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From: Young Marine Liaison, Florida Department Marine Corps League
To: Ron Ashley, Commandant Florida Department Marine Corps League

SUBJ: YOUNG MARINE REPORT 2nd QUARTER 2017

1. The State of Florida has 1 Regiment, 4 Battalions and 19 Young Marine Units. The State of Florida has 595 Young Marines and 209 registered adults. In addition, we have 38 recruits.

2. The Young Marine Liaison and Orlando Devil Dog Young Marines Commander awarded presentation plaques to the following Marine Corps League Detachments who supported the Young Marines trip to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor.

- MCL Detachment Heart of FL Detachment #1107; amount \$1,678.06
- MCL Sgt Hatcher Detachment # 1120; amount \$500
- The Villages Pound # 335; amount \$500

3. **Community Service**: The 1st Florida Regiment Young Marine Unit's performed more than 43,129 hours since October 1, 2016, of which 20,254.55 hours were performed by Young Marines and the other 22,874.45 hours were performed by registered adults. Over 33,000 hours were directly related to Veterans activities during this period.

4. **Drug Demand Reduction**: The 1st Florida Regiment Young Marine Unit's Drug Awareness Training has amassed more than 6,389.95 hours since October 1, 2016, of which 5,177.45 hours were performed by Young Marines and the other 1,212.5 hours were performed by registered adults.

5. **Donations/Support/Scholarships**: During this period, the Regiment's units have donated several thousand dollars to distraught veterans and veteran's organizations. In addition, the 1st Florida Regiment has formed their own

scholarship program which to date has provided more than thirty-five \$500 scholarship to Young Marines applying for education above the high school level.

6. **Marine Corps League relationship with Young Marine Units**: The number of Detachments that are working with local Young Marine Units is 24 Detachments out of 51 Detachments supporting 18 of 19 Young Marine Units.

7. **Special Events for 2017**: See attached photographs of Young Marines in Action.

- Young Marines performed ceremonies to honor the 4 Chaplains on 5 Feb 2017.
- The 1st Florida Regiment will be hosting the 3rd Young Marine Division Leadership School at Camp Geneva in Fruitland Park in March 2017.
- The 1st Florida Regiment will be hosting a Regimental Encampment at Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Camp La No Che in Paisley, FL.
- We have 2 Young Marines from Florida attending the 72 reunion of honor flight to Guam and Iwo Jima in March 2017. YM SgtMaj Carson George, Orlando Devil Dogs and YM 1stSgt Adrian Gandara from the PFC Bruce Carter (MOH) Young Marine Unit.
- The 1st Florida Regiment will be hosting the 3rd Young Marine Division Leadership School at Camp Geneva in Fruitland Park in August 2017

8 **New Units**: Still working on several new Young Marine Units in the State of Florida and hoping to increase Marine Corps League Detachment awareness on how beneficial the Young Marines are.

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

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YM SgtMaj Carson George, Orlando Devil Dogs receiving 3rd Young Marine Division Young Marine of the Year Awards



Orlando Devil Dog Young Marines on Memorial Day with BGen Pratt, USMC And the Honorable Mayor Theresa Jacobs, Orange County



Young Marines carrying the banner for the
Cpl Larry E. Smedley Detachment #064



Space Coast Young Marines



Naples Young Marines



Atlantic Coast Young Marines



LCpl Brian R. Buesing Young Marines



Nature Coast Young Marines



Imagine at North Port Young Marines



Venice Middle School Young Marines