28 June 2022

From: Young Marine Liaison, Department of Florida Marine Corps League
To: Scott Westervelt, Commandant Department of Florida Marine Corps League

SUBJ: YOUNG MARINE REPORT 2nd QUARTER 2022

1. **Status:** The State of Florida has One (1) Regiment, 2 Regional Support Officers, and 19 Young Marine Units. The State of Florida has 503 Young Marines, 56 recruits and 160 registered adults. Congress did not fund the National Young Marines Program for 2022. Please write your congressman and encourage them to add the Young Marines back in the budget.

2. **Drug Demand Reduction (DDR):** The 1st Florida Regiment continues to pave the way in being drug free. The Young Marines received 1,168.5 hours of Drug Demand Reduction Training for the period 1 April through 28 June 2022.

3. **Community Service/Veterans:** The 1st Florida Regiment continues to pave the way in being active in their community and supporting veterans. The Young Marines performed 7,566.75 hours of community service for the period 1 April through 28 June 2022.

4. **Leadership School:** On 10 June 2022, 19 Young Marines graduated Junior Leadership School in North Port, FL. John Gionet certified Steve Black as a Leadership School Director.

5. **Marine Corps League Detachment support:** The Young Marines program still receiving the support of local Detachments during the pandemic. See below for specifics.

   ➢ **Support:** Considering NYMHQs not receiving monetary support from Congress, I ask that each Detachment look at supporting a Young Marine Unit in Florida. I am available to help you make a connection to a YM Unit near you.

   ➢ **Donations:** The Col Phillip DeLong Detachment #1267 donated $1,000 to the Young Marines of the Orlando Devil Dogs.
6. New Units: YM Liaison is still working on starting several new Young Marine Units in the State of Florida. Congratulations to our newest Young Marine Unit.

- Working on a new YM Unit in Winter Haven, FL. The Heart of Florida Det #1107 on board to assist. Need at least 1 more adult volunteer to get started.
- Charlotte County MCL Detachment #756 is interested in starting a Young Marine Unit. YM Liaison will be visiting the Detachment meeting on 9 July 2022.
- Flagler County MCL Detachment #876 is interested in starting a Young Marine Unit.
- Heart of Florida MCL Detachment #1107 is interested in starting a Young Marine Unit. They have Adult Volunteers and are working on the Unit Charter application.
- Cpl Spears MCL Detachment #066 is currently resurrecting the Pensacola YM unit. Several members have already been approved as adult volunteers.

7. Units needing assistance: If you are interested in starting, volunteering, or assisting a local Young Marine Unit, please contact me. I can be reached as indicated in paragraph 9.

8. Trips/Visits/Recognition: I visited the following events as the Young Marine Liaison.

- Young Marine Liaison executed a Junior Leadership School in North Port Florida.
- DOF Commandant Scott Westervelt and the Young Marine Liaison John Gionet attended the recognition of Imagine at North Port YMs in Tallahassee for being the National Unit of the Year. The YMs executed a Color Guard and assisted in escorting the 2021 Veterans inducted in the Florida Hall of Fame.
- Volusia Young Marines to provide a Color Guard for the National Convention Banquet.
- Volusia and Orlando Devil Dogs to aid for air travelers attending the National Convention at the Daytona and Sanford Airports on 14 Aug 2022.

9. Contact Information: Should anyone have, any information may contact me at phone number (407) 963-9388 or by email at sgtmajgna@earthlink.net

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Imagine at North Port Young Marines (National Young Marine Unit of the Year) at the State Capitol being recognized with the National Director Bill Davis, DOF Commandant Scott Westervelt, and the Young Marine Liaison John Gionet.

Imagine at North Port Young Marines in MGen Hartzell’s officer with the National Director Bill Davis, DOF Commandant Scott Westervelt, and the Young Marine Liaison John Gionet.
Junior Leadership School Graduates with their certificates and the Young Marine Liaison John Gionet 10 June 2022