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Volusia Young Marines



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The City of Daytona Beach partnered with the Volusia Young Marines for a Flag Retirement Box at the east entrance of City Hall. Residents can drop-off tattered flags, and members of the Volusia Young Marines will properly dispose of them.

Donations can be made using the donation slip provided on the box and all proceeds will benefit the Volusia Young Marines.



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# Once a Marine, ALWAYS A MARINE!

## WHO WE ARE

The Marine Corps League is open to Active, Reserve, Retired and FMF Sailors. Founded in 1923 by then Marine Corps Commandant MajGen. John A. Lejeune, and chartered in 1937 as the only Congressionally Chartered Marine Corps Veteran Service Organization. Fortifying the Marine Corps tradition of looking out for the Marines to their left and right.

## MISSION

The mission of the Marine Corps League is to promote the interest and preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines and FMF Navy Personal who have worn the Eagle, Globe and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism.

## WHAT WE DO

- Competition Pistol/Rifle Matches
- Legislative Support/Initiatives
- Military Funeral Honors
- Toys for Tots
- Transitioning Marine Support
- VA Voluntary Services
- Veteran Service Officers
- Youth Physical Fitness & Leadership
- Youth Scholarships

## ELIIGIBILITY

Active and Reserve Marines and FMF Sailors those with an honorable or general discharge with accompanying DD-214 and not less than 90 days active service.

FMF U.S. Navy Sailors must have earned the FMF Device or FMF Ribon having served directly in an active Marine FMF Unit.

## MONTHLY MEETING

### Second Wednesday of the Month

At the VFW Post 3282

5810 S. Williamson Blvd., Port Orange, FL 32128







## WHO WE ARE

The Young Marines is a national youth program for boys and girls, ages eight through high school graduation, focused on leadership, citizenship through community service, self-discipline, and living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

Since the Young Marines' humble beginnings in 1959 with one unit and a handful of boys, the organization has grown to 236 units with over 5,000 youth and over 1,950 adult volunteers in 40 states, the District of Columbia, Japan and affiliates in a host of other countries

## WHAT WE DO

Upon joining a local Young Marines unit, recruits undergo a 26-hour orientation program, sometimes spread out over several weekly meetings and sometimes over the course of a weekend. Youth members learn general subjects such as history, customs and courtesies, close order drill, physical fitness, and military rank structure.

After graduating from Young Marines Recruit Training, Young Marines learn even more new skills, earn rank, wear the Young Marines uniform and work toward ribbon awards. Young Marines earn ribbons for achievement in areas such as leadership, community service, swimming, academic excellence, first aid, and drug resistance education.

## CITIZENSHIP

The Young Marines program encourages unit participation in local civic activities, such as providing color guards for athletic events, marching in local parades and activities promoting and reinforcing good citizenship.

## HONORING VETERANS

Year round, Young Marines show deep devotion to military veterans from any era and from any branch of service. In addition, Young Marines participates in Veterans Appreciation Week, a campaign that challenges our youth to dedicate time to show our country's appreciation and help our nation's veterans in their local communities.





## COMMUNITY SERVICE

At Christmas time, Young Marines take part in wreath-laying ceremonies at cemeteries across the country, at sea and abroad as part of National Wreaths Across America Day. When a youth member places a wreath on a veteran's grave, he or she is encouraged to speak that veteran's name aloud and thank the veteran for service and sacrifice. This time of year, units also participate in Toys for Tots.

Being aware of the country's threatened environment, members of Young Marines' units help their individual communities by projects to clean up beaches, parks, rivers, roads, etc.

Many units collect items for care packages sent to troops who are serving in foreign lands. Items are collected, sorted, boxed, and mailed to troops that are now serving in harm's way.

## LEADERSHIP

The Young Marines believes in the power of young people. Leadership is one of the three core values of the Young Marines, and the goal of the organization and every one of its units is to provide a leadership culture that offers the finest youth training.

Adult Volunteers stand by to offer support, direction, and accountability, but primarily, the high-ranking youth members teach and mentor younger Young Marines.



## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The health, welfare, and safety of the Young Marines are paramount
- We value our volunteers and will provide them with the tools they need to succeed
- We will never forget that this program is for our youth. We will uphold the Marine Corps' core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment as well as the Young Marines' core values of Discipline, Leadership, and Teamwork
- We pledge to the parents to serve as positive role models to their children
- We get by giving







## HEALTHY, DRUG-FREE LIFESTYLE

At Young Marines, we believe that maintaining a healthy and drug-free lifestyle is crucial for the overall well-being of our youth.

We understand that for our efforts to have an impact on young people, we must provide a comprehensive drug prevention and resistance program.

It requires more than drug education to encourage youth toward maintaining a drug-free existence.

Through our holistic approach to drug prevention, we aim to guide our Young Marines towards living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

By teaching physical fitness, proper nutrition, and social and emotional well-being, we are helping them build a strong foundation for a successful future.

We support Red Ribbon Week and run an annual 5k DDR Dash (Drug Demand Reduction Dash). We also receive Red Ribbon Week Proclamations from the Mayors of Volusia County every October.











## COMMUNITY ENVOLEMENT

Please help us support “Wreaths Across America” on December 13th, 2025 at the Edgewater New Smyrna Cemetery.

Our Young Marines are participating in showing our Veterans, active military, and their families that we remember their service and sacrifices they have made to protect our freedom as Americans.

It is \$17.00 to sponsor a wreath and the Volusia Young Marines receives a \$5.00 donation for every wreath that is purchased through our direct link:

Your participation and support are so appreciated! Thank you!

Our weblink is: [www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/FL1102P](http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/FL1102P)







## 911 REMEMBRANCE

In 2024 we also did a silent ceremony with only 3 wreaths for 9/11.

A piece of the twin towers is displayed at the dgewater Fire Station.







## Challenges, Self Confidence, Skills and Fun

Our Young Marines take on a variety of both mental and physical challenges. All created to challenge themselves while growing as young people. These events and classes are balanced with mental, physical and fun. All to develop leadership, teamwork and safety.







**The Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary  
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