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EO.1 – Pass a Uniform Inspection

As a Young Marine Private and Private First Class, the only uniform you will be responsible for during inspections is the Woodland Camouflage uniform. This uniform is composed of the woodland pattern camouflage blouse, trousers and khaki web belt, black boots, cover, and white t-shirt or another t-shirt specified by the Unit Commander. The instructions for the proper care and wear of your Young Marines uniforms is in your Recruit Guidebook. You should review both the care and wear instruction and the inspection form to prepare for your inspection. Follow the instructions as you prepare your uniform, then check the inspection form to make sure your uniform meets the criteria.

During your uniform inspection, your inspector will make comments on your uniform to let you know areas that need improvement. After each inspection you should review the comments left so you know what to improve upon before your next inspection.





To see pictures of the proper uniform and grooming standards for the Woodland Camouflage uniform, see Appendix G – Additional Uniform Regulations.

To view a copy of the Uniform Inspection Form, see Appendix H – Uniform Inspection Form.

EO.2 – Identify the Rank Structure of the Young Marines

In addition to being categorized by Young Marine rank, the rank structure of the program is divided into four categories after Recruit: Basic, Junior, Senior, and Advanced. There are also two billeted ranks that must be earned. It is important to know which category your rank falls into so you can track your progress and set goals to meet the next rank or earn a new billet.

The following chart displays the organization of the Young Marines Rank Structure:

	Description	Rank
<p>Basic Young Marines</p> 	<p>These Young Marines have graduated Recruit Training and are developing their leadership skills and special training by being team members within platoons.</p>	<p>YM/Pvt YM/PFC YM/LCpl</p>
<p>Junior Young Marines</p> 	<p>These Young Marines have been to Leadership School and often hold senior positions within platoons and special teams such as Platoon Guides or even Platoon Sergeants</p>	<p>YM/Cpl YM/Sgt</p>
<p>Senior Young Marines</p> 	<p>These Young Marines are qualified in a variety of schools, have held Junior leadership positions, and now take their leadership training to a higher level by holding such positions as Platoon Leader, Unit Gunnery Sergeant, or Unit DDR Chief.</p>	<p>YM/SSgt YM/GySgt</p>
<p>Advanced Young Marines</p> 	<p>These Young Marines are experts within our organization. They are highly qualified in a wide variety of skills including leadership, and now they work directly with the adult staff to coordinate events in terms of administration, training, and logistics. They also help determine which Senior, Junior, and Basic Young Marines will hold leadership positions throughout their unit. Often their leadership also extends into National Young Marines events.</p>	<p>YM/MSgt YM/MGySgt</p> <p>Billeted Ranks: YM/1stSgt YM/SgtMaj</p>

E0.3 – Identify and Explain Key Features of the Young Marines Program

The Young Marines has a strong connection to the Marine Corps and their values of honor, courage, and commitment. These values give Marines their strength, regulate their behavior, and bond them together as a force like no other, allowing them to overcome every obstacle and meet all challenges. Their value system inspired our own of leadership, teamwork, discipline, values Young Marines can use for inspiration and determination. The following section will go into more detail on each of our core values so you know exactly how to uphold them.

Leadership

Leadership is the ability to influence others, both positively and negatively. Young Marines aspire to be positive leaders and inspire those they lead. A good leader will effectively pass on from their leaders all that is expected to be accomplished. They will model how to exceed these expectations and be positive role models and mentors for those they lead. A true leader leads by example. Young Marine leaders will:

- Aspire to positively influence their fellow Young Marines
- Accomplish all missions by completing all tasks assigned by leaders including their parents, teachers, and coaches in addition to their Young Marine leaders
- Continuously seek to improve their leadership skills by asking for feedback from leaders above them

Teamwork

Teamwork is cooperation between those working together on a task. To truly understand teamwork, Young Marines must learn to listen to their leaders and peers, ask questions to ensure complete understanding, inspire and encourage their team to accomplish the mission successfully, respect those on their team, and listen to their suggestions. They will help team to accomplish the mission, share in the glory and the failures of the team, and participate in the task as a member of the team. Young Marines will:

- Always work together with their teammates and respect everyone's opinions and efforts
- Keep their team motivated even when the mission or task is not a popular one or it does not seem to be going well
- Share in the success and failure as a team

Discipline

Discipline requires that Young Marines show instant willingness and respect to the rules of the Young Marines program, their parents' rules, and the laws of the land. Discipline also refers to self-discipline and determines the ability of a Young Marine to set a goal and work hard to see it through to completion. Young Marines will:

- Follow all rules and regulations set forth in the Young Marines Guidebooks and Manuals
- Follow the rules of the home and of their parents, completing chores, obeying curfews, and assisting in the home when needed
- Follow all laws of our government and have respect for our leaders, law enforcement, and those in charge of us
- Follow through on all commitments in the Young Marines, in school, and in any other extra-curricular activity
- Consistently set goals and maintain high expectations for themselves

EO.4 – Know and Understand Military Terms and Marine Jargon

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 you can easily communicate with your fellow Young Marines and Adult Volunteers. In Recruit Training you learned twenty terms. Now you will learn nineteen more to better help you understand Marine jargon.

Aye, Aye, Sir!/ Ma'am!	I heard what you said, I understand what you said, and I will obey
Carry On	Continue with what you were doing
Cover	This means three things: a. The uniform article that covers your head b. To put your cover on your head c. Align yourself in formation from front to rear
Esprit de Corps	Latin for 'Spirit of the Corps'; a feeling of pride, fellowship, and common loyalty shared by the members of a particular group
Field Day	General housecleaning. When a field day is performed, everything is cleaned from top to bottom.
Galley	Kitchen
Grinder	Drill field
Hatch	Door
Ladder	Stairway
Morning Colors	Ceremony of raising the flag at 0800 but can vary by location or event
Passageway	Doorway or corridor
Pogey Bait	Candy, cookies, and snacks
Port	Left side (as you face to the front)
Rack	Bed, bunk
Secure	Lock up, or to stop work
Skivvies	Underwear
Stand By	Be ready; wait
Stow	To put your gear away
Topside	Upstairs or upper deck