

# Chapter 7 – Leadership

## PO.7 – Leadership

EO.1 – Carry out the duties of a team member.

EO.2 – Understand the duties of firewatch

Young Marines have always prided themselves on being strong leaders. Being a leader isn't our sole focus, however. Before you can be a strong leader, you need to be a strong team member. It's important to be able to work well with your fellow Young Marines to solve problems, help each other out throughout Recruit training and beyond, and to build each other up to not only make you strong Young Marines, but strong people as well. The following chapter will help you learn how to work together as team members.

### EO.1 - Carry Out the Duties of a Team Member

As a member of a team, there are certain rules to follow and duties you need to remember to perform. They are as follows:

- Comply with rules and orders.
- Make responsible decisions for your safety and the safety of your teammates.
- Maintain good personal habits and manners.
- Use positive words and encouragement when speaking with your team members.
- Cooperate with others and work as a member of the team.
- Accept constructive criticism.
- Be willing to admit your mistakes, work to correct them, and learn from your experiences.
- Take care of all personal and group equipment - repair or report items of equipment and clothing when they break or become damaged.
- Encourage your teammates.

In the Young Marines there are many tasks and responsibilities that everyone must work together to accomplish. You will need to rely on your teammates and leaders to help complete these tasks. You should lend a hand freely and can expect others to help you when you need it. Being a good team member is the first step in becoming a leader. Your leaders began where you are today. Trust their experience and work on your skills so you can become a good leader.

Part of being a strong team member is to be honest with yourself and your teammates about your personal limits: things you cannot or will not do. Do not try to take on more than you can handle because you can hurt yourself or your teammates or hinder your team. Accept your teammates' limits as well, but still make sure to be encouraging and supportive so that everyone can improve. Never resort to mocking or cruel behavior when something does not go as planned, and never leave a teammate behind. Be patient and understanding when things go wrong, when people make mistakes, or when plans change at the last minute.

Simply put, being part of a TEAM means that:

- T—Together
- E—Everyone
- A—Accomplishes
- M—More

### EO.2 - Understand the Duties of Firewatch

As a Young Marine, it is your duty to look after your peers and subordinates. Firewatch is performing that duty while they are sleeping. While performing firewatch, you are on the lookout for anything that could

bring harm to your fellow Young Marines. For example, if you are camping and you are on firewatch, one of your jobs may be to control the camp fire so that it does not get out of hand and cause a forest fire. Another duty may be to ensure everyone is in their rack except those authorized to be awake. Whatever your duties are as part of firewatch, you should remain alert and carry out your duties to the best of your ability. The following **Young Marine General Orders** will help assist you in performing this duty:

While on firewatch:

- YMGO #1 – I will take charge of this post and all Young Marines' property in view.
- YMGO #2 – I will walk my post in an alert manner, observe everything that takes place withinsight or hearing, and report any unauthorized personnel.
- YMGO #3 – I will report all violations of orders and instructions I have been given.
- YMGO #4 – I will not quit my post until properly relieved.
- YMGO #5 – I will speak to no one except those who are also in the line of duty.
- YMGO #6 – I will sound the alarm in case of emergency.
- YMGO #7 – I will call an Adult Volunteer or Young Marine in charge if any event occurs that has not been covered by instructions.

## **Chapter 8 – United States History and Citizenship**

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##### **The National Anthem**

"The Star-Spangled Banner" was adopted by Congress as our country's National Anthem on March 3, 1931, but it was actually written by Francis Scott Key in September of 1814 during the war of 1812. Francis Scott Key was watching the bombardment of Fort McHenry from Baltimore Harbor and witnessed the raising of the U.S. flag the morning after the battle which marked a major victory for U.S. forces. He was so inspired by the event that he began to compose the original poem on the back of a letter. The original poem contains four verses but only one of which is commonly known today.

Eventually the poem lyrics were set to the tune of the song "Anacreon in Heaven," a popular song of the time, written by British composer John Stafford Smith in 1775. By the 1890s, the U.S. military had been using the song for ceremonial purposes. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed an executive order to designate it as our country's National Anthem, but this distinction did not become official until Congress passed the official measure in 1931.

Below are the official lyrics of our country's National Anthem:

Oh, say can you see, By the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed,  
At the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, Through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, Were so gallantly streaming. And the rocket's red glare, The bombs bursting  
in air, Gave proof through the night, That our flag was still there.

Oh say does that star spangled banner yet wave, For the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

The full poem can be viewed at: <https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/poem/star-spangled-banner>.