The National Park Service manages parks at or near 17 Marine Corps Installations. These parks provide free annual passes for military members and their families, and offer educational, cultural, artistic, and recreational experience opportunities.

The Marine Corps and the National Park Service engage in many regional partnerships to preserve land, lessen encroachment, protect endangered species, and ensure cultural resource management at military installations.

Since 1956, the Barracks’ marching and musical units have been playing homage to those who’s “uncommon valor was a common virtue” by presenting the Sunset Parades at the Marine Corps War Memorial. Sunset Parades began at the Lincoln Memorial in 2018.

Training installations are built in remote areas to ensure distance between urban centers. Parks like Joshua Tree and Mojave National Preserve protect these critical training installations and ranges by providing a buffer. The Marine Corps benefits from special use permits to conduct training activities in national parks, such as rock climbing in Joshua Tree and alpine training in Yosemite National Park.

Marine Corps Base Quantico and Prince William Forest Park share a boundary and maintain a programmatic for training area usage, explosive ordnance disposal services, and watershed planning.