



From: Division 6 Commander

Policy Memorandum 002-2016

Date: 11 October 2016

Subject: YOUNG MARINE OF THE YEAR (YMOY); SUBMISSION OF

Refs: (a) Registered Adult Manual

Background: As outlined in references (a), each unit is to select a YMOY. Selection criteria is outlined in references (a), Appendix C. Every unit is encouraged to select a deserving Young Marine within their unit. It is one of the highest honors the Young Marines program can pay to a Young Marine in recognition for their outstanding participation, contribution, and personal achievement. Selection of a unit YMOY should be used to motivate all Young Marines to put forth their very best in order to receive this honor. This too should inspire other Young Marines within the unit to do their very best and maybe try for YMOY in the future. All qualified Young Marines should be considered for Battalion, Regiment, and /or Division YMOY and their respective packages prepared accordingly.

Policy: During the month of December, either the 1st or 2nd Saturday of the month, the Division 6 Commander will convene a YMOY Selection Board. Division 6 Selection Board will consisted of the following:

- Division 6 Training Officer or Division 6 Adjutant
- 2 Regimental Commanders (selected at random) or designated representative
- Special Guest (local PD, Sheriff, or other local dignitary)
- Current Division 6 Young Marine of the Year
- Former National YMOY (if available)

Battalions and Regiments will have similar selection boards

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	Unit	Battalion	Regiment	Division
YMOY	All units will select and designate a unit YMOY and report their selection to their respective Battalion Commander no later than 31 October	Units that are nominating a unit YMOY for consideration as the Battalion YMOY will have their package submitted to the Battalion Commander no later than 31 October to be eligible to compete for Battalion Young Marine of the Year	Battalions that are nominating a Battalion YMOY for Regimental YMOY will have their package submitted to the Regimental Commander no later than 15 November to be eligible to compete for Regimental Young Marine of the Year.	Regiments nominating a YMOY for Division YMOY will have their package submitted to the Division Commander no later than 30 November to be eligible to compete for Division Young Marine of the Year

The location of the Division YMOY Selection Board will be rotated between designated sites within the Division. Travel costs for selection board members will be reimbursed.

The Division YMOY Selection Board will be either overseen by the Division 6 Commander or the Division 6 Training Officer.

All YMOY Nomination packages, format and content, will comply with reference (a). The Division 6 Commander will ensure copies are provided for review by the selection board before the board convenes.

The conduct of the Division 6 YMOY Selection Board will be conducted in the same manner as the National YMOY Selection Board. Young Marine reports to the board, Young Marine is asked a series of questions, and Young Marine is then dismissed.

The uniform for Division 6 YMOY Selection Board members will be the Registered Adult Alternative uniform. The uniform for nominated Young Marines will be full and complete Service "A" uniform with ribbons.

Before the board convenes, the Selection Board and nominated Young Marines (YM) will be briefed as to the process. Each nominated YM will report to the board and will be asked one question by each selection board member. The question asked by the selection board member will be the same question asked of all nominated YMs. Upon completion of the questioning process, the Division 6 Commander will brief the board as to those nominated YMs who are eligible for consideration as Division 6 YMOY. Upon completion of the briefing, each selection board member will be given the opportunity to vote for their choice as Division 6 YMOY. Results will be tallied in front of all selection board members and will be kept confidential until the Division 6 Commander has notified the National Executive Director of the Division's choice.

For all other requirements, please refer to reference (a).

This Division Policy will be reviewed one year from now and republished as necessary.

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