States Space Force and was created on December 20, 2019 and signed into effect by President Donald Trump. The symbol at the beginning of the apex and located throughout the displays is the delta symbol and was released as the official symbol of the Space Force on July 22, 2020. The silver outer border of the delta signifies defense and protection from all adversaries and threats emanating from the space domain. The black area inside embodies the vast darkness of deep space. The 4 beveled elements symbolize the joint armed forces supporting the space mission. Inside the delta the 2 spheres represent the action of a rocket

launching into the atmosphere in support of the centered role of the Space Force in defending the space domain. In the center is a star Polaris, which symbolizes how the core values guide the Space Force mission. The Space Force derives its roots from the Air Force Space Command activated on September 1, 1982, and operated as a major command of the United States Air Force. Additionally, it was based at Peterson Air Force base in Colorado, this command would eventually become the independent Space Force. **Coast Guard** The United States Coast Guard traces its roots to 1790 when Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton created the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service, which merged with the U.S. Life Saving service in 1915 to Establish the modern Coast Guard. Under the Department of Homeland Security, the Coast Guard is the principle federal agency for ensuring the safety and security of the maritime public, the global sea-going transportation system, and the integrity of our maritime borders. Every day, the Coast Guard saves 10 lives at sea, assists 117 people in maritime distress, and seizes 26 million dollars of illegal drugs. 47,000 strong, the Coast Guard is led by The Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Linda Fagan . **Navy** Anchors Aweigh! Welcome to the largest of the three sea services, the United States Navy. The Navy protects and defends America on, above, and below the sea. Your Navy is deployed around the world, around the clock, ready to defend America anytime the Nation calls. Keep in mind that 70% percent of the earth is covered in water, 80% percent of the world's people live near the sea, and 0% of all world trade travels by sea. The Navy's rich history began on October 13th, 1775, and from their humble beginnings, Our Navy has become the preeminent global Sea Power with 10 carrier strike groups, each anchored by an Aircraft Carrier of immense power projection. The current Secretary of the Navy is the Honorable Carlos Del Torro, he is the civilian to whom the 4-star Chief of Naval Operations, and 4-star Commandant of the Marine Corps report. **Marine Corps** On November 10th, 1775, Captain Samuel Nicholas formed two battalions of Naval Infantry at bar named Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the United States Marine Corps was born. Closely linked to the Navy, it has been under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Navy for nearly 200 years. Today the Marine Corps is a separate and distinctive service, operating as an

amphibious assault force capable of dominating and subduing its adversaries from land, air and sea. While only two-thirds the size of the Navy and Air Force, and only one-third the size of the Army, Marines have served with distinction in every American Armed conflict. The Marine Corps gained prominence during WWII when its doctrine of amphibious warfare became the cornerstone of the Pacific campaign against Japan. The Marine Corps is led by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General David H. Berger. - **Take the 3-4 Apex escalators to the 3rd floor.** Stop in 3-4 Apex-Army On June 14th, 1775, the Second Continental Congress raised ten companies of expert rifleman, and thus the U.S. Army, the Strength of the Nation, was established. The Army is the largest and most senior branch of the military. Our decisive land force, the Army provides flexibility in responding to challenges at home and abroad. Our Army is led by Secretary of the Army, The Honorable Christine Wormuth, and 4-star Chief of Staff, General James McConville. A high-quality, all volunteer force, the Army is composed of more than 500,000 active duty personnel, along with 350,000 thousand National Guard, and 200,000 Reserve Soldiers. The Army Service Flag is embellished with 187 Campaign streamers, representing wartime service from the American Revolution to present day. Today's Soldiers, Army Civilians, and their Families, are ready and resilient individuals. Army culture resonates in the phrase, "Once a Soldier, A Soldier for Life." - **Take 3-4 apex escalators to the 2nd floor. Walk along corridor 4 towards the E-Ring- Constitution Corridor** The Corridor you've just entered is dedicated to 23 of the 40 signers of the U.S. Constitution, all of whom were veterans of the American Revolutionary War. As you walk along the corridor, you can see their portraits on your left. These men, such as Alexander Hamilton, and George Washington, were instrumental in adopting the notion that our military would serve not only the Republic, but more importantly, its people. Every member of the United States military has raised their hand and affirmed that they "will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that they will bear true faith and allegiance to the same!" **Take the stairs or elevators at the end of the corridor down to the 1st floor; proceed to the 9/11 memorial in the E-ring-September 11th Attack** At 9:37 on the morning of September 11th, 2001,

Flight 77, an American Airlines Boeing 757 under the control of five terrorists, deliberately crashed into the Pentagon, killing all 59 passengers on board, and 125 personnel working in the building. Although nearly 20% of the Pentagon was damaged in the attack, undamaged offices were kept open, and our Nations Defenders focused on bringing those responsible to justice. (Proceed to the Indoor 9/11 Memorial) The indoor memorial commemorates those who perished on the plane and in the building. The Purple Heart Medal was awarded to military members who were injured or killed in the attack. The Defense of Freedom Medal was created after the attack, and became the civilian counterpart to the Purple Heart Medal. The back panels list the names of all 184 innocent victims, and the center book is here so that you may sign your name or write words of condolence to the families.