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Ref: (a) MCO 5355.4
(b) MCO P5720.60
(c) NavCompt Manual, Vol. 7
(d) MCO P10110.14L
(e) MCO 4630.16B
(f) OPNAVINST 5760.2C
(g) MCO P11240.106A
(h) MCO P1000.6F
(i) MCO P1001R.1G
(j) MCO P1020.34E

1. Purpose. To officially recognize the YM of the Marine Corps League; to identify the YM as the focal organization for the Marine Corps drug demand reduction efforts; and to promulgate Marine Corps policy for support of the YM.

2. Background

a. The YM were established by a Connecticut Chapter of the Marine Corps League of the United States in 1958 as a volunteer, nonprofit training organization for youth, ages 8 through 18. The purpose of the YM is:

(1) to promote the mental, moral, and physical development of its members.

(2) to instill in its members the ideals of honesty, fairness, courage, respect, loyalty, dependability, attention to duty, love of God, and fidelity to our country and its institutions.

(3) to stimulate an interest in, and respect for, academic achievement and the history and traditions of the United States of America.

(4) to promote physical fitness through the conduct of physical activities, including participation in athletic events and close order drill.

(5) to advocate a drug free lifestyle through a continual drug prevention education program.

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b. The YM National Board of Directors is the governing body of the YM. The YM National Director is responsible to the Board of Directors of the YM and the National Commandant of the Marine Corps League for the general policies and programs of the YM.

c. The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993, section 1045, directs the Secretary of Defense to conduct pilot outreach programs to reduce the demand for illegal drugs. The Marine Corps has chosen the YM as the focal point of its drug demand reduction efforts.

3. Policy. The Marine Corps supports the YM to the maximum extent possible within the limits of available resources and to the extent that this participation does not interfere with assigned military missions. The following additional policies apply to Marine Corps participation with the YM:

a. Concept of Marine Corps Support for the YM Program

(1) The YM National Headquarters will be responsible to the YM Board of Directors and the Marine Corps League for the administration and management of the YM Program. The U.S. Marine Corps will be in a support role.

(2) The Marine Corps will develop and distribute to each of our 16 bases/stations, and to MARRESFOR for distribution to our 195 Reserve Training Centers (RTC), special training packages for training members of the Marine Corps League in how to establish, manage, and operate YM units. Such training will cover YM organization and programs, how to interact with and motivate today's young men and women, and the type of support the Marine Corps can provide.

(3) The concept is that each base/station/RTC that has a Marine Corps League detachment in its vicinity will offer to help establish a YM unit. This could lead to the eventual establishment of over 200 YM units.

(4) The local Marine Corps League detachment will be responsible for arranging support for YM units with the nearest Marine Corps base/station/RTC; developing a base of support for the YM Program within the local community; and, when appropriate, initiating a request to the YM National Headquarters for authority to establish new or additional YM units.

(5) The Marine Corps base/station/RTC is to provide support as outlined in subparagraph (1), above, and in subsequent paragraphs.

(6) Marine Corps command support of the YM is strongly encouraged and must contribute to the goals of the YM.

Presentations and lectures on leadership, character building, and other appropriate subjects that contribute to the purposes of the YM Program such as citizenship, education, saying no to drugs, and similar subjects are encouraged. The YM should not be a "boot camp", hence only appropriate subjects should be stressed. Marine Corps participation with the YM in community activities will be governed by references (a) and (b).

b. Advanced Paygrade Enlistment. Members of the YM who are designated as an E-5 may be enlisted in the Marine Corps in an advanced paygrade of E-2. All YM will be required to complete regular Marine Corps recruit training upon enlistment.

c. Liability Issues. The Marine Corps must not be held liable in its support of the YM. All members and adult leaders of the YM must sign a waiver of liability prior to use of Marine Corps facilities.

4. Types of Marine Corps Support. Marine Corps support provided to the YM includes:

a. Facilities for meetings and special events, subject to the provisions of reference (c).

b. Lecturers, training materials, and training aids.

c. Accommodations at BOQ's/BEQ's are authorized for use at no charge to members of the YM and to YM adult leaders when they are required to be billeted with their respective YM units. This is an exception to the normal policy requiring reimbursement. However, appropriate charges may be made for linens used.

d. Use of dining facilities is authorized, but the cost of meals must be borne by the YM member. The YM, like members of other organized nonprofit groups, are exempt from meal surcharges per reference (d). The YM adult leaders required to accompany and take meals with members are also exempt from meal surcharges.

e. Marine Corps training and education presentations which increase understanding and emphasize the importance of leadership, loyalty, discipline, teamwork, self-respect, and self-confidence and provide selective profiles of patriotism, courage, dedication, commitment, and sacrifice from Marine Corps history.

f. Music support, per reference (b).

g. Aerial demonstrations and performances, if open to the public and free of charge, per reference (b).

h. Transportation to/from training areas. YM and adult leaders may use Marine Corps airlifts, per references (e) and

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(f), and ground transportation, per reference (g), when traveling to and from authorized YM training on a not-to-interfere basis.

i. Marine Corps personnel may serve as YM adult leaders after completing the registration and insurance requirements needed for all adult leaders.

j. Active duty military personnel may be issued permissive, no cost TAD orders by their commanding officers to participate in official YM functions per reference (h).

k. Marine Corps reservists participating in the program may be awarded non-pay inactive duty credit per reference (i).

l. Members of the YM may wear appropriately modified versions of the Marine Corps uniform as prescribed in reference (j). Additionally, the YM may wear previously authorized Marine Corps uniforms which may not be currently in use. The modifications, designed to clearly identify the wearer as a member of the YM, are issued by the YM National Director. All Marine Corps personnel (Regular, Reserve, and retired) may wear their Marine Corps uniforms when participating in the program. Uniform and personal appearance standards must be maintained as prescribed in reference (j).

5. YM Training. The YM training program may incorporate any appropriate unclassified Marine Corps correspondence courses and MCJROTC materials with classroom instruction, supplemented by advanced training at Marine Corps facilities and schools. The YM are trained in accordance with curricula and disciplines approved by the YM National Director and CG MCCDC.

6. Responsibilities for YM Program Coordinator. The CMC (MHH) is the program coordinator for the YM Program and will:

a. Plan for Marine Corps-wide support of the YM.

b. Ensure that the YM Program includes appropriate drug demand reduction training.

c. Recommend and implement appropriate changes to Marine Corps policies concerning the YM.

d. Maintain liaison with representatives of supporting Marine Corps commands, the YM National Director, and the Marine Corps League.

e. Coordinate with the CMC (MR) and CG's Eastern and Western Recruiting Regions for YM billet allocation requests for 2-week training periods at RTC's and other Marine corps activities.

- f. Coordinate special seminars and YM foreign exchange programs.
- g. Coordinate Marine Corps activities for 2-week YM summer advanced training.
- h. Coordinate Marine Corps air/ground transportation, authorized by the CMC (ASM/LPM) for the YM and adult leaders to and from training sites.
- i. Evaluate the effectiveness of Marine Corps support of the YM.
- j. Provide guidance and assistance to the YM National Director on administrative procedures, uniform regulations, training programs, and YM - Marine Corps public affairs projects.
- k. Coordinate the YM requirements for training materials (e.g., curricula, examination materials) with the CG MCCDC.
- l. Encourage participation of Regular, Reserve, retired, and former Marine Corps personnel as YM adult leaders.
- m. Ensure enlistment of qualified YM applicants at the appropriate pay grade.
- n. Provide support materials for publicizing the YM Program.
- o. Coordinate with federal and state agencies for support of the drug demand reduction training of the YM.

7. Responsibilities of Supporting Commands. The CMC (MHH) monitors and coordinates the YM Program. To assist the CMC (MHH) in this effort, support by the following commands is necessary as indicated:

a. CG's, Fleet Marine Forces

(1) Provide billeting and messing at bases/stations and schools to the YM in support of their summer training and/or foreign exchange program.

(2) Provide air/ground transportation for the YM and adult leaders as authorized by the CMC (ASM/LPM).

b. CG MCCDC. Develop and coordinate the YM training programs with the CMC (MHH) and the YM officials. The training package for the YM adult leaders will include drug demand reduction information. Further training coordination will be provided so that:

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(1) A training manual is developed in concert with the CMC (MHH) and the YM national staff. This manual will be used for initial and refresher training of YM volunteer adult leaders. These YM adult leaders will include volunteers from the Marine Corps League and the local community and may include Regular, Reserve, retired, and former Marine Corps personnel. The training manual will include information on how to organize, manage, and sustain a YM unit; how to recruit members; how to relate to today's young men and women who should be in the YM; and suggested YM Program format and schedules.

(2) MCI courses and other available Marine Corps correspondence courses and materials will be made available for the YM Program requirements. Requests for new course development will be forwarded to the CG MCCDC (C465).

(3) Training curriculum and examination materials are available for YM training, including 2-week recruit training (boot camp) and other advanced training at selected Marine Corps schools.

c. CG's. Marine Corps Recruit Depots

(1) Work with the YM National Headquarters and the local Marine Corps League detachment in starting local YM units. Coordinate with local YM units and local commands to process requests for support.

(2) Provide training and facilities for messing and billeting during 2-week periods of the YM basic training as arranged by CMC (MHH).

(3) Issue to each qualified YM an MCRD graduation certificate provided by the recruiting command.

d. CG. Marine Reserve Force

(1) Work with the YM National Headquarters and the local Marine Corps League detachment in starting local YM units. Coordinate with local YM units and local Reserve commands to process requests for support.

(2) Upon request by CMC (MHH), conduct initial and regular refresher training for YM adult leaders per paragraph 7b(1) of this Order.

(3) Coordinate and monitor Marine Corps Reserve involvement with YM units to ensure maximum cooperation and support.

(4) Provide air/ground transportation for the YM and adult leaders as authorized by the CMC (ASM/LPM).

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(5) Provide use of Marine Corps Reserve facilities and training materials on a not-to-interfere basis.

(6) Issue non-pay orders, as appropriate, to inactive duty Marine Corps Reserve personnel participating in approved YM programs.

e. CG's/CO's. Marine Corps Bases and Stations

(1) Work with the YM National Headquarters and the local Marine Corps League detachment in starting local YM units. Coordinate with local YM units and local commands to process requests for support.

(2) Upon request by CMC (NHH), conduct initial and regular refresher training for YM adult leaders per paragraph 7b(1) of this Order.

(3) Upon request, provide billeting, messing, and other support as available on a not-to-interfere basis to the YM in support of their summer training and/or foreign exchange program.

f. All Commanders. On a not-to-interfere basis, provide the support authorized in this Order.

8. Action. All Marine Corps activities, Regular and Reserve, are to provide support to the YM in accordance with the provisions of this Order. Exercise direct liaison, as appropriate, with the CMC (MHH) and supporting field organizations.

9. Records Disposition. All records/documentation created by the CMC (MHH) relating to Marine Corps support for the YM are permanent records which are to be transferred to the Washington National Records Center when 20 years old.



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