

- At the same time, turn your head in the direction of the officer.
  - Offer an appropriate greeting while saluting the officer such as “Good Morning, sir or Ma’am.”
- When you are in a group but not in a formation, the entire group salutes at one time. When you are in a formation, the senior person calls the formation to Attention, if not already at Attention, and salutes for the unit.

## Chapter 2- General Knowledge

The following chapter details information about the Young Marines program, military knowledge and customs, and important pieces of United States history that every Young Marine should know.

### PO.2 – General Knowledge

EO.1 – Observe uniform and personal grooming regulations.

EO.2 – Identify and explain key features of the Young Marines program.

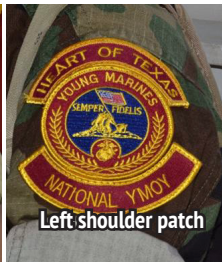
### EO.1 – Observe Uniform and Personal Grooming Regulations

Young Marines are authorized to wear appropriately modified versions of the Marine Corps uniform. The National Executive Director issues the modifications designed to clearly identify the wearer as a member of the Young Marines. The Young Marine uniform is worn during Young Marine Drills (meetings) or other authorized Young Marine activities as determined by the Unit Commander. There are several types of uniforms you will be expected to wear and care for: the Young Marine uniform, a PT uniform, service uniforms, and travel attire.

- **The Young Marine Uniform:** The official uniform in the Young Marines Program is the woodland pattern camouflage blouse, trousers and khaki web belt, black boots, cover, and white t-shirt. The camouflage uniform can only be modified by substituting the red National t-shirt or the unit t-shirt for the white t-shirt. This is the only modification that can be made at the Unit Commander’s discretion. No other modifications or deviations are authorized such as shooting badges, scuba bubbles, jump wings, fourragiere, lanyards, or other uniforms such as the digital uniform.
- **PT Uniform:** Your unit may designate a Physical Training (PT) uniform consisting of shorts, a t-shirt, white socks, and athletic shoes. A sweatshirt and pants may be added for cold weather.
- **Service Uniforms:** The Service “A” (Alphas), Service “B” (Bravos), and Service “C” (Charlies) uniforms may be worn by Young Marines on special occasions such as parades and birthday balls. Service A, B, or C uniforms are gender specific. Collar devices for the Service A blouse are the Young Marines Disc Insignia collar devices. Rank insignia is to be worn on the khaki shirt. The Young Marines Disc Insignia is used on the cover for the service A and C uniforms only. The Service A, B, and C uniforms are optional uniforms. However, they may be required for selected National events.

**Note:** Females may wear either the trousers or the skirt with the Alpha, Bravo, and Charlie uniforms. Females shall wear black pumps of conservative cut with closed toes and heel without ornamental stitching or seams while wearing the service uniform skirt only; female black dress shoes, in accordance with the dress shoe regulations above, will be worn with the service uniform pants only. Heels will measure from 1-1/2 inches to 2-1/2 inches in height. The base of the heel will measure from 3/8 by 3/8 inch to 1-1/4 by 1-1/2 inches. Black pumps will be smooth leather or synthetic leather. Any elastic binding around the throat of the pump will match the color of the shoe.

- **Travel Attire:** Young Marines do not travel in any uniform. They should always travel in civilian attire with the red National t-shirt except for SLS and ALS Graduates, who may travel in appropriate civilian attire with red polo shirts.



## Care and Wear of the Uniform

Your uniform is your responsibility to safeguard and care for. Never leave your uniform unattended to ensure it doesn't get picked up by someone else. You also need to mark your name in every item of clothing and promptly replace any damaged or poorly fitting parts of your uniforms.

Below is a list of each piece of your uniform and a brief description of how to care for each:

- **Cover:** The woodland-style authorized camouflage utility cap is worn with the authorized woodland-style camouflage uniform. The cover should be machine or hand washed in warm water. It may be starched or altered for size but may not be bleached.
- **Camouflage Blouse:** The camouflage blouse is worn with Young Marine breast pocket patch centered above the left breast pocket, 1/8-inch above the pocket. The Young Marine shoulder patch is worn on the left sleeve with the Unit designation arc centered above the patch on the shoulder seam. The blouse should be machine or hand washed in warm water. It may be starched or altered for size but may not be bleached.
- **Nametape:** An olive drab nametape is worn centered over the right pocket, flush to the pocket seam and flush to the edges of the pocket. Replace if frayed or damaged.
- **Ribbons:** 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 the Young Marine Awards Manual. They are 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, ribbon bars will be placed even with or up to two inches above or 1/2 inch below the first visible button and centered so that they are in about the same position as when worn on the coat.
- **Chevrons:** Rank insignias are worn on both collars of the camouflage blouse, khaki shirt, or field

jacket. They are placed pointing up and center with the center point of the chevron lining up with the point of the collar. It is centered on the collar with the outside edges of the chevron 1/2 inch from both edges of the collar.

- White T-shirts: White t-shirts will be worn with the camouflage uniform. In times where the camouflage blouse may be removed, the red National shirt or Unit shirt may be substituted at the request of the Unit Commander on the unit level.
- Camouflage Trousers: Camouflage trousers are to be worn with straight or pouch pockets. Nametapes will be sewn over the right rear pocket of the trousers, centered, and flush over the top seam. The trousers will be machine or hand washed in warm water. They may be starched or altered to size but may not be bleached.
- Khaki Web Belt: The belt should be worn with the brass buckle, but either the Marine Corps style brass buckle or anodized buckles are authorized. Green or black cargo type belts are also authorized except during formal inspections. The belt will be machine or hand washed in warm water.
- Boots: The Young Marine-unique brush out black boot will be worn with the Young Marine uniform. This boot does not require polishing but will be kept clean and free of dirt by brushing. For those who choose standard black leather boots, black hot weather tropical boots (jungle), or the old-style black combat boots (with eyelet lacing), it will be necessary to maintain a high shine polish on the boots. Black or green socks will be worn with the boots.
- Unit or Special T-Shirts: Each unit should have a unit t-shirt with the unit name and the Young Marine designation imprinted on the shirt. Colors may vary. These T-shirts should be part of each Young Marine's PT uniform. They may also be worn for activities and functions where the camouflage uniform is not as applicable such as car washes and certain community service projects. The unit t-shirt or the red National t-shirt may also be worn under the camouflage uniform on the unit level if the Unit Commander desires.

## Uniform Marking

All uniform items and items used during Young Marine activities must be marked with the Young Marine's last and first initial with a permanent black laundry marker. The listed items below must be marked in the following manner:

- Web Belt - on the inside only, near the buckle end
- Cover - inside, centered on the sweatband
- Blouse - inside, centered on the neckband
- Drawers - inside, centered on the waistband • Gloves - inside at the wrist
- Necktie - on the inside of the neck loop
- Dress Shirts and Undershirts - inside back, centered on neckband
- Shoes/Boots - inside near the top, centered (silver or white permanent marker may be used)
- Socks - on the instep
- Sweater - stamped on manufacturing label or use marking tape/label sewed on inside the back of sweater, below the neckband, with thread to match the sweater
- Trousers/Skirts/Slacks - inside, centered near the top
- PT Shorts - inside, centered, immediately below the waistband
- Bag, Duffel - on the outside of the bottom of the bag
- Coats - inside, centered on the neckband
- Necktabs - on the underside near left end

## Grooming and Personal Appearance Standards

All Young Marines are expected to keep themselves clean and well-groomed in and out of uniform. Your personal appearance not only represents the program, but it represents you as a person. How you present and carry yourself says a lot about your character, so it is important to maintain on the outside

how you feel on the inside and how you want people to treat you.

Below you will find the personal grooming standards for male and female Young Marines:

## Male Young Marines

**Hair will be neat and closely trimmed.** Hair will be short enough so that it does not touch the ears nor hang on the nape of the neck. The hair may be clipped at the edges of the side and back and will not exceed three inches in length, fully extended on the top of the head. Head hair will be styled so as not to interfere with the proper wear of uniform headgear. Hair that sticks out from beneath properly worn headgear in an unsightly manner is considered excessive regardless of length. Male Young Marines are not authorized to wear braids of any sort, have eccentric designs cut in their hair, or dye their hair an unnatural color or different shades.

**Beards are unauthorized.** However, mustaches and sideburns may be worn as long as they conform to current Young Marine grooming standards. When worn, the mustache will be neatly trimmed and must not extend beyond the length of the upper lip. The individual length of a mustache hair fully extended must not exceed 1/2 inch. Except for a mustache, sideburns, eyebrows, and eyelashes, hair may be grown on the face only when a medical professional has determined that shaving is temporarily harmful to the individual Young Marine's health. Sideburns will not extend below the top of the orifice of the ear. Sideburns will not be styled to taper or flare. The length of an individual hair of the sideburn will not exceed 1/8 inch when fully extended.

**The only jewelry permitted are watches, medical items, religious medallions, class or Young Marines ring. All jewelry will be removed for physical training activities.**

## Female Young Marines

**Hair may touch the collar but will not fall below the collar's lower edge.** Hair that would fall naturally below the collar's lower edge will be neatly and inconspicuously fastened or pinned. During physical training periods in which physical training clothing is worn, hair will be allowed to fall naturally without being fastened or pinned. This does not apply when conducting physical training in the utility uniform.

Hair will be styled so as not to interfere with the proper wear of the uniform headgear. All headgear will fit snugly and comfortably around the largest part of the head without distortion or excessive gaps. Hairstyles which do not allow the headgear to be worn in this manner are prohibited.

**Faddish and exaggerated styles to include shaved portions of the scalp other than the neckline, designs in the hair, unsecured ponytails, and styles that are distinctly unbalanced or lopsided are prohibited as is unnatural hair coloring or hair coloring of various shades. Multiple braiding and buns are authorized.** If hair extensions are used in the braiding of the hair, the extensions must have the same general appearance as the individual's natural hair. Braided hairstyles will be conservative and conform to other guidelines listed herein. Barrettes, combs, rubber bands, etc. are authorized if concealed by the hair. Inconspicuous hairpins and bobby pins, if required, are authorized. Hairnets will not be worn unless authorized for a specific type of duty i.e. serving food.

**Cosmetics (makeup) are authorized for wear in uniform if permitted by the parent or legal guardian.**

It shall be applied conservatively and must complement the individual's complexion and skin tone. Exaggerated or faddish cosmetic styles are considered inappropriate and shall not be tolerated. Non-eccentric lipstick and nail polish colors, to include colorless nail polish, are authorized for wear with the

uniform. Fingernails with multiple colors and decorative ornamentation are considered eccentric and MAY NOT be worn. Nail length, to include false nails, will be no longer than 1/4 inch from the tip of the finger.

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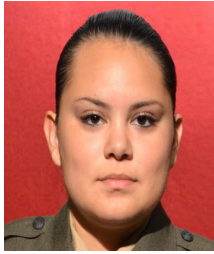
All jewelry will be removed for physical training activities. Small, Silver or gold polished ball or round stud earrings (post, screw-on, or clip), not to exceed six millimeters (about 1/4 inch) in diameter, may be worn with any uniform. When worn, earrings will fit tightly against, and will not extend below, the earlobe. Only one earring will be worn on or in each earlobe in the lowest hole.



**Front Facial View  
Male**



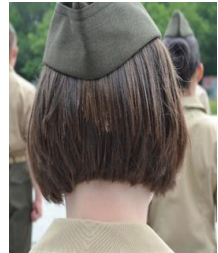
**Side Facial View  
Male**



**Front Facial View  
Female**



**Side Facial View  
Female**



## **EO.2 – Identify and Explain Key Features of the Young Marines Program**

### **Young Marines History**

The Young Marines was founded in 1959 in Waterbury, CT by the Brass City Detachment of the Marine Corps League. The official charter was issued to the Young Marines on October 17th, 1965 which is the official birthday of the Young Marines. All Young Marines and Adult Volunteers are encouraged to celebrate its birthday every October.

The Young Marines started as only one unit with just a few boys, but membership was extended to females in 1975. In 1995 the organization went international with its first units in Okinawa, Japan.

Today, our organization has grown to over 200 units, but our focus has remained the same: to strengthen the lives of America's youth by teaching the importance of self-confidence, academic achievement, honoring our veterans, good citizenship, community service, and living a health, drug-free lifestyle. We focus on mental, moral, and physical development to promote strong character building and leadership development.

## The Young Marine Obligation

The first step in becoming a Young Marine is to want to be a Young Marine. The second step is to solemnly take the following Young Marine Obligation. An obligation is an act or course of action to which a person is morally or legally bound. It is a duty and commitment they make.

When the Young Marine takes the Young Marine Obligation, they take on the duties of a Young Marine and are committing themselves to better themselves, their peers, and the organization. It becomes the Young Marine's everyday duty and responsibility to always be on their best behavior, always give their very best effort in all they do, and never dishonor the things they hold very important, like ones God, country, family, themselves, and the Young Marines.












The Young Marine Obligation should be declared by raising one's right hand and speaking with a clear voice, strong posture, and determination. It is as follows:

## Young Marine Obligation

**From this day forward, I sincerely promise, I will set an example for all other youth to follow and I shall never do anything that would bring disgrace or dishonor upon my God, my Country and its flag, my parents, myself, or the Young Marines. These I will honor and respect in a manner that will reflect credit upon them and myself. Semper Fidelis.**

## Young Marine Rank Structure

Young Marines are divided into four groups based on the Young Marine rank they hold: Basic, Junior, Senior, and Advanced. When addressing Young Marines by their rank, the words "Young Marine" precede the rank. For example, if the Young Marine holds the rank of Lance Corporal, the Young Marine should be addressed as "Young Marine Lance Corporal." When writing the Young Marine rank, the rank can be written in full such as "Young Marine Lance Corporal" or shortened such as "YM/LCpl."

 Private (YM/Pvt)	 Staff Sergeant (YM/SSgt)	 Master Gunnery Sergeant (YM/MGySgt)
 Private First Class (YM/PFC)	 Gunnery Sergeant (YM/GySgt)	 First Sergeant (YM/1stSgt) (Billet)
 Lance Corporal (YM/LCpl)	 Master Sergeant (YM/MSgt)	 Sergeant Major (YM/SgtMaj) (Billet)
 Corporal (YM/Cpl)	 Sergeant (YM/Sgt)	

## Military Knowledge and Customs

Since the Young Marines is chartered through the Marine Corps League with clear ties to the United States Marine Corps, certain military terms and jargon are commonly used throughout the organization. Below is a list of common military terms and their meaning. Be sure to familiarize yourself with them so that you can easily communicate with fellow Young Marines and Adult Volunteers.

**As You Were** = Cancel the previous command or go back to the last position you were at.

**Bulkhead** = Wall

**Chow** = Food. Can also be used in place of the words breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

Example: We will P.T. right after chow.

**Deck** = Floor

**Evening Colors** = Ceremony of lowering the flag at sundown

**Fire watch** = Person or individuals assigned the duty of maintaining order after lights out

**Gear** = Personal belongings, Issued equipment

**Gung Ho** = "Can Do!"

**Head** = Bathroom, washroom, or restroom

**Mess Hall** = Dining hall or dining room

**Overhead** = Ceiling

**Pipe down** = Quiet!

**Police** = To straighten up or tidy up

**P.T.** = Physical Training

**Scuttlebutt** = Gossip, or a water fountain

**Semper Fidelis** = Always Faithful (The Marine Corps Motto)

**Square Away** = To straighten, make ship shape, or to get settled

**Starboard** = Right Side

**Swab** = A mop

**Uncover** = To remove your headgear

## Chapter 3 – Field Skills

### PO. 3 – Field Skills

EO.1 – Select personal clothing and equipment for encampments and expeditions.

EO.2 – Follow camp routine and discipline in the field.

### EO.1 – Select Personal Clothing and Equipment for Encampments and Expeditions

When preparing for outdoor activities of any kind, it is important to consider weather elements such as temperature and precipitation before selecting clothing and equipment, as they will have significant impact on your choices. You also need to consider how any changes in weather could affect your choices, so you'll also need to be able to adapt your clothing and equipment. Most outdoor accidents occur when people are ill-prepared for weather changes.

Before packing for an outdoor activity, make sure you consider:

- **Temperature:** The temperature during the day and night will first and foremost dictate what you pack for your activity. Make sure you choose proper clothing to protect from sun exposure or to provide enough layers for the cold.
- **Wind and wind chill:** Wind speed can be an issue especially in colder temperatures. Pack additional layers or windbreakers if high or cold winds are to be expected. You will also need to make sure to pack additional materials if you will need to secure any of your equipment that could be blown away by high winds.
- **Precipitation:** Precipitation also dictates what you pack. Rain or snow will require water-proof items as well as extra undergarments in case your clothes get wet.
- **Altitude:** Higher altitudes can sometimes result in colder temperatures while lower altitudes can