



Awards Manual



THIS PAGE
INTENTIONALLY
LEFT BLANK

Contents

<u>Letter from the National Executive Director</u>	2
<u>Young Marine Medallions</u>	4
<u>Plaques, Longevity Award Pin, and Streamers</u>	5
<u>Wearing of the Ribbons and Shoulder Cords on YM Uniform</u>	7
<u>Distinguished Order of Merit</u>	8
<u>Adult Volunteer Awards</u>	12
<u>The President's Volunteer Service Award</u>	15
<u>Young Marines Ribbon Chart & Devices</u>	17
Individual Ribbon Award Descriptions	
<u>Personal Awards</u>	19
<u>Achievement Awards</u>	29
<u>Service Awards</u>	42
<u>Qualification Awards</u>	50
Appendix A – Personal Award Examples	i

Young Marines Awards Manual

From: National Executive Director
To: Distribution
Subj: **Young Marines Awards Manual**

1. Purpose. The purpose of this manual is to provide information and guidance regarding the awarding of Young Marines' ribbons and awards.
2. Cancellation. This manual supersedes all other Awards Manuals.
3. Promulgation. This manual contains information relating to appropriate procedures for recommending ribbons and awards.
4. Summary. It is not the intent of this manual to have Young Marines re-qualify for ribbons and awards that they have been awarded. Rather, it is strongly suggested that Unit Commanders review the new guidelines for awards to ensure that those awards already earned fall within the new guidelines.
5. Awards issued by authority of National Executive Director only.
 - a. All Young Marine awards listed as "Lowest Issuing Authority – National Executive Director," require a request for award submission form with the HQYM box selected to be sent via the Young Marine's chain of command.
 - b. Summary of action. A summary of action is required to ensure that the act for which the Young Marine is being recognized for a personal award contains necessary information for a creditable citation to be drafted. The summary of action should contain YM rank, name (first, MI, last), Young Marine Unit, time, date, location of event, and a summary of the event for which Young Marine is being recognized. When appropriate, it should contain supporting documentation from eyewitnesses and/or recommendations from on-scene observers.
 - c. All requests for ribbons and awards should be expedited. A reasonable amount of time between the action for which Young Marine is being cited and the time the recommendation is forwarded through chain of command should not exceed forty-five days.
 - d. Requests to higher headquarters for ribbons/awards should be scanned and emailed or mailed through the proper chain of command to include each level's Commander's signature. Requests without appropriate signed endorsements will be returned without action. You may forward a copy of the request form to the National Deputy Director as notice that the original is being processed through the chain of command.
6. Any questions regarding contents of this manual or recommendations for change should be forwarded to Headquarters Young Marines.



William P. Davis
National Executive Director

Issuing Authority: The lowest issuing authority listed on the description page of the award describes the lowest level authorized to issue the award. The issuing authority can only issue the award for their level. For example, the lowest issuing authority for the YM Encampment Ribbon is the Battalion Commander. If two units from the same battalion hold a joint encampment then the Battalion Commander may issue the YM Encampment Ribbon. Since both of these units are in the same battalion, the Battalion Commander, as issuing authority, will make the database entries.

Note: It is the unit's responsibility to enter all unit level ribbons, awards, and devices in the database. Battalion, Regiment, and Division Commanders enter any ribbon or award that requires their appropriate level device in the database. It is also the unit's responsibility to order all ribbons, devices, and awards. National Level ribbons, awards, and devices will be entered and awarded by Headquarters Young Marines personnel.

Young Marines Awards Manual

Young Marine Personal Award Recommendations

When recommending awards for Young Marines, use the [Young Marine Personal Award Recommendation](#) form located in the library. A snapshot of the form is shown below. This form is usable on all levels to include national ribbons/awards. Following the guidelines above regarding national ribbons/awards, use this form to initiate higher headquarters award requests. The form must be filled out correctly and in its entirety before it is sent through the chain of command. Any commander may require more information to justify the award request, and they will contact the original sender directly. Each level commander will either recommend or deny the award request. If recommended, the commander will forward the request to the next level. If denied, the request will be returned to the original sender.

YOUNG MARINE PERSONAL AWARD RECOMMENDATION ENSURE ALL BLOCKS ARE FILLED IN, SIGNED AND DATED.

1a. FROM: ADDRESS:		1b. UNIT:			
2. TO (Awarding Authority): <input type="checkbox"/> BATTALION <input type="checkbox"/> REGIMENT <input type="checkbox"/> DIVISION <input type="checkbox"/> HQYM					
3a. YOUNG MARINE NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI): UNIT:		3b. DOB:	3c. RANK:	3d. DOR:	3e. DOE:
4a. RECOMMENDED AWARD:		4b. LIFESAVING ONLY: <input type="checkbox"/> 1ST <input type="checkbox"/> 2ND <input type="checkbox"/> 3RD			
5. ACTION DATE/MERITORIOUS PERIOD:		6. GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF PERSON/SERVICE:			
7a. NAME AND TITLE (ORIGINATOR):		7b. GRADE/TITLE:		7c. DATE:	
8. FORWARDING PERSEMENTS					
VIA	COMMAND (Include Telephone Number)	RECOMMENDED AWARD	SIGNATURE	DATE FWD	
UNIT					
BN					
RGT					
DIV					
9. TO BE COMPLETED BY AWARDING AUTHORITY					
DISPOSITION OF BASIC RECOMMENDATION			SIGNATURE, TITLE		DATE APPROVED

Example

Young Marines Awards Manual

Young Marines Medallion

The Young Marines Medallion is an award that can be given for activities such as competitions, top graduates of selected events or local schools, Adult Volunteer(s), or an award to businesses that have supported the command level with donations, advertisement, etc., that the commander (any level) believes is noteworthy and is appropriate to present with a Letter or Certificate of Appreciation. The back of the medallion can be engraved so as to personalize the award. This award is available through the gear store located in the database. The awarding of the medallion is determined by the appropriate level of authority.

The color of the drape will depend on level of authority.

Level	Drape Colors	Award Authority
National Medallion	red, white, and blue	National Headquarters
Division Medallion	red	Division Commander
Regiment Medallion	white	Regiment Commander
Battalion Medalion	blue	Battalion Commander
Unit Medallion	yellow	Unit Commander

The medallion is a command level award and not the Distinguished Order Merit (DOM). DOM recipients that have received the national level medallion for the DOM in the past and do not have the DOM medallion, may request one from Headquarters Young Marines. Commanders may request the National medallion award for an Adult Volunteer that has made significant contributions to the program but does not meet the criteria for the Distinguished Voluteer Award (DVA).

Wearing of a medallion (most senior one received only) at unit, battalion, regiment, division, Young Marine birthday balls and formal events is authorized for Young Marines and Adult Volunteers. Additionally, Adult Volunteers may wear the senior medallion received at the Adult Leaders Conference (ALC) Grand Banquet. Division Young Marines of the Year will not wear any drape medallion at ALC.

Young Marines Awards Manual

Plaques

Young Marines plaques are 5"x7" or 7"x9" wood plaques with a red face and gold background. These plaques can be ordered through the gear store located in the database. Each plaque comes with a brass plate for the purpose of engraving and can be fixed on the plaque. Units or higher headquarters can order these plaques for any purpose they deem acceptable such as "Thank You" plaques to supporters, "Honor Graduate" plaques for recruit training, service awards for Adult Volunteers, etc.

Orders for the Young Marines Medallions or Young Marines Plaques should be placed well in advance of the event to ensure availability.

Longevity Award Pin

The Longevity Award Pin is available to Adult Volunteers to show their years of dedicated service to the Young Marines program. These pins start at year 1 and go to 20+ years.

The Longevity Award Pin is authorized for wear on the official Adult Uniform and the optional Uniforms. This pin will be worn on the collar of the black polo for the official Adult Uniform, or centered 1/8" above left breast pocket above the nametape on the Young Marines Camouflage Uniform.

Streamers

Streamers are small pennant-like flags that are attached to your unit colors and/or unit guidon. Certain ribbon awards are authorized streamers. The streamer design and colors will match the ribbon award for example, if the unit is awarded the Young Marine Unit Commendation ribbon, the streamer, which is authorized, will look like the ribbon. See chart on next page.

Units are authorized to attach an 18 inch streamer to their unit guidon pole and to their unit colors. These streamers are affixed to these poles using a streamer attachment ring that can be ordered through the Young Marines Gear Store.

Questions concerning streamers may be directed to the Headquarters Young Marines at 800-717-0060.

Young Marine Streamers



- Notes:** (1) 18" streamers are authorized for attachment to the Unit guidon staff or Unit Colors staff.
(2) 12" & 24" streamers are authorized for attachment if this size is what was sent from Headquarters Young Marines.
(3) All streamers are for specified National Events and will be issued by Headquarters Young Marines.

Young Marines Awards Manual

Wearing Ribbons on the Young Marine Uniform

Ribbons are worn so that the lowest row of ribbons is 1/8-inch above the left breast pocket patch and centered. Ribbons are worn in the order of precedence as established in this manual. They are preferably worn in rows of three; however, they may also be worn in rows of four. Ribbons that become soiled or faded should be replaced.

On female coats/blouses with horizontal pockets, ribbons will be worn as prescribed above. On female khaki shirts and coats without the faux pocket, the bottom of the ribbon bar is worn centered and even between the first and second buttons on the dress uniform.

Young Marines are not required to wear all of the ribbons they have earned. If they decide not to, the following rules apply:

1. They must start at the highest ribbon earned, and work from the top down. The DDR and Basic ribbons must be worn.
2. There is no minimum number of ribbons required.
3. The maximum number of ribbons allowed will be based on the amount of ribbons that will fit under the guidelines of 2/3rds of the ribbon showing under the lapel. This will vary depending on the build of the individual Young Marine.

Note: The highest level device will be worn unless specifically noted on the individual event description page (i.e., if it is a National Award, then the Gold Frame will be worn), all palms and star devices will be removed. The Swimming, PFT , and Gold Lamp devices are perishable devices. A perishable device is a device that if the Young Marine is not currently eligible for that device, it must be removed and replaced with the appropriate device or no device. Exceptions to the above rules will be on the specific description page for each ribbon.

Shoulder Cords

The Blue Shoulder Cord is worn by the Division Young Marines of the Year. The Gold Shoulder Cord is worn by the National Young Marine of the year. The Shoulder Cord will be worn on right shoulder of dress uniforms for the remainder of their time in the program.



DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF MERIT (DOM)

1. **PURPOSE**

The purpose is to outline requirements to earn the Young Marine Distinguished Order of Merit (DOM).

2. **INTENT**

The Young Marine Distinguished Order of Merit (DOM) is the highest award a Young Marine can earn. This award is intended to recognize those who have demonstrated, through their superlative example, the values the program considers worthy of special recognition. The DOM is intended for those senior Young Marines who have committed themselves to the ideals of the Young Marines program. They have reached a point in their Young Marine career where a final level of achievement is made through a process reserved for those special few who have excelled to a higher level. This award may also be presented for special recognition to those who have provided a level of support to the Young Marine programs at a national level above and beyond the call of duty.

3. **REQUIREMENTS**

Requirements for this award will be laid out in the paragraphs to follow. It is not the intent that this award be easy to achieve, nor impossible. The requirements will be followed and no exceptions will be made. Ribbons that have been earned through the normal Young Marine training and education process will not have to be “re-earned.”

Young Marine Requirements

- a. The notice of intent will be by recommendation from your Unit Commander or Executive Officer. This notice will be in writing and sent to the Division Commander who will then endorse and send notice of receipt. Upon receiving the notice of receipt from the Division Commander, the Young Marine may begin to compile the package for submittal and submit the plan for their project.
- b. Ensure the Young Marine’s Record Book is accurate and up to date.
- c. Submit the Young Marine’s plan for their sustainable Veteran/Community Service Project. This submittal should include the name of the project, who (individual, group, or organization) the project will benefit and why, a comprehensive plan of events from start to finish for the project selected, and approvals from appropriate sources and agencies for the project (permits, licenses, etc). Below is an example of a Veterans Service Project Plan.

Project title: Clean and Maintain the Veteran’s Park on Canal Street.

Young Marines Awards Manual

Benefit: This project will benefit the entire community by restoring the Veteran's Park to a level of pride where the community will be able to come and see the memorials that are there. Currently, all the memorials and plaques are overgrown with brush and weeds, and they require cleaning. The park gate is in disrepair and will need replacing. The flagpole has not had a flag flying from it for many years. It requires scraping, new paint, a new line, and a flag.

Plan: I have drafted a letter that will be provided to local businesses explaining the project and seeking donations. A breakdown of each line item below as well as copies of the permit required for replacing the gate can be found on page 2 of the plan. The estimated start date is 1 March with the re-dedication ceremony taking place on 15 April.

Estimated Costs:	Cutting and removing brush and weeds	\$40.00
	Cleaning memorials and plaques	\$120.00
	Mowing and edging	\$25.00
	Replace park gate	\$225.00
	Clean, re-paint, attach new line and flag to pole	\$300.00
	Re-dedication ceremony	<u>\$500.00</u>
	Total	\$1210.00

- 1) Things to consider when selecting a project should include but are not limited to:
 - a) Who or what will this project impact?
 - b) Support of the community – get in writing
 - c) Media Coverage
 - d) Assistance and labor
 - e) Legal Issues – can this be done?
 - f) What is the liability?
 - g) What is the plan for future maintenance by yourself or others?
 - 2) Things to do following the successful completion of the project:
 - a) Submit a complete after action review (AAR) with before and after photos along with proof of completion of the other requirements.
 - b) Send thank you notes to all who assisted you in any way.
- d. Ribbon Requirements
- 1) Discipline
 - a) Earn the Drug Demand Reduction ribbon with the DEA device
 - b) Earn the Academic Achievement ribbon for the previous two completed academic years at time of application
 - c) Additional Required (2 of 3)
 - (1) Physical Fitness Test ribbon with level II device – earned and maintained for the previous 2 required PFTs
 - (2) Good Conduct ribbon
 - (3) Attendance ribbon
 - 2) Leadership
 - a) Earn the Advanced, Senior, and Junior Leadership ribbons
 - b) Additional Required (3 of 6)
 - (1) Young Marine Staff ribbon– National Level
 - (2) Young Marine Staff ribbon – Division Level
 - (3) Young Marine Staff ribbon – Regiment Level
 - (4) Young Marine Staff ribbon – Battalion Level
 - (5) Young Marine First Sergeant ribbon

Young Marines Awards Manual

- (6) Young Marine Sergeant Major ribbon
- 3) Teamwork
 - a) Earn the Community Service ribbon with 2 bronze stars
 - b) Veterans Appreciation ribbon
 - c) Additional Requirements (2 of 3)
 - (1) Drill Team ribbon
 - (2) Color Guard ribbon
 - (3) Sportsmanship ribbon
- e. Write two articles suitable for publication in and submitted to the Esprit Magazine. One essay may be on any subject dealing with American values. It may be about an event or a prominent individual but one that requires research and relevant facts. The other will be on your Veterans/Community Service Project. Include photos of your project for inclusion in the magazine. Submit a copy of your articles with your AAR to your Division Commander.
- f. Submit the completed package to your Division Commander using the [DOM Request Submission Form](#). The package must include the AAR for the project and the two articles submitted to the Esprit magazine.

AWARD INFORMATION

The Distinguished Order of Merit has two distinct designs:



The Badge (cast and in color) will be worn on the right breast pocket of the Young Marines Service Uniforms. It can also be worn on a blazer or displayed as in a shadow box.



A subdued patch of the badge will be permanently affixed to the right breast pocket of the official Young Marine woodland style camouflage uniform.

A certificate of authenticity and a letter from the National Executive Director will also be presented.

Adult Volunteer Awards

Distinguished Volunteer Award (DVA)



The Distinguished Volunteer Award is the highest award an Adult Volunteer (AV) can receive. The DVA is awarded by the National Executive Director, at his discretion, to an AV who has demonstrated a level of achievement within the Young Marines program, going above and beyond the call of duty, at the local, regional, or national level in a manner in which the value of service positively impacts the Young Marines program on a regional or National level.

This award may also be presented for special recognition for a National Young Marine project, event, or initiative. It may be awarded for an AV's lifetime achievement and/or retirement from service from the course of a many years of service to the Young Marines organization. Approval is at the discretion of the National Executive Director.

Submission and Nomination Process

Nominations for an AV shall be prepared and submitted via memorandum from a Unit Commander (UC) via the chain of command to the Division Commander. Each command level will review and may endorse or downgrade to a lower level AV award.

If the Division Commander receives and endorses the DVA submission, it will subsequently be forwarded to Headquarters Young Marines (HQYM) for review by the Deputy Director(s) and delivered to the National Executive Director for final approval and signature.

Any submissions sent directly to HQYM will be forwarded to the appropriate level's commander for action.

Presentation

This is a highly prestigious award for an Adult Volunteer to receive and it is the intent of the National Executive Director to present each award in person. Granted, this may not always be feasible, so a Deputy Director or Division Commander may also present the award as directed. The DVA should be presented in a dignified manner with the highest level of decorum to honor the service of the Adult Volunteer.

Young Marines Awards Manual

Certificate of Commendation



The certificate of Commendation is an award for service which is comparable to the Distinguished Volunteer Award (DVA) but in a duty of lesser, though considerable, responsibility. The actions of the Adult Volunteer (AV) deserves commending for a unit or other higher headquarters level action on a local or regional event/project which has greatly enhanced their quality of service to the Young Marines program.

This award may also be presented for special recognition for an AV's achievement as a Battalion, Regiment, or Division Volunteer of the Year and/or for retirement recognition of at least five (5) years of volunteer service to the Young Marines organization.

Award Intent and Process

The National Executive Director's intent of this award is for the use by Battalion, Regiment, and Division Commanders to utilize in recognizing an AV within their respective commands. Each of these levels is authorized to prepare and present this award to any AV under their command.

Any submissions sent directly to HQYM will be forwarded to the appropriate level's commander for action.

Presentation

The issuing commander shall communicate with the AV's Unit Commander of the intent to present an award and coordinate an appropriate time and place for the award presentation. This award is should be presented in a dignified manner with the highest level of decorum to honor the service of the Adult Volunteer.

Young Marines Awards Manual

Meritorious Mast



The Meritorious Mast is an award for service which is comparable to the Certificate of Commendation and the Distinguished Volunteer Award (DVA) but in a duty of lesser, though considerable, responsibility. The actions of the Adult Volunteer (AV) deserves recognition for a unit or other higher headquarters level action on a local or regional event/project which positively promotes our Young Marines program Core Values and Mission Statement.

This award may also be presented for special recognition to an AV by a Unit, Battalion, Regiment, or Division Commander for retirement recognition of at least two (2) years of volunteer service to the Young Marines organization.

Award Intent and Process

The National Executive Director's intent of this award is for the use by Unit, Battalion, Regiment, and Division Commanders to utilize in recognizing an AV within their respective commands. Each of these levels is authorized to prepare and present this award to any AV under their command.

Any submissions sent directly to HQYM will be forwarded to the appropriate level's commander for action.

Presentation

The issuing commander shall communicate with the AV's Unit Commander of the intent to present an award and coordinate an appropriate time and place for the award presentation. This award is should be presented in a dignified manner with the highest level of decorum to honor the service of the Adult Volunteer.



The President's Volunteer Service Award

The President's Volunteer Award is a Presidential recognition program for Americans of all ages who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteer service. The award is given to individuals, families, and groups that have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over a course of a 12-month period. Recipients are eligible to receive the award **once** every 12 months.

Recipients receive:

- An official President's Volunteer Service Award pin
- A personalized certificate of achievement
- A note of congratulations from the President of the United States
- A letter from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation

Authorization:

Unit Commander upon completion of hours through the Presidential Service Award's website

Award/Device:

Award may be worn centered on the left breast pocket flap or centered on the left breast pocket flap above an exposed button. For the female blouse where there are no pockets, the award will be worn $\frac{1}{2}$ inch below the lowest row of ribbons and centered. Only one award may be worn at any given time.

Note: This does not prohibit the Young Marine from obtaining and wearing the community service ribbon and devices.

Adults are authorized to wear this award.

Requirements:

The Unit Commander appoints a staff member to be in charge of establishing the group through the Presidential Service Award's website, maintaining the volunteer service hours, and ordering the awards as hours are completed. www.presidentialserviceawards.gov

Kids (ages 5 to 10)



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award Bronze**
Level 26 to 49
hours



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award Silver**
Level 50 to 74
hours



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award Gold Level**
75+ hours



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award All Ages** 4,000
hours or more of
volunteer service (over a
lifetime)

Teens (ages 11 to 15)



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award Bronze**
Level 50 to 74
hours



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award Silver**
Level 75 to 99
hours



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award Gold Level**
100+



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award All Ages** 4,000
hours or more of
volunteer service (over a
lifetime)

Young Adults (ages 16 to 25)



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award Bronze**
Level 100 to 174
hours



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award Silver**
Level 175 to 249
hours



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award Gold Level**
250+



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award All Ages** 4,000
hours or more of
volunteer service (over a
lifetime)

Adults (ages 26 and older)



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award Bronze**
Level 100 to 249
hours



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award Silver**
Level 250 to 449
hours






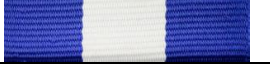



















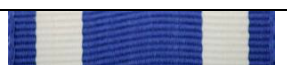






**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award Gold Level**
500+







**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award All Ages** 4,000
hours or more of
volunteer service (over a
lifetime)
















Young Marines Awards Manual

Young Marines Ribbon Chart – Order of Precedence


Level/Precedence	1	2	3	4
Level I				
Personal Decoration				
Pages 19-22	Distinguished Service #3606	Personal Commendation #3619	Meritorious Service #4036	Lifesaving 1 st Degree #3401
				
Pages 23-26	Lifesaving 2 nd Degree #1346	Lifesaving 3 rd Degree #7119	Personal Achievement #3308	YM of the Year #3309
				
Pages 27-28	Commendation of Merit #1200	Honor Graduate #4030		
Level II				
Achievement Awards				
Pages 29-32	Distinguished Unit Citation #5211	YM Unit Commendation #3683	Battalion Unit of the Year #5133	YM Sergeant Major #5216
				
Pages 33-36	YM First Sergeant #5194	Good Conduct #3504	Academic Achievement #4003	YM Achievement #3233
				
Pages 37-40	Salesman of the Year #5198	Recruiter of the Year #5069	Perfect Physical Fitness #5310	Drill Competition #3009
				
Page 41	Attendance #4026			
Level III				
Service Awards				
Pages 42-45	MCL Commendation #1502	Young Marine Staff #3420	Color Guard #4209	Unit Chaplain #3665
				
Pages 46-48	Veterans Appreciation #5501	Outstanding Recruiter #4054	Outstanding Salesman #5009	

Young Marines Awards Manual

Level/Precedence	1	2	3	4
Level IV				
Qualification Awards				
Pages 50-55	Drug Demand Reduction #4015	Conservation #3616	Advanced Leadership #3307	Senior Leadership #4025
Pages 56-59	Junior Leadership #3674	Community Service #4002	Community Leadership #5404	CPR #1350
Pages 60-63	Advanced First Aid #3607	Physical Fitness #3603	Basic First Aid #4047	Fire Prevention & Protection #5129
Pages 64-67	Swimming #4041	Sportsmanship #3202	Musician #3502	Seamanship #3108
Pages 69-72	Scuba #3221	Advanced Field #5025	Qualified Field #1544	Orienteering #5119
Pages 73-76	Land Navigation #7130	Map & Compass #7137	Communications #3713	Marksmanship #3005
Pages 77-81	Drill Team #3213	YM Encampment #3671	Organized Unit Trip #3605	Basic #3302

Authorized Young Marine Devices					
Gold Frame 	Honor Graduate devices: SILVER R = Recruit J = JLS S = SLS GOLD A = ALS	Eagle, Globe, & Anchor 	Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) 	Palm(s) Bronze Silver Gold 	Four Point Compass Silver 
Gold Crown  (Fulcrum Shield)	Bronze Stars 	Silver Stars 	Roman Numerals: Silver/Gold I / II / X 	Bar(s)  	
Academic Achievement Gold Lamp 	Gold Stars 	Silver Knot Device (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) 	Silver "M" 		


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	I-1	#3606
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine, while serving in any capacity with the Young Marines, who distinguishes themselves by exceptionally meritorious service to the Young Marines in a duty of great responsibility.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award, an exceptional performance of duty, clearly above what is normally expected, which has contributed material to the success of the National Young Marines Program is required. 2. In general, the Distinguish Service Ribbon will be awarded only to those Young Marines in national capacity whose service is such as to justify the award. This shall not be interpreted to preclude the award of the Distinguish Service Ribbon to any individual whose service meets the requirements. 3. If there is any doubt as to the degree of service involved, the Personal Commendation Ribbon is the more appropriate award. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	

Instructions:

1. **Timeliness.** A timely recommendation is essential to a successful award program. A recommendation must be submitted to the appropriate issuing authority within thirty (30) days following the act, achievement, or service upon which it is based. All recommendations must be appropriately justified and sufficiently detailed to allow proper evaluation and decision.
2. **Summary of Action.** Submit a summary of action in letter format to the appropriate issuing authority. Since each award recommendation is evaluated on the merits of the summary of action, present an objective summary giving specific examples of the performance and manner of accomplishing it. The amount of detail and supporting documentation required will depend upon the circumstances and the nature of the award being recommended, but, in general, a single page is appropriate.
3. **Writing the Citation:** The National Executive Director will write the citation based on the summary of action.


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	PERSONAL COMMENDATION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	I-2	#3619
Lowest issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine, while serving in any capacity with the Young Marines Program, who distinguishes themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct in performing outstanding service.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award, the service rendered must have been comparable to that required for the Distinguished Service Ribbon but in a duty of lesser though considerable responsibility. 2. In general, the Personal Commendation Ribbon will be awarded to Young Marines who have performed exceptional meritorious service as to justify the Distinguished Service Award except as to degree of merit. However, this should not be interpreted to preclude the award of a Personal commendation to any individual, regardless of rank, whose acts or services meet the requirements. 3. When the degree of achievement or service rendered, although meritorious, is not sufficient to warrant the award of the Personal Commendation Ribbon, the Meritorious Service Ribbon or Personal Achievement Ribbon should be considered. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	

Instructions:

1. **Timeliness.** A timely recommendation is essential to a successful award program. A recommendation must be submitted to the appropriate issuing authority within thirty (30) days following the act, achievement, or service upon which it is based. All recommendations must be appropriately justified and sufficiently detailed to allow proper evaluation and decision.
2. **Summary of Action.** Submit a summary of action in letter format to the appropriate issuing authority. Since each award recommendation is evaluated on the merits of the summary of action, present an objective summary giving specific examples of the performance and manner of accomplishing it. The amount of detail and supporting documentation required will depend upon the circumstances and the nature of the award being recommended, but, in general, a single page is appropriate.
3. **Writing the Citation:** The National Executive Director will write the citation based on the summary of action.


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	MERITORIOUS SERVICE RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	I-3	#4036
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Division Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine, while serving in any capacity with the Young Marines Program, who distinguishes themselves by meritorious achievement or service.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award, an accomplishment or performance of duty above what is normally expected and is sufficient to distinguish the individual among those performing comparable duties is required, although less than the requirements for the Personal Commendation Ribbon. 2. Single acts of merit or meritorious service in connection with the Young Marine's operation may justify the award. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award	

Instructions:

1. **Timeliness.** A timely recommendation is essential to a successful award program. A recommendation must be submitted to the appropriate issuing authority within thirty (30) days following the act, achievement, or service upon which it is based. All recommendations must be appropriately justified and sufficiently detailed to allow proper evaluation and decision.
2. **Summary of Action.** Submit a summary of action in letter format to the appropriate issuing authority. Since each award recommendation is evaluated on the merits of the summary of action, present an objective summary giving specific examples of the performance and manner of accomplishing it. The amount of detail and supporting documentation required will depend upon the circumstances and the nature of the award being recommended, but, in general, a single page is appropriate.
3. **Writing the Citation:** If for a national level award, the National Executive Director will write the citation based on the summary of action. If the award is from the division level, that commander will write the award citation.


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	LIFESAVING FIRST DEGREE	
Order of Precedence:	I-4	#3401
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to any person, while serving in any capacity as a Young Marine, who distinguishes themselves by heroism for acts of lifesaving, or attempted lifesaving without regard to the risk of one's own life for the benefit of another human being.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The actual level of personal "life-threatening" risk experienced by the rescuer determines the justification of this award for heroism. 2. For heroic performance to rise to this level, it must be clearly established that the act involved very specific life-threatening risk to the rescuer. When there is none, or at best very limited life-threatening risk to the rescuer, the award of the Lifesaving Second Class may be more appropriate. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	

Instructions:

1. **Timeliness.** A timely recommendation is essential to a successful award program. A recommendation must be submitted to the appropriate issuing authority within thirty (30) days following the act, achievement, or service upon which it is based. All recommendations must be appropriately justified and sufficiently detailed to allow proper evaluation and decision.
2. **Summary of Action.** Submit a summary of action in letter format to the appropriate issuing authority. Since each award recommendation is evaluated on the merits of the summary of action, present an objective summary giving specific examples of the performance and manner of accomplishing it. The amount of detail and supporting documentation required will depend upon the circumstances and the nature of the award being recommended. Include independent eyewitness statements if available.
3. **Writing the Citation:** The National Executive Director will write the citation based on the summary of action.


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	LIFESAVING SECOND DEGREE	
Order of Precedence:	I-5	#1346
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to any person, while serving in any capacity as a Young Marine, who distinguishes themselves by heroism for acts of lifesaving, or attempted lifesaving with limited life-threatening risk to one's own life for the benefit of another human being.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The actual level of personal "life-threatening" risk experienced by the rescuer determines the justification of this award for heroism 2. For heroic performance to rise to this level it must be clearly established that the act involved very specific limited life-threatening risk to the rescuer. When there is no life-threatening risk to the rescuer, the award of the Lifesaving Third Class may be more appropriate. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	

Instructions:

1. **Timeliness.** A timely recommendation is essential to a successful award program. A recommendation must be submitted to the appropriate issuing authority within thirty (30) days following the act, achievement, or service upon which it is based. All recommendations must be appropriately justified and sufficiently detailed to allow proper evaluation and decision.
2. **Summary of Action.** Submit a summary of action in letter format to the appropriate issuing authority. Since each award recommendation is evaluated on the merits of the summary of action, present an objective summary giving specific examples of the performance and manner of accomplishing it. The amount of detail and supporting documentation required will depend upon the circumstances and the nature of the award being recommended. Include independent eyewitness statements, if available.
3. **Writing the Citation:** The National Executive Director will write the citation based on the summary of action.


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	LIFESAVING THIRD DEGREE	
Order of Precedence:	I-6	#7119
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Division Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to any person, while serving in any capacity as a Young Marine, who distinguishes themselves by heroism for acts of lifesaving, or attempted lifesaving of another human being, animal, or wildlife.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award for heroism, there should be no risk or at best very limited life-threatening risk to the rescuer. 2. For heroic performance to raise to this level, it must be clearly established that the act involved a sincere effort by the rescuer to save the life of another human being, animal, or wildlife. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award	

Instructions:

1. **Timeliness.** A timely recommendation is essential to a successful award program. A recommendation must be submitted to the appropriate issuing authority within thirty (30) days following the act, achievement, or service upon which it is based. All recommendations must be appropriately justified and sufficiently detailed to allow proper evaluation and decision.
2. **Summary of Action.** Submit a summary of action in letter format to the appropriate issuing authority. Since each award recommendation is evaluated on the merits of the summary of action, present an objective summary giving specific examples of the performance and manner of accomplishing it. The amount of detail and supporting documentation required will depend upon the circumstances and the nature of the award being recommended. Include independent eyewitness statements, if available.
4. **Writing the Citation:** If for a national level award, the National Executive Director will write the citation based on the summary of action. If the award is from the division level, that commander will write the award citation.


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	I-7	#3308
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Regimental Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who distinguishes themselves by outstanding meritorious achievement or service to the Young Marines Program.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award, the acts or services rendered by a Young Marine, regardless of rank, must have been comparable to the criteria that is required for the Personal Commendation but in a duty of lesser responsibility. 2. When the degree of meritorious achievement or service rendered is not sufficient to warrant the award of the Personal Achievement Ribbon, the Commendation of Merit Ribbon, when appropriate, should be considered. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Ribbon Frame – National Award EGA Device – National Award* Bulldog Device – National Award** Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award</p> <p>*Beginning in FY 2013, the EGA Device is authorized for wear with the National Gold Frame for those that travel with the National Director to Guam/Iwo Jima or other selected destination. (Current National YMOY, 6 Division YMOYs, 2 Trimble Recipients and 1 National Directors Selection)</p> <p>**2018 World War I/ World War II Adventure attendees only</p>	


Instructions:

1. **Timeliness.** A timely recommendation is essential to a successful award program. A recommendation must be submitted to the appropriate issuing authority within thirty (30) days following the act, achievement, or service upon which it is based. All recommendations must be appropriately justified and sufficiently detailed to allow proper evaluation and decision.
2. **Summary of Action.** Submit a summary of action in letter format to the appropriate issuing authority. Since each award recommendation is evaluated on the merits of the summary of action, present an objective summary giving specific examples of the performance and manner of accomplishing it. The amount of detail and supporting documentation required will depend upon the circumstances and the nature of the award being recommended, but, in general, a single page is appropriate.
3. **Writing the Citation:** If a national level award, the National Executive Director will write the citation based on the summary of action. If the award is from the regiment or division level, the appropriate commander will write the award citation.

Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	YOUNG MARINE OF THE YEAR (YMOY)	
Order of Precedence:	I-8	#3309
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who exhibits exceptional performance during the course of the past fiscal year beginning October 1 and ending September 30.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The selection criteria for Young Marine of the Year is provided in the Adult Volunteer Manual (AVM), Chapter 7. 2. To justify this award, the Young Marine must have exhibited exceptional performance for the past fiscal year. Selection should not be judged solely on achievements, but on all areas of performance and personal conduct as a Young Marine. 3. The candidate must be qualified as indicated in Chapter 7 of the AVM. 4. In the <u>last fiscal year</u> the Young Marine must have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Had an outstanding attendance record. b. Had an outstanding conduct record. c. Passed all personnel inspections. d. Passed all Physical Fitness Tests. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>National Young Marines of the Year are authorized to wear the National YMOY Rocker and Gold Shoulder Cord</p> <p>Division Young Marines of the Year are authorized to wear the Division YMOY Rocker and Blue Shoulder Cord</p> <p>Gold Ribbon Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award Bronze Palm – Battalion Award</p> <p>Bronze star (3/16”) for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16”) worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars</p>	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	COMMENDATION OF MERIT RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	I-9	#1200
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine for a single act of meritorious service to the Young Marines program, not sufficient to warrant the Personal Achievement Ribbon.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award, the acts or services rendered by a Young Marine, regardless of rank, must have been comparable to that required for the Personal Achievement Ribbon but in a duty of lesser responsibility. 2. When the degree of meritorious achievement or service rendered is not sufficient to warrant the award of the Commendation of Merit Ribbon, the Young Marine Achievement Ribbon, when appropriate should be considered. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Ribbon Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award Bronze Palm – Battalion Award</p> <p>Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars</p>	


Instructions:

1. **Timeliness.** A timely recommendation is essential to a successful award program. A recommendation must be submitted to the appropriate issuing authority within thirty (30) days following the act, achievement, or service upon which it is based. All recommendations must be appropriately justified and sufficiently detailed to allow proper evaluation and decision.
2. **Summary of Action.** Submit a summary of action in letter format to the appropriate issuing authority. Since each award recommendation is evaluated on the merits of the summary of action, present an objective summary giving specific examples of the performance and manner of accomplishing it. The amount of detail and supporting documentation required will depend upon the circumstances and the nature of the award being recommended, but, in general, a single page is appropriate.
3. **Writing the Citation:** If a national level award, the National Executive Director will write the citation based on the summary of action. If award is from unit, battalion regiment, or division level, the appropriate commander will write the award citation


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	HONOR GRADUATE RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	I-10	#4030
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine Recruit who is designated the Honor Graduate of their Recruit Training Class or a Young Marine who is designated the Honor Graduate of their Leadership School.	
Criteria:	<p>1. The Young Marine Recruit, in addition to fulfilling all requirements for the Basic Ribbon, must demonstrate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Displayed exceptional leadership qualities. b. Attended <u>all</u> scheduled drills during the recruit-training period. <p>An absence, for which the Young Marine Recruit has provided the Unit Commander with a written explanation is considered excused and should be counted as present for the purpose of this award. Young Marine Recruits can have no more than 3 excused absences during recruit training to be eligible for this ribbon award.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Be signed off on all required Performance Objectives and Enabling Objectives for Young Marines Recruit Training. d. Pass the Young Marines Physical Fitness Test. <p>2. The Young Marine must graduate JLS, SLS or ALS as the school Honor Graduate.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Silver R – Honor Recruit (units must award the Honor Grad this ribbon) Silver J – JLS Honor Graduate Silver S – SLS Honor Graduate Gold A – ALS Honor Graduate</p> <p>Multiple devices are authorized for wear.</p>	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION	
Order of Precedence:	II-1	# 5211
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine unit for outstanding, distinguished service or performance of duty.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For outstanding service to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Country, State, or municipality. b. Deeds rendered to individuals or non-profit organizations in the service of individuals or communities in need. 2. Units must clearly render themselves conspicuous by duty of a character comparable to that which would merit the award of a Distinguished Service Ribbon of an individual. 3. The activity must be a unit activity involving no less than 75 percent of its active youth and adult members. 4. All recommendations for this award must be forwarded to the National Executive Director with a summary of action describing in detail the action and justification for this award. 5. National Unit of the Year <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Young Marine must have been a member of the unit for any part of the previous fiscal year (October thru September) to wear the ribbon. b. The award is authorized for Young Marines who were members of former National Units of the Year prior to the adoption of this award. Criteria in paragraph (a) applies. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	
Streamer:	Streamer – National Award 1-inch white star is added to the streamer for subsequent awards. 1-inch gold star is added to the streamer in lieu of 5 white stars.	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	YOUNG MARINE UNIT COMMENDATION	
Order of Precedence:	II-2	# 3683
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Regimental Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine unit that distinguishes itself by outstanding deeds of service to its country, state, and city.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Units must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Distinguish themselves by performing extreme meritorious service rendering the unit outstanding compared to other units performing similar service. b. Have performed service as a unit of a character comparable to that which merits the award of a Meritorious Service Ribbon to an individual for National and Division Awards or the Personal Achievement Award for Regimental Award. c. Award will not be made to a unit for deed of one or more of its component parts, unless such unit performed as a total team in a manner to justify the award. 2. Award may be presented for similar deeds to an individual church, religious group, or nonprofit organizations. 3. Award may be presented for outstanding service or performance of duty to any branch of the United States Armed Forces. 4. Division or Regiment Unit of the Year <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Young Marine must have been a member of the unit for any part of the previous fiscal year (October thru September) to wear the ribbon. b. The award is authorized for Young Marines who were members of former Division or Regiment Units of the Year prior to the adoption of this award. Criteria in paragraph (a) applies. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award	
Streamer:	Streamer – National Award 1-inch white star is added to the streamer for subsequent awards. 1-inch gold star is added to the streamer in lieu of 5 white stars.	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	BATTALION UNIT OF THE YEAR RIBBON (formerly Unit of the Year)	
Order of Precedence:	II-3	# 5133
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Battalion Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to Young Marines who are members of the unit selected as the Battalion Unit of the Year.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must have been a member of the unit for any part of the previous fiscal year (October thru September). 2. The award is authorized for Young Marines who were members of former Battalion Units of the Year prior to the adoption of this award. Criteria in paragraph 1 applies. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars Gold Frame, Gold Palm, Silver Palm, and Bronze Palm devices are authorized for wear if awarded prior to March 6, 2020. These devices take precedence over star devices.	
Streamer:	Streamer – National Unit of the Year prior to March 6, 2020	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	YOUNG MARINE SERGEANT MAJOR	
Order of Precedence:	II-4	# 5216
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Battalion Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to Young Marine Master Gunnery Sergeants who have successfully served in a Young Marine Sergeant Major billet officially designated by a Battalion Commander, Regimental Commander, Division Commander, or Headquarters Young Marines.	
Criteria:	<p>1. The Young Marine must be a Young Marine Master Gunnery Sergeant who has successfully completed a tour of (3 to 6 months) as one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Battalion Young Marine Sergeant Major b. Regimental Young Marine Sergeant Major c. Division Young Marine Sergeant Major d. National Young Marine Sergeant Major (Must be selected as YM/SgtMaj at an approved national event such as the National Leadership Academy or other approved SPACES event) <p>See Advanced Guidebook for additional information</p>	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award Bronze Palm – Battalion Award</p>	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	YOUNG MARINE FIRST SERGEANT	
Order of Precedence:	II-5	# 5194
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Battalion Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to Young Marine Master Sergeants who have successfully served as a Young Marine First Sergeant.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be a Young Marine Master Sergeant. 2. Successfully perform the duties and responsibilities of the Unit Young Marine First Sergeant as outlined by the Advanced Young Marine Guidebook for not less than 3 months. 3. Once the Young Marine has successfully completed requirements on a unit level, the Young Marine must hold a Young Marine First Sergeant billet on a higher headquarters level. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award Bronze Palm – Battalion Award	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	GOOD CONDUCT RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	II-6	# 3504
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who lives by the Young Marines Obligation and abides by the Young Marines Creed for a period of two years.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be a Young Marine for not less than 2 years beginning from date of graduation from recruit training. Award is repeated every two years using the same criteria. 2. Sets an example for all other youth to follow. 3. Never does anything that brings disgrace or dishonor on their God, country, flag, parents, or themselves. 4. Obeys their parents or legal guardian. 5. Keeps themselves neat at all times without being told. 6. Keeps a clean mind and cares for others. 7. Keeps alert in school, at home, or at play. 8. Maintains self-discipline to control their body and mind. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	II-7	# 4003
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who maintains a 3.0 grade point average or equivalent for a period of one academic year.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any Young Marine maintaining a 3.5 grade point average or equivalent for a period of one academic year shall be awarded the Academic Achievement Ribbon with gold lamp device. A copy of the Young Marine's report card for each reporting period will be kept in YMRB. 2. Many schools do not mark by the 4.0 grade point system below; the Unit Commander must determine the equivalent grading system. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.0=A 3.0=B 2.0=C 1.0=D 3. Unit Commanders may use their discretion for plus and minus marks based on the schools within their area. 	
Authorized Devices:	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.	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	YOUNG MARINE ACHIEVEMENT RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	II-8	# 3233
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine for a single act of meritorious service or achievement to the Young Marines program, not sufficient to warrant the Commendation of Merit.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award, acts or services rendered by a Young Marine, regardless of rank, must have been comparable to that required for the Commendation of Merit but in a duty of lesser responsibility. 2. When the degree of meritorious achievement or service rendered is not sufficient to warrant the award of the Young Marine Achievement Ribbon, a Letter of Appreciation, when appropriate, should be considered. 3. Young Marines who score a 475 to 499, at least five times consecutively, may be recommended for this award. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award Bronze Palm – Battalion Award</p> <p>Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars</p>	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	SALESMAN OF THE YEAR RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	II-9	# 5198
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who demonstrates outstanding salesmanship ability during the fiscal year.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Placed first overall in all fundraising events for their unit for the current fiscal year (October to September), or 2. Achieved similar acts, during the same period, for other nonprofit organizations to which a Young Marine is a member, such as church or school groups. Certification of this achievement with other organizations must be verified in writing from the person in charge of the event to the Unit Commander. 3. Must have earned the Outstanding Salesmanship ribbon during the same fiscal year. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	RECRUITER OF THE YEAR	
Order of Precedence:	II-10	#5069
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who recruits the most youth into the Young Marines program during the fiscal year.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recruit the most youth into the Young Marines during the current fiscal year (October to September). The total number of recruits must equal ten (10) or more youths. 2. Seven (7) of the ten (10) recruited youth must graduate recruit training. The Young Marine shall get credit, if the recruited youth graduates recruit training in the next fiscal year. For example, a recruit training that begins in August may not graduate until after 1 October. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	PERFECT PHYSICAL FITNESS SCORE	
Order of Precedence:	II-11	# 5310
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who scores the maximum total of 500 points during an officially scheduled physical fitness test.	
Criteria:	<p>The Young Marine must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participate in an officially scheduled Physical Fitness Test. 2. Score 100 points in each of the five events on the day the Physical Fitness Test is conducted. <p>Young Marines in receipt of their sixth award may be recommended for a Personal Achievement Ribbon from the lowest awarding authority.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars</p>	

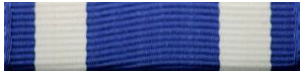
Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	DRILL COMPETITION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	II-12	#3009
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Battalion Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to Young Marines who compete in a drill competition against other units or organizations, and the performance is judged by other officials.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be a marching member of the competing drill team or color guard. 2. Must participate in the competition as a marching member of the competing drill team or color guard. 3. Young Marine teams may participate in outside organizations drill competitions (i.e. JROTC, Sea Cadets, Civil Air Patrol, etc.). 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award Bronze Palm – Battalion Award	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	ATTENDANCE RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	II-13	# 4026
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marines who has 80% attendance at all mandatory regularly scheduled unit drills for a period of one year.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The one-year time period begins the first regularly scheduled unit drill after graduation from recruit training. 2. Young Marines who are in receipt of their sixth award shall be recommended for a Personal Achievement Ribbon by the lowest awarding authority. 3. Young Marines must be present; excused absences will not be seen as attendance for this award. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Service	
Name of Award:	MARINE CORPS LEAGUE UNIT COMMENDATION RIBBON AWARD	
Order of Precedence:	III-1	# 1502
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to Young Marine unit, battalion, regiment, or division for outstanding performance of duty to the community over an extended period of time, or for any single act when the unit has performed under great competition with other units or organizations.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Award is initiated at the request of Marine Corps League Commandant, any level, to the National Executive Director of the Young Marines. 2. Unit Commanders are encouraged to contact their Regimental Commanders and/or local detachment commandants and submit the necessary supporting documentation to merit this prestigious award. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	
Streamer:	Streamer – National Award 1-inch white star is added to the streamer for subsequent awards. 1-inch gold star is added to the streamer in lieu of 5 white stars.	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Service	
Name of Award:	YOUNG MARINE STAFF RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	III-2	# 3420
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who performs satisfactory service as member of the Young Marine Staff.	
Criteria:	<p>Young Marine must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National award: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Be a graduate of Advanced Leadership School b. Have attended all functions and performed such duties as directed by the National Executive Director or those acting on their behalf at a nationally sponsored event 2. Division award: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Be a graduate of Senior Leadership School b. Have attended all functions and performed such duties as directed by the Division Commander or those acting on their behalf at a division sponsored event c. Regiment award: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Be a graduate of Junior Leadership School b. Have attended all functions and performed such duties as directed by the Regimental Commander or those acting on their behalf at a regimental sponsored event d. Battalion award: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have attended all functions and performed such duties as directed by the Battalion Commander or those acting on their behalf at a battalion sponsored event 5. Unit award: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Served on Young Marine Staff for not less than six months b. Performed duties in a satisfactory manner c. Has satisfied the duties of Young Marine Staff as designated by the Unit Commander: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Billed Positions – DDR Chief, Admin Chief, Community Service Rep., Public Relations Rep., Assistant Training Chief, Training Chief, Executive Officer Assistant 2) Other positions as deemed appropriate including but not limited to – Unit Photographer, Event Planner, Event Planning Committee, Unit Chaplain 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award Bronze Palm – Battalion Award</p> <p>Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars</p>	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Service	
Name of Award:	COLOR GUARD RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	III-3	# 4209
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who participates in a unit Color Guard.	
Criteria:	<p>Color Guard members must have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Performed duties in a satisfactory manner 2. Served for a period of one year or participated in five public functions. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award Bronze Palm – Battalion Award Color Guard Ribbon Bar – Unit Award ONLY</p>	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Service	
Name of Award:	CHAPLAIN RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	III-4	# 3665
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who serves as a Chaplain for a period of one year.	
Criteria:	<p>1. Young Marine must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Attended all meetings, conferences, encampments, and other functions as deemed necessary by the Unit Commander. b. Conducted Invocation and Benediction for at least three (3) ceremonies for the unit. c. Served as a spiritual inspiration to other Young Marines and adult staff. d. Be actively involved in their home church or spiritual group for this one year period. <p>2. Subsequent awards may be earned for each year a Young Marine serves as the Unit Chaplain.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award Bronze Palm – Battalion Award</p> <p>Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars</p>	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Service	
Name of Award:	VETERANS APPRECIATION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	III-5	# 5501
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who has recognized or organized an activity involving a veteran or participated in a national veterans related holiday; or has completed a minimum of 3 interviews for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. Must be completed in a 12-month period.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Library of Congress Veterans History Project reports must be submitted directly to Headquarters Young Marines via email or mail for consideration of the ribbon. A minimum of three (3) reports must be filed in order for the Young Marine to be eligible to receive the ribbon. 2. The Young Marine must have actively participated in 80% of the unit's scheduled Veteran's Appreciation Week activities. Accomplish the following requirements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Participate in 6 of the National Events listed below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 4 Chaplains Day 2) President's Day 3) Armed Forces Day 4) Memorial Day 5) Flag Day 6) POW/MIA Day 7) Veterans Day 8) Wreaths Across America 9) Other veteran related events b. Complete 2 of the following and discuss with your Unit Commander: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Interview two veterans of the U.S. military. Find out what their experiences were like and what they believe they accomplished. 2) Choose a Veterans Support Organization (MCL, VFW, AL, etc.). Discuss how this organization supports and promotes veterans. 3) For each of the following, explain how they continue to influence Americans today: the American flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, the Seal, the Motto, and the National Anthem. 4) Research and discuss an important event that has effected veterans. 5) Research and discuss important contributions veterans have made to America. 6) Make a poster about veterans or write a story or poem and submit to the Esprit magazine. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	

Young Marines Awards Manual


Award Type:	Service	
Name of Award:	OUTSTANDING RECRUITER	
Order of Precedence:	III-6	# 4054
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who through personal example and enthusiasm actively recruits new youth members into the unit.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must recruit five (5) youth into the Young Marines Program. 2. Three (3) of five (5) youths must graduate recruit training. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	

Young Marines Awards Manual


Award Type:	Service	
Name of Award:	OUTSTANDING SALESMAN RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	III-7	# 5009
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who participates in a fundraising event and achieves the unit's individual fundraising goal. Also awarded in recognition of a similar act for other non-profit organizations that the Young Marine is a member, such as church or school groups.	
Criteria:	<p>For Young Marines fundraising events, Young Marines must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet the unit goal for individual sales. 2. All monies and unsold product must be returned to the unit by the fundraising closing date. 3. Have made the effort in making sales for the fundraiser. Assistance by family members should be minimal. <p>For fundraisers with other non-profit organizations, Young Marines must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate outstanding salesmanship ability by placing first in any fundraising event. 2. Certification of achievement with other organizations must be verified in writing from person in charge of the event and given to the Unit Commander. The certification letter is filed in the Young Marine's Record Book. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	


THIS PAGE
INTENTIONALLY
LEFT BLANK

Young Marines Awards Manual


Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-1	# 4015
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully executes the Performance Requirements and Enabling Objectives listed in the Performance Qualification Review for Performance Objective 5: Drug Prevention and Resistance in the Basic, Junior, and Senior guidebooks and Performance Objective 6: Drug Prevention and Education in the Advanced guidebook. <u>This award is only awarded four times.</u>	
Criteria:	<p>The Young Marine must complete the following for each level:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Level 1.</u> Complete the Basic Young Marine Guidebook with promotion to YM/LCpl and receive required quarterly DDR training of at least 3 hours per quarter. 2. <u>Level 2.</u> Complete the Junior Young Marine Guidebook with promotion to YM/Sgt and receive required quarterly DDR training of at least 3 hours per quarter. 3. <u>Level 3.</u> Complete the Senior Young Marine Guidebook with promotion to YM/GySgt and receive required quarterly DDR training of at least 3 hours per quarter. 4. <u>Level 4.</u> Complete the Advanced Young Marine Guidebook with promotion to YM/MGySgt and receive required quarterly DDR training of at least 3 hours per quarter. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>One Bronze Star (3/16") for Level 2 Two Bronze Stars (3/16") for Level 3 Three Bronze Stars for (3/16") for Level 4</p> <p><u>DEA Device</u> – This device will be provided by the DEA to Headquarters Young Marines and awarded to a Young Marine who, while serving in any capacity of the Young Marines at any rank, distinguishes themselves by giving four presentations on Drug Demand Reduction to civic, community, and other appropriate audiences outside the Young Marines organization to promote the ideals of a drug-free lifestyle.</p> <p><u>Gold Crown Device</u> – Awarded to those Young Marines who have directly participated in efforts of their unit being awarded the Fulcrum Shield Award.</p> <p>Young Marines who earn the DEA Device and/or Gold Crown Device before completion of the Basic Young Marine Guidebook, the device will be entered by HQYM without ribbon award. Stars are removed when the DEA or Gold Crown device is awarded. The DEA and Gold Crown devices may both be worn on DDR ribbon.</p>	
Streamers:	Units awarded either a Fulcrum Shield Award or are a division recipient of the DEA award of the Enrique 'Kiki' Camarena award will be issued a DDR streamer from Headquarters Young Marines.	

Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification Device	
Name of Award:	DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) DEVICE	
Order of Precedence:	N/A	
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Headquarters Young Marines	
Submission:	Submitted by the UC or XO using the Request for DEA Device form , with the subject line, "DEA Device and the last name of the Young Marine." Submissions are emailed to ddr@youngmarines.com .	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who presents four presentations that promote the ideals of a drug-free lifestyle to appropriate audiences outside the Young Marines organization.	
Criteria:	<p>Must be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submitted within 12 months of the fourth presentation. 2. In a class type setting (i.e. Auditorium, classroom, etc.). 3. A minimum of 20 minutes consisting of a structured class and lesson plan. 4. A promotion of the Young Marines' ideals of a healthy drug-free lifestyle. 5. Presented to organizations outside of the Young Marines. 6. Creative and original ideas and thoughts that pertain to DDR. 7. Can be used as part of an individual Young Marines Red Ribbon week presentation outside of the Young Marines Organization. <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The following do not qualify as a presentation – store fronts, beaches, malls, etc., RRW or Young Marine booths, non-DDR handouts or videos, tag teams (wherein a Young Marine works as a demonstrator with an outside agency or spokesperson), or DDR skits. 2. DEA submission forms must be complete. Follow the DEA Device Submission Process, found in the database library. 3. Red Ribbon Week after action reports are not acceptable substitutes for DEA submission forms. 	

Award Type:	Qualification Device	
Name of Award:	FULCRUM SHIELD GOLD CROWN DEVICE	
Order of Precedence:	N/A	
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Headquarters Young Marines	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to those Young Marines who have directly participated in efforts of their unit being awarded the Fulcrum Shield Award.	
Criteria:	<p>Department of Defense (DoD) selects an annual recipient of the Fulcrum Shield award. Their selection criteria (program, division, regiment, etc.) determine which Young Marine units are included.</p> <p>The Young Marines determines which individual Young Marines receive the device based on participation during Red Ribbon Week and after-action reports submitted.</p> <p>The National DDR Officer will send instructions on submission procedures for the Fulcrum Shield Award.</p>	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	CONSERVATION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-2	# 3616
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Division Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who exhibits a strong interest in conservation through personal research and observation, oral and written communication, and daily practice.	
Criteria:	<p>1. Young Marine must complete letter e. and an additional 2 of the 6 requirements below, for a total of 3 fulfilled requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Build and set out a bird, bee hive or squirrel nesting house. Explain how the animal the house attracts contributes to the surrounding ecosystem. b. Prepare a composition on 4 wild animals common to your region. Provide common and scientific names, short descriptions of the animals, their eating habits, their habitat, and how the animals contribute to the regional ecosystem. c. Using a container and soil, grow a plant or vegetable, documenting its growth for (3) weeks. Show your results and documentation (with photos) to your UC. d. Plant grasses, shrubs, and ground cover to stop soil erosion. Contact your local forestry services or local government for permission. (Be sure to obtain a permit or permission from any agency if required). e. <u>Mandatory</u>: Volunteer (10) documented hours with your local natural resource professionals such as wildlife biologists, soil conservationists, foresters, or conservation officers. f. Participate in a “reforestation” project within your city or state. Plant tree seedlings as part of this reforestation project. Explain how the project contributes to conservation of the area (explanation to be completed in Section 2). (Be sure to obtain a permit or permission from any agency if required.) <p>(Sections “2 & 3” below are mandatory to complete this project).</p> <p>2. Prepare a written composition of no less than 500 words describing your conservation efforts and what you learned about conservation throughout this project. Respond to the following prompts in your essay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What are three things you learned about conservation during this project? b. How do animals and plants contribute to conservation and the environment in your area? c. What are some conservation agencies in your area? What are they doing to conserve the land, plants, and/or animals in your area? d. What are three things you and your unit can do as a project to help conserve the land, plants, and/or animals in your area? <p>(Note – the prompts are the rubric for the essay. Make sure each is answered in as much detail as possible in order to receive credit for the ribbon.)</p>	


Young Marines Awards Manual

	3. Submit the requirements from Sections 1 and 2 to the Unit Commander or Adjutant for initial approval. The Unit Commander will forward the requirements to the Division Commander for final approval. Division Commanders will award the ribbon in the Database.
Note:	**The Conservation ribbon requirements are individual achievements. They are not to be used in conjunction with any non-conservation unit-driven events.**
Authorized Devices:	None


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	ADVANCED LEADERSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-3	#3307
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Headquarters Young Marines	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completes Young Marine National Advanced Leadership School.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must successfully complete all aspects of the National Advanced Leadership School curriculum. Most importantly they must have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Passed the Physical Fitness Test. b. Demonstrated the ability to drill a Young Marine platoon. c. Demonstrated the ability to instruct. d. Carried out assigned duties in satisfactory manner. e. Served as a positive leader and role model to senior and junior leaders. f. Met all performance and conduct standards established by the school director. 2. Complete the two-week Advanced Leadership School. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Frame – National Award</p> <p>Gold Roman Numeral Ten “X” awarded to the top 10 ALS Graduates and is authorized for wear with Gold Frame.</p>	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	SENIOR LEADERSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-4	# 4025
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Headquarters Young Marines	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completes National Senior Leadership School or a nationally certified local school.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must successfully complete all aspects of the Senior Leadership School curriculum. Most importantly they must have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Passed the Physical Fitness Test. b. Demonstrated the ability to drill a Young Marine platoon. c. Demonstrated the ability to instruct. d. Carried out assigned leadership positions in a satisfactory manner. e. Served as a positive student leader and team member to peers. f. Met all performance and conduct standards established by the school director. 2. Complete a one-week Senior Leadership School. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National Award	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	JUNIOR LEADERSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-5	# 3674
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Headquarters Young Marines	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completes National Junior Leadership School or a nationally certified local school.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must successfully complete all aspects of the Junior Leadership School curriculum. Most importantly they must have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Passed the Physical Fitness Test. b. Demonstrated the ability to drill a Young Marine squad. c. Carried out assigned leadership duties in a satisfactory manner. d. Served as a positive student leader and team member to peers. e. Met all performance and conduct standards established by the school director. 2. Complete a one-week Junior Leadership School. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National Award	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	COMMUNITY SERVICE RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-6	# 4002
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who performs a service that benefits their community, veteran's organization, military unit, service organization (i.e. the Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.), youth group, or school.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must complete 50 community service hours within a 12-month period. An official of recipient organization(s) must certify the community service hours. 2. The hours may accumulate by service to one or a combination of organizations. The Young Marine is responsible for obtaining and retaining community service hour certifications until the required hours are accumulated. 3. A certification may be a simple letter by an official of recipient organization written on the organization's letterhead paper. The original letters are filed in the Young Marine's Record Book after the hours are entered in the Young Marines Database. 4. This award can be earned multiple times in a single calendar year provided the criteria above is met. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-7	# 5404
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to any Young Marine who successfully obtains a leadership position outside of the program through schools, sports teams, church, or other extracurricular clubs and activities.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must hold an officially elected or appointed leadership position such as team captain or president of a sports team, student organization, student government organization, or youth leadership organization outside of the program. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Young Marine must present a letter or document verifying their position from a sponsor, coach, or other certified adult mentor. This cannot come from a relative of the Young Marine. 2. The Young Marine must hold this leadership position for the duration of no less than three consecutive months and/or led five events or meetings in the position held. 3. Unit Commanders, other than those who are related to the Young Marine, are authorized to use their discretion in determining eligibility based on documents submitted. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSITATION RIBBON (CPR)	
Order of Precedence:	IV-8	# 1350
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to Young Marine who has achieved a CPR certification.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complete a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course. 2. The Course must be prescribed by a qualified governing body, such as but not limited to the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. American Red Cross b. American Heart Association c. Local Police, Fire Department, or Emergency Medical Service, etc. d. Local hospital training program e. Certified online training course or program 3. Possess a valid CPR Certification Card. Headquarters Young Marines requires re-certification before promotion to YM/MSgt. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	ADVANCED FIRST AID RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-9	# 3607
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to Young Marine who has completed additional first aid above what is required to earn the Basic First Aid ribbon.	
Criteria:	<p>Young Marine must have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earned Basic First Aid Ribbon. 2. Completed a community first aid course prescribed by a qualified governing body, such as but not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. American Red Cross b. Local Hospital, Health Center, or Community College Training Program c. Local Police, Fire Department, or Emergency Services, etc. 3. Completed Primary and Secondary First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course prescribed by a qualified governing body, such as but not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. American Red Cross b. American Heart Association c. Local Hospital, Health Center, Community College Training Program d. Certified online training course or program 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	PHYSICAL FITNESS RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-10	# 3603
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who meets the Young Marine Physical Fitness Standards.	
Criteria:	<p>1. Young Marines must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complete the Young Marines Physical Fitness Test with an overall score of 200 or higher for YM Recruit through YM/PFC or a score of 250 or higher for YM/LCpl and above. b. Meet the applicable score during each physical fitness test to retain the ribbon (two Physical Fitness Tests per year: Jan-Jun and Jul-Dec). <p>2. Young Marines who score:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 300 to 399 are authorized to wear the Physical Fitness ribbon with the Roman numeral "II" centered on the ribbon. b. 400 to 500 are authorized to wear the Physical Fitness ribbon with the Roman number "I" centered on the ribbon. c. Young Marine earning a perfect score of 500 shall also be awarded Perfect Physical Fitness ribbon. All such scores shall be submitted to the Esprit magazine for recognition. d. Young Marines who score 475 to 499 at least five times consecutively, may be recommended for the Young Marine Achievement ribbon. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Roman numeral "I" Roman numeral "II"</p> <p>Note: Devices are perishable. The Young Marine wears the device earned (if any) determined by score on <u>last PFT taken</u>.</p>	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	BASIC FIRST AID RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-11	# 4047
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who completes a course of instruction in Basic Aid or Basic First Aid Training.	
Criteria:	<p>Young Marine must have:</p> <p>Successfully completed a course of instruction given in Basic Aid Training (BAT), Basic First Aid, or Standard First Aid prescribed by, but not limited to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. American Red Cross 2. Local Hospital, Heath Center, or Community College training program 3. Local Police, Fire Department or Emergency Services, etc <p>Note: Basic First Aid can be taught by any Adult Volunteer.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	FIRE PREVENTION & PROTECTION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-12	# 5129
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who completes, under the instruction of a qualified Fire Safety Instructor/Professional Firefighter, a Basic Fire Safety course.	
Criteria:	<p>Basic Fire Safety course must include, but is not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proper care and maintenance of home smoke detectors. 2. Develop an E.D.I.T.H. (Exit Drills in the Home) diagram of their residence. 3. Complete a basic fire extinguisher usage and application session. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	SWIMMING RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-13	#4041
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who meets the swim qualification requirements.	
Criteria:	<p>1. There are three classes of qualification—Class I (Intermediate), Class II (Basic), and Class III (Beginner) swimmer. Annual re-qualification is left to the discretion of Unit Commander based on available resources.</p> <p>2. During the swim test,</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. The Class III beginner swimmer must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Fully submerge face and body 2) Demonstrate buoyancy (must float for 1 minute) 3) Demonstrate basic breathing control 4) Float by using the flutter kick on front and back for 1 minute 5) Demonstrate how to enter and exit a pool safely 6) Demonstrate how to dogpaddle <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. The Class II basic swimmer must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Meet the Class III criteria 2) Swim 25 yards using crawl stroke 3) Swim 25 yards using elementary backstroke 4) Tread water for 1 minute 5) Explain hypothermia <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. The Class I intermediate swimmer must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Swim 25 yards using crawl stroke 2) Swim 25 yards using the elementary backstroke 3) Swim 25 yards using sidestroke 4) Swim 25 yards using the breaststroke 5) Tread water for 2 minutes 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Roman numeral "I" for Class I Swimmer Roman numeral "II" for Class II Swimmer</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Devices are perishable. Young Marine wears the device earned (if any) determined by classification on <u>the last swim test taken</u>. 2. SCUBA School – students must be a 1st class swimmer and be able to perform skills higher than listed above. See application for this SPACES event. 	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	SPORTSMANSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-14	# 3202
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who actively participates in any recognized organized sport, individual or team, and displays outstanding sportsmanship qualities of character. Sportsmanship is defined as: conduct (as fairness, respect for one's opponent, and graciousness in winning and losing) becoming to one participating in a sport.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Written verification from the coach. 2. In cases where the Young Marine is a relative of the coach(es), written verification must come from an assistant coach or other qualified individual who is not related to Young Marine. Documentation is maintained by the unit adjutant in the Young Marine's Record Book. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	

Young Marines Awards Manual


Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	MUSICIAN RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-15	# 3502
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine, earned once annually, who participates in a music program and demonstrates outstanding achievements in the music field.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must be involved in a music program. The program may be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Organized such as a school or church band, choir, or theater group b. Less organized pick-up bands, choirs, or musical groups, etc. c. Individual training programs such as music lessons in instrument, voice, writing, and etc. 2. To demonstrate outstanding achievement, the Young Marine must participate as an individual or member of a group: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Concert b. Recital c. Competition 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars	

Young Marines Awards Manual


Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	SEAMANSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-16	# 3108
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who completes a boating course as prescribed by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Power Squadron of America, or similar organizations offering courses in boating safety or small boat handling.	
Criteria:	<p>Young Marine must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Attend and successfully complete a boating course prescribed by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Power Squadron of America, or similar organizations offering courses in boating safety or small boat handling. b. Possess a certification card denoting completion of a boating course prescribed by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Power Squadron of America, or similar organizations offering courses in boating safety or small boat handling. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National SPACES Event	

THIS PAGE
INTENTIONALLY
LEFT BLANK


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	SCUBA RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-17	# 3221
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who receives certification by a national or international certifying organization.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must have successfully completed and met the certification requirements of one of the following certifying organizations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) b. National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI) c. Scuba Schools International (SSI) d. International Diving Educators Association (IDEA) e. Professional Divers Instructors Corporation (P.D.I.C.) 2. Must possess a certification card offered by the organization listed above. 	
Authorized Device:	Gold Frame - National SCUBA School	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	ADVANCED FIELD RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-18	# 5025
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completes and performs the requirements in Performance Objective 3 of the Junior Young Marine guidebook.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young Marine must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have earned the Qualified Field ribbon. b. Hold the minimum rank of YM/Cpl. c. Successfully perform and complete all Enabling Objectives listed in Performance Objective Review in the Junior Young Marine guidebook, Performance Objective 3. d. Demonstrate or perform skills during the course of one or more encampments. 2. Safety Warning: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Many of the skills to be demonstrated or performed require practice and close supervision by an instructor. b. The “talk, show, and do” method of instruction should be used whenever possible. c. Each skill must be demonstrated or performed with safety in mind and should be stressed to the Young Marines continuously. 3. Please check local ordinances regarding campfires and waste disposal. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	QUALIFIED FIELD RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-19	# 1544
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully performs and demonstrates skills in selected field craft.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young Marine must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hold the minimum rank of YM/Pvt. b. Successfully perform and complete all Enabling Objectives listed in Performance Objective Review in the Basic Young Marine guidebook, Performance Objective 3. c. Demonstrate or perform skills during the course of one or more encampments. 2. Safety Warning: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Many of the skills to be demonstrated or performed require practice and close supervision by an instructor. b. The “talk, show, and do” method of instruction should be used whenever possible. c. Each skill must be demonstrated or performed with safety in mind and should be stressed to the Young Marines continuously. 3. Please check local ordinances regarding campfires and waste disposal. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	ORIENTEERING RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-20	# 5119
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who leads a team through an orienteering course and complete an individual orienteering competition.	
Criteria:	<p>The Young Marine must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have earned the Land Navigation ribbon. 2. Hold the minimum rank of YM/Pvt. 3. Participate in an orienteering competition: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. As an <u>individual</u>, successfully complete the orientation course. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Meet the established time requirement 2) Find 90 percent of the assigned markers b. As a <u>team member</u>, be successful in completing the orientation course. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Complete course with the whole team 2) Meet the established time requirement 3) Find all assigned markers 4. Young Marine must accomplish both 3.a. and 3.b., above. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National Award	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	LAND NAVIGATION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-21	# 7130
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who demonstrates knowledge on proper use of a map and compass and skill in land navigation as described in the Young Marine guidebooks.	
Criteria:	<p>Young Marine must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have earned the Map & Compass ribbon. 2. Hold the minimum rank of YM/Pvt. 3. Successfully perform and complete all Enabling Objectives listed in Performance Objective Review in the Young Marine guidebooks, Performance Objective 4. 4. Use a compass and applicable map on a land navigation course located in a wilderness area where there are appreciable terrain features and shortest legs are not less than 50 meters. 5. Use a map and compass to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Plot 5 points on a map and plan your legs from Point 1 to each point in sequence to Point 5. b. Successfully navigate, in sequence, to all 5 points on the map. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National Award	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	MAP & COMPASS RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-22	# 7137
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who demonstrate knowledge on the proper use of a map and compass as described in the Young Marine guidebooks.	
Criteria:	<p>Young Marine must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold the minimum rank of YM/Pvt. 2. Successfully perform and complete all Enabling Objectives listed in Performance Objective Review in the Young Marine guidebook. 3. Use an applicable map and compass on a land navigation course. 4. Use a map and compass to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Plot 5 points. b. Successfully navigate to 3 points using 3 of the 5 points on the map. <p align="center">OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Successfully complete one card of the 100' "Rope Course." 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National Award	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	COMMUNICATIONS RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-23	# 3713
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who demonstrates knowledge and skill in one or more areas in the communications field listed below.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Written Media Publications (Newspaper, Magazines, and Newsletters).</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Must have an article published in any commercial or non-commercial newspaper, magazine, or newsletter with a reader-base of 50 or more subscribers or members. b. Article must be at least 200 words in length and related to any Young Marine, school, church, or community activity that the Young Marine took part. c. Unit Commanders will place copies of published articles in the Young Marine's Record Book. 2. <u>Radio and Television.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Participate in an internship program or program with local radio or television station for a period of one year b. Through a written paper of 200 to 300 words, describe a basic understanding of radio/television planning, production, and service to community. 3. <u>Computer (Web design).</u> Not required to be placed on the Internet. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Using standard web software design, build and support a website that provides unit information to other Young Marines as well as the general public about the National Young Marines program and their unit. b. Provide a demonstration of the web page and present a 200-300 word essay on the project including problems, resolutions, pitfalls, and successes. 4. <u>Foreign Languages.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Young Marine must have completed one full school year (2 Semesters) of a foreign language, other than English, and earned a minimum of a B for each semester grade (report card as proof). b. Provide a letter of recommendation from an evaluation by a certified teacher fluent in the language if the course was taken on-line or learned in the home. c. Either a certification or course completion of sign language testing by an accredited agency must be provided. <p>Note: The use of or instructions given on two-way radios at drills or encampments does not qualify Young Marines for this award.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	Silver Four Point Compass – Foreign Language only	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	MARKSMANSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-24	# 3005
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completes the course of instruction instructed by a current Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) Coach, NRA marksmanship instructor, and/or a qualified subject matter expert as outlined in the Marksmanship Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young Marine must receive instruction in and successfully meet criteria in the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Firearms safety b. Smart and safe handling of firearms c. Firearm parts and components d. Household firearm safety e. This course of instruction taken does not require an actual practical shooting experience at a range. 2. Practical shooting of firearms is conducted in accordance with the Young Marines 12th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Gene Overstreet Shooting Sports Program (YMSSP) as outlined in the Marksmanship SOP. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Frame – Authorized National Event Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award Bronze Palm – Battalion Award Silver “M” – Unit Award</p> <p>Note: The devices are only applicable to the practical portion of the award.</p>	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	DRILL TEAM RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-25	# 3213
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who participates as a member of the unit drill team.	
Criteria:	<p>Drill Team members must have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participated in a minimum of 3 events. 2. Participated in one public function. 3. Performed their duties in a satisfactory manner. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award Bronze Palm – Battalion Award Drill Team Ribbon Bar – Unit Award ONLY</p>	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	YOUNG MARINE ENCAMPMENT RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-26	# 3671
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Battalion Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who participates in a battalion, regiment, division, or national encampment.	
Criteria:	<p>1. Young Marines must:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Demonstrate maturity and conduct expected of Young Marines away from home and under direct supervision of adult and Young Marine leaders.</p> <p>2. Encampment must take place in an outdoors setting; not a hotel.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award Bronze Palm – Battalion Award</p>	
Streamer:	<p>Streamer – National Encampments</p> <p>Each streamer will be marked by the year of participation.</p>	


Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	ORGANIZED UNIT TRIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-27	# 3605
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who participates in two unit activities involving an overnight stay.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must demonstrate maturity and conduct expected of Young Marines away from home and under direct supervision of adult and Young Marine leaders. 2. The activity must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Involve a minimum of two days and one night. b. Be considered an overnight encampment, field trip, or other Young Marine activity that involves travel with the unit away from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Home of any Young Marine or registered Adult Volunteer. 2) Normal drill site. 3) Local community. 3. Some recommended activities are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Trip aboard military installation that is not a normal drill site or Naval vessel for training. b. Unit encampments. c. Field Trip to state and/or nation's capital, if it meets criteria 2. 4. Activity is not held in conjunction with a higher headquarters encampment or school. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – Select National events. Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	
Streamer:	Unit will earn the streamer for selected National events such as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Navajo Code Talker Day, and/or other selected events. Each streamer will be separate for each event and marked by the year of participation.	

Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	BASIC RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-28	# 3302
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completes recruit training as prescribed in the Recruit Training SOP in the Training Officers Manual (TOM).	
Criteria:	<p>Young Marine must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Graduate from Recruit Training in the time prescribed by the Unit Commander. 2. Complete Performance Objectives and Enabling Objectives as stated in Promotion Policy to obtain the rank of Young Marine Private. 3. Perform and complete the Young Marines Physical Fitness Test. 4. Meet the minimum required attendance of not more than three (3) excused absences during Young Marine Recruit training. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Silver Knot 1 Silver Knot 2 Silver Knot 3 Silver Knot 4 Silver Knot 5</p> <p>The Silver Knot device is authorized for wear by a Young Marine that has been certified as a Recruit Instructor via the Recruit Instructor Course and who successfully performs the duty of a Young Marine Recruit Instructor. Silver Knot Awards are issued by the Division Commander or delegated as they see fit. A Young Marine may be credited as a Recruit Instructor a maximum of five (5) times.</p>	

Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Qualification Device(s)	
Name of Award:	SILVER KNOT DEVICE (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	
Order of Precedence:	Most senior device earned; 5 knot being most senior	
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Division Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully performs the duties and responsibilities of a Young Marine Recruit Instructor.	
Criteria:	<p>The Silver Knot device is earned by a Young Marine who has been certified as a Recruit Instructor via the Recruit Instructor Course and who successfully performs the duty of a Young Marine Recruit Instructor upon return to their unit.</p> <p>Silver Knot Awards are issued by the Unit Commander. The five-knot device is the highest device earned regardless of number of times a Young Marine serves as a recruit instructor.</p>	

AWARDS MANUAL

Appendix A

Examples for personal ribbons:

1. Distinguished Service Ribbon
 - a. National and Division Young Marines of the Year
 - b. Young Marines who make an impact that contributes to the success of the entire program
 - c. Over a long, sustained period of time; whole Young Marine career
2. Personal Commendation Ribbon
 - a. Young Marines who make an impact to the program at the Division level and below
 - b. National and Division Leadership School Staff who demonstrate exemplary skills
 - c. Planning and executing higher level encampments, field meets, symposiums, etc.
3. Meritorious Service Ribbon
 - a. Young Marines who make an impact outside of their unit
 - b. Planning, training, and mentoring other units, battalions, or regiments
4. Lifesaving 1st Degree Ribbon
 - a. Car accident with fire
 - b. Aviation mishap
 - c. Rip-tide rescue
5. Lifesaving 2nd Degree Ribbon
 - a. Car accident with no fire
 - b. Burning building, no entry
 - c. Water rescue via watercraft or boat
6. Lifesaving 3rd Degree Ribbon
 - a. Swimming pool rescue
 - b. Choking
 - c. Dog in a vehicle on a hot day
7. Personal Achievement Ribbon
 - a. Young Marines who have completed something significant
 - b. Division Young Marine of the Year
 - c. 1000+ hours of community service
 - d. Fundraising money far above what was expected
 - e. Served in a higher level billet with distinction
8. Commendation of Merit
 - a. Young Marine who makes an impact in a leadership position in your unit, at an encampment, at a community service event, etc

AWARDS MANUAL

9. Young Marine Achievement Ribbon
 - a. Impact Award
 - b. Young Marine who does something awesome
 - c. Sustained high 1st class PFT scores many times in a row
 - d. Leadership or mentorship that is beyond their age
 - e. Anything deemed noteworthy