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**Department of Defense (DoD) Non-Lethal Weapons Program Participates
in the opening of the National Museum of the Marine Corps**

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The DoD Non-Lethal Weapons Program, a program that coordinates the identification, research, and development of non-lethal weapons for the U.S. Services, announced today its participation as an exhibitor at the opening of the National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC) on November 10, 2006, the 231st birthday of the Corps.

“The Commandant is the Executive Agent for DoD’s Non-Lethal Weapons Program, and as a Marine I couldn’t be prouder to be part of this milestone event in the history of our Corps,” said Col. Kirk Hymes, Director of the Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate (JNLWD).

The Program, founded ten years ago, is guided by DoD Directive 3000.3, Policy for Non-Lethal Weapons (NLWs). The Directive established policies and responsibilities for the development and employment of NLWs and designated the Commandant of the Marine Corps as Executive Agent for the DoD Non-Lethal Weapons Program. The JNLWD, on behalf of the Executive Agent, leads the DoD in the identification, evaluation, and development of NLWs to enable their employment across the range of military operations.

“More importantly, non-lethal weapons provide military leaders additional capabilities to meet today’s complex missions and to help minimize fatalities among non-combatants. We are pleased to be one of many exhibitors participating in this symbolic day for the Corps,” said Col. Hymes.

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