



On Friday, November 21, 2025, the MCRD Museum Foundation had the distinct honor of attending a special breakfast alongside the Honorable John C. Phelan, 79th Secretary of the Navy; Brig. Gen. David C. Hyman, Commanding General of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region; members of the command deck; and the Foundation's Executive Director and Board President.

During this meaningful gathering, the Foundation was able to personally express its sincere gratitude for the Secretary of the Navy's approval to move forward with the Marine Spirit Monument project. Planned for completion by November 2026, the monument represents a lasting tribute to the legacy and spirit of the Marine Corps—made possible through the Secretary's support during his visit to the Depot, which also included observing the graduation of Mike Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion.

This special occasion underscored the strong partnership between the Foundation and Marine Corps leadership, as well as a shared commitment to honoring those who serve. The Marine Spirit Monument will stand as a powerful symbol of that collaboration and the enduring values of honor, courage, and commitment for generations to come.



Mock Design of Marine Spirit Monument coming to MCRD San Diego