



"SEMPER 5IVE NEWS"

Division 5 Young Marines- June 2020

FROM OUR DIVISION COMMANDER- CAROL ARMAN

I know the past few months have been a challenge for most of us – Young Marines and Adult Volunteers alike. I am completely amazed, however, at the effort, energy and creativity you have all put forth to stay connected and stay active! It is great to have so many of you watching out for one another during this time.

We have some truly amazing leaders in our Division. We ARE starting to emerge from the cloud cover – keep your face to the sun and we will see each other soon!



DIVISION YOUNG MARINE OF THE YEAR- STABEN

Greetings Young Marines and Adult Volunteers. As we grow as a Division, I want to remind all of you that together we are stronger. You all are doing extremely well with the continuance of communication and staying active within your communities. Please, make sure you are staying healthy and positive throughout these times. Due to the postponed events, this acts as an opportunity to grow and polish ourselves in accordance to our three pillars of the program; Teamwork, Leadership, and Discipline.

Throughout my life, I've used periods of waiting to correct my patience, allowing myself to become a more prominent leader, and I hope you all do the same. This past Memorial Day, we have remembered those who've made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Whether that be placing flags on memorials, holding a ceremony, or simply taking the time to think about those who haven't returned from the battlefield.

Furthermore, Flag Day is around the corner, and as Young Marines, it is our duty to honor, love, and cherish Old Glory. One thing I want you to keep in mind throughout your time in this program: failure is another door of opportunity for success. "I've failed over and over and that is why I succeed." -Michael Jordan

"Creating Tomorrows Leaders One Step At A Time!"
-YM/SgtMaj Nina R. Staben





DIV 5 CHALLENGE

Last editions challenge was to contact YMs and inform our Division Young Marine of the Year once done. **Way to go Michigan Regiment** on winning this challenge and contacting the most YMs!

During this time of staying at home, some of our Young Marines are getting discouraged. The challenge this month: **Spread some positivity!** Exhibit kindness and brighten up a fellow Young Marine's day in a creative way. Examples: make & mail a card with an encouraging message, pick a bouquet of wildflowers and leave them on their porch with a note, bake some cookies and drop them off, send a text telling them some of the positive things that make them special - you get the idea! [When your mission is accomplished, text, message or email YM/SgtMaj Staben \(nina_staben@yahoo.com\) to tell her how you made someone smile.](#) The Regiment who spreads the most positivity will win this challenge.

Ready... Set... Go!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer is here! Remember to join all our fun and leadership events today!

DDR Online Class:

Sunday, June 28 at 19:00 (7:00pm) EST

Division JLS: August 10-16 2020- Indiana

Division SLS: August 10-16 2020- Indiana

Jimmy Trimble Scholarship: September 1- details on page 7



DDR

Don't forget to join our next DDR call on June 28th at 19:00 PM EST. Check out our Division 5 Facebook page for more details. YMs, stay up on your hours!

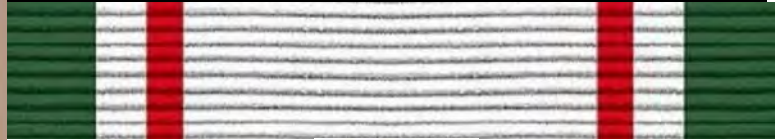
Answer to last newsletter DDR Trivia: Endorphins is the chemical released in the brain when a high is achieved?

DDR Trivia: What causes a hangover from drinking the next day?



FEATURED RIBBON

BY: YM/GYSGT POULIOT- PAC



With the school year coming to a close, we would like to feature the Academic ribbon, awarded to any Young Marine who maintains a 3.0 GPA or equivalent for a period of one academic year.

Requirements:

1. Any Young Marine maintaining a 3.5 grade point average or equivalent for a period of one academic year shall be recommended for the Academic Achievement Ribbon with gold lamp device. Attach a copy of the Young Marine's report card for each reporting period to your letter of recommendation to the lowest issuing authority.
2. Many schools do not mark by the 4.0 grade point system below; the unit commander must determine the equivalent grading system. A=4.0 B=3.0 C=2.0 D=1.0
3. Unit Commanders may use their discretion for plus and minus marks based on the schools within their area.

Gold Lamp Device – Authorized for wear if grade point average is 3.5 or higher. The Gold Lamp Device is a perishable device. If the Young Marine does not maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher, the following school year, they must remove the device.



Pictured above is YM/SGT Klingman from Ashtabula County Young Marines

"I feel the academic achievement ribbon is a great way to show a Young Marines hard work outside of drill and events. It shows initiative to not only strive outside the program but, to strive in the classroom. The academic achievement ribbon to me symbolizes the accomplishment of the learning process, gaining knowledge and skills to better my future."

SPOTLIGHT UNIT

BY: YM/GYSGT POULIOT- PAC

We are highlighting Hendricks County Young Marines from Indiana. The unit commander is Keith Gurley, the senior YM/SSgt Evan Clupper. In the Hendricks County Young Marines there are 27 Young Marines and 8 registered adults.

Young Marines has a different meaning to each person. Mr. Gurley describes young marines as a home, a family. "To the kids I tell them they are home, they are among family. I tell them we will challenge them to succeed, show them the importance of teamwork, and teach them to be leaders, not just at drill, but in their communities."

Remember Young Marines to challenge yourself, to bring your positivity to your community. Let's give a big OOH-RAH to the Hendricks County Young Marines!



NATIONAL ADULT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

BY: YM/GYSGT MILLER- PAC

The 2020 National Adult Volunteer of the Year goes to Mr. Jeff Porta. Not only is he the National Adult Volunteer of the Year but Division Five's Adult Volunteer of the Year.

Mr. Porta is the Unit Commander of the Ionia County Young Marines. Mr. Porta has been an Adult Volunteer of this program since 2012. He has been a great asset to Division 5. From staffing leadership schools to staffing encampments, Mr. Porta has made an impact on all he comes in contact with throughout Division 5 and more. The dynamic duo of Mr. Porta and his dog, Chloe, will always be a big asset of our Division.

Thank you Mr. Porta for all that you do and all that you continue to do. Our program would not be the same without you!



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RIBBON

BY: YM/GYSGT JAHN- PAC

YM/SgtMaj Andrew Hamper from the Ashtabula County Young Marines was awarded with the Distinguished Service Ribbon Award on Sunday, May 31, 2020. Since YM/SgtMaj Hamper joined the program in 2010, he has given so much of himself to the Young Marines program and has really stood out as an outstanding Young Marine. With YM/SgtMaj Hamper's excellence in leadership skills, he has trained, mentored, and motivated Young Marines throughout the country. YM/SgtMaj Hamper has held many high-level billets such as the Division 5 Young Marine of the Year in 2019, he has staffed national leadership school and local leadership schools, he has been the Sergeant Major of the Forge, and finally, he has been the Battalion Sergeant Major of the Ohio Regiment Encampment.

Beyond holding billets, YM/SgtMaj Hamper has also changed the communication of Division 5 by helping to create the idea of the newsletter you are currently reading, Semper Five. YM/SgtMaj Hamper's motivation, personal pride, and integrity epitomize the manner of which Young Marine leaders should project and present themselves.

He is highly commended for his performance of a Young Marine leader on all levels. Congratulations YM/SgtMaj Hamper on your excellent performance! Good luck with your future in the Marine Corps! Ooh- Rah!



DIV 5 LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, leadership schools across the country have been canceled. For our Division, there is bad news and good news on this front.

The Bad News: the JLS in June and SLS in July that were scheduled in Michigan have been canceled due to the camp not opening this summer.

The Good News: We have secured another facility to reschedule these schools! Providing that COVID restrictions do not cause additional problems in the coming months, we will hold a joint JLS/SLS on August 10-16 in Indiana. Additional information will be released very soon and will include the extra precautions we will be taking to protect the health of our Young Marines and Adult Volunteers at the school.

If you are interested in attending leadership school, get with your Unit Commander or adjutant to make sure you have everything ready. If you had planned on attending JLS or SLS at the National Leadership Academy, we will make room for you in this upcoming school so you can continue to advance in the program!

**WATCH FOR SIGN UPS SOON TO
ATTEND THE SCHOOL OR
TO JOIN THE STAFF!**

**ONCE INFO IS RELEASED UC'S OR ADJUTANTS MUST
REGISTER YM'S VIA THE DATABASE UNDER LOCAL
LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS EVENT TAB.**

THE FORGE

BY: YM/GYSGT JAHN- PAC

Right now, each state in the Division has different restrictions due to COVID-19. Because The Forge requires YMs to travel across state lines to be together, we are concerned about adhering to local guidelines. Therefore, The Forge is being postponed until spring. Battalion and Regiment Commanders, however, have been asked to schedule multi-unit events for later this summer or fall that will require less traveling but still allow units to get together.

These events will be some type of fun activity either for a day or a weekend. It may take some areas a little longer than others to schedule an event due to travel and gathering restrictions, so please be patient. We will share these events with you in this newsletter as they are developed and scheduled. Our priority is for Young Marines to stay healthy while remaining active and having fun!





HDF CHALLENGE

BY: YM/GYSGT WEBB- PAC

As we all know the HDF Challenge has ended.

The top 5 Adult Volunteers are:

1. Painted Turtle (Rhonda Meldrum, Lapeer County)
2. Chameleon (Karen Hepner, Port Huron)
3. Baby Blues (Genelle Dinfee, Chesty Puller)
4. Red Queen (Sheryl Briley, South East Wisconsin)
5. Animal Mother (Jay Wheeler, Miami Valley)

The top 5 Young Marines are:

1. BearNKCH (Noah Hesselbrock, Cincinnati)
2. Bjmathews (Braedyn Mathews, Hendricks County)
3. Salty Bookworm (Ethan Braeglemann, Lancaster County)
4. Kcmathews (Kenzie Mathews, Hendricks County)
5. KittyCatWhiskers (Lily Derzay, South East Wisconsin)

The top 5 units overall:

1. Lapeer County (MI)
2. SE Wisconsin (WI)
3. Rochester Hills (MI)
4. Miramar (CA - Div 6)
5. Miami Valley (OH)

Congratulations to all of you and thank you again to everyone who participated in this year's challenge. Stay tuned next year for better structure and challenges that will come!



MEMORIAL DAY HONORS

BY: YM/SGTMAJ STABEN- DYMOY

Memorial Day is a day to honor those who've made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. This day is looked upon by many who are thankful for those that haven't made it back from the battlefields. In recognition of "those" who have made that sacrifice, it is our duty as Young Marines of the nation to keep them in memory; whether that be placing flags on memorials, holding a ceremony, or simply reflecting upon the heroes that allowed us to deliver our freedoms. Fortunate for us, our nation has a day in place to remember these heroes, and it allows us to reflect on the selfless sacrifice that each man and woman made for our country. This day isn't a day planned for family barbeques, store discounts, or a day off from school. It is a day to honor the fallen that helped fight to keep our country free. Young Marine units around the division have come together to remember our heroes on Memorial Day, 2020.



Lake County Young Marines placed flags on memorials at Warren Township Cemetery and Highland Memorial Cemetery



Young Marines praying for those who've fallen for our country



Young Marines placing a wreath on a memorial

JIMMY TRIMBLE SCHOLARSHIP APPROACHING

BY: YM/GYSGT POULIOT- PAC

In memory of Pvt James "Jimmy" Trimble, USMC who was killed in action in World War II during the battle of Iwo Jima, The Jimmy Trimble scholarship is awarded to an outstanding male and outstanding female Young Marine.

Each year, the Young Marines program awards the two \$1,000 scholarships to be applied to any accredited institution of higher education, trade, or technical school. No specific field of study needs to be declared to apply or receive the scholarship.

In addition to receiving the \$1,000 scholarship, recipients will also travel to Washington DC to attend the American Veterans Center Banquet, visit the gravesite of Pvt James "Jimmy" Trimble, and also travel to Guam/Iwo Jima along with the Division Young Marines of the Year.

The scholarship is merit based. Applicants must be in good standing in the Young Marines, must be in the Young Marines program for a minimum of three years, and must be graduating high school seniors.

Application requirements include:

- Cover Letter addressed to the Young Marines National Executive Director. (Please include the name of your high school and the name of the college/university or trade school you wish to attend.)
- Standard resume stating your objectives, qualifications, chronology of achievements inside and outside the Young Marines, hobbies, and other interests.
- A 500-Word Essay on any World War II Marine and how this Marine has influenced you.
- Full-Length Photograph of applicant in the Young Marine Alpha uniform.

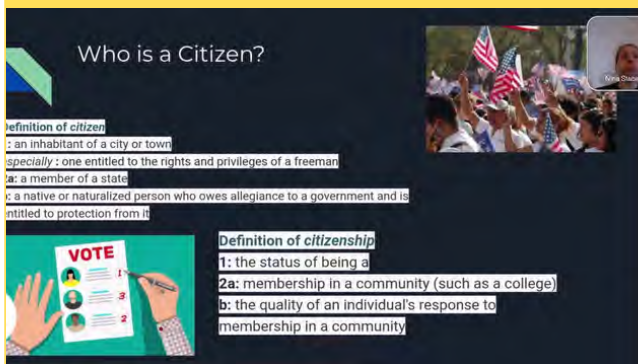
The application deadline is September 1st, 2020. Send your application to the Education Manager Headquarters Young Marines kayla.nakano@youngmarines.com

Any questions should be directed to Kayla Nakano at 800-717-0060 or kayla.nakano@youngmarines.com



STAYING ACTIVE DURING COVID

BY: OUR YOUNG MARINE PUBLIC AFFAIR CORRESPONDENTS



Lake County Young Marines have been staying connected via online conference call every Monday to discuss learning objectives, PT sheets, community service opportunities, and staying engaged. They are also planning to hold a promotion ceremony for newly graduated Young Marines.



The Fox Valley Young Marines have been doing online zoom calls. The zoom calls involve physical training, XO board, challenging quizzes to take, and D.D.R classes. The unit also participated in a Memorial Day event. Keep up the good work Fox Valley Young Marines.



Over 15 Young Marines from Greater Cleveland were able to donate to a local food pantry. Along with their food donations, the Greater Cleveland Young Marines also gave \$100 to the Cleveland Food Bank which will provide approximately 400 meals for families in need. We are happy and willing to help our communities as much as possible. Stay motivated and dedicated by doing little things that mean so much! "Your greatness is not what you have, it's what you give".



The Young Marines of Cincinnati have been taking turns teaching classes each week while another Young Marine prepares a Kahoot game that reviews the information from the class. These Young Marines have not only been training online every single week, but they have also been motivated enough to take part in virtual PFTs, movie nights, and very soon they will be having a socially distanced encampment. Also, we want to give a huge shoutout to YM/LCpl Hesselbrock who recently completed his very first perfect PFT and he came in first place in the Division 5 HDF Challenge.

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