

Happy **51st** Birthday **Young Marines**

As we celebrate the 51st Birthday of our Young Marines Charter, I am honored and humbled to serve as your National Executive Director. Each of you has chosen to make a commitment to the ideals, traditions, and ethos envisioned all of those years ago. In a world filled with distraction, our core values of Leadership, Discipline and Team Work are continually reflected by both your words and by your actions.

To all of our valued volunteers, parents, guardians, and supporters: your unwavering dedication to our Young Marines is the heart of this Program. To be entrusted with the opportunity to help shape the future of our Nation by investing in its most valuable resource is an awesome responsibility. With every encounter, you have the ability to encourage, enhance, and to uphold. Our Young Marines will emulate your actions and remember your efforts.

Young Marines, you are the reason that thousands of men and women are fervently dedicated to our program. You are the reason that we walk the halls of congress, cultivate relationships with industry, and strive to ensure this program's continuity. We believe in a Nation that celebrates the best in our youth, where respect and service to others is the normal and not the unique, where a healthy drug-free life style is supported by peers. We believe in you, Young Marines. Be bold...be the difference.

For more than 51 years we have each held to the commitment of our founding fathers. Our future is bright, our dedication unwavering. Together, we will grow our program to make certain that every child everywhere has the opportunity to accept the challenge and earn the title of Young Marine.

Happy Birthday, Young Marines!
Semper Fidelis

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