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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-1	# 4015
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully executes the Performance Requirements and Enabling Objectives listed in the Performance Qualification Review for Performance Objective 5: Drug Prevention and Resistance in the Basic, Junior, and Senior guidebooks and Performance Objective 6: Drug Prevention and Education in the Advanced guidebook. <u>This award is only awarded four times.</u>	
Criteria:	<p>The Young Marine must complete the following for each level:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Level 1.</u> Complete the Basic Young Marine Guidebook with promotion to YM/LCpl and receive required quarterly DDR training of at least 3 hours per quarter. <u>Level 2.</u> Complete the Junior Young Marine Guidebook with promotion to YM/Sgt and receive required quarterly DDR training of at least 3 hours per quarter. <u>Level 3.</u> Complete the Senior Young Marine Guidebook with promotion to YM/GySgt and receive required quarterly DDR training of at least 3 hours per quarter. <u>Level 4.</u> Complete the Advanced Young Marine Guidebook with promotion to YM/MGySgt and receive required quarterly DDR training of at least 3 hours per quarter. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>One Bronze Star (3/16") for Level 2 Two Bronze Stars (3/16") for Level 3 Three Bronze Stars for (3/16") for Level 4</p> <p><u>DEA Device</u> – This device will be provided by the DEA to Headquarters Young Marines and awarded to a Young Marine who, while serving in any capacity of the Young Marines at any rank, distinguishes themselves by giving four presentations on Drug Demand Reduction to civic, community, and other appropriate audiences outside the Young Marines organization to promote the ideals of a drug-free lifestyle.</p> <p><u>Gold Crown Device</u> – Awarded to those Young Marines who have directly participated in efforts of their unit being awarded the Fulcrum Shield Award.</p> <p>Young Marines who earn the DEA Device and/or Gold Crown Device before completion of the Basic Young Marine Guidebook, the device will be entered by HQYM without ribbon award. Stars are removed when the DEA or Gold Crown device is awarded. The DEA and Gold Crown devices may both be worn on DDR ribbon.</p>	
Streamers:	Units awarded either a Fulcrum Shield Award or are a division recipient of the DEA award of the Enrique 'Kiki' Camarena award will be issued a DDR streamer from Headquarters Young Marines.	

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Name of Award:	DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) DEVICE	
Order of Precedence:	N/A	
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Headquarters Young Marines	
Submission:	Submitted by the UC or XO using the Request for DEA Device form , with the subject line, "DEA Device and the last name of the Young Marine." Submissions are emailed to ddr@youngmarines.com .	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who presents four presentations that promote the ideals of a drug-free lifestyle to appropriate audiences outside the Young Marines organization.	
Criteria:	<p>Must be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submitted within 12 months of the fourth presentation. 2. In a class type setting (i.e. Auditorium, classroom, etc.). 3. A minimum of 20 minutes consisting of a structured class and lesson plan. 4. A promotion of the Young Marines' ideals of a healthy drug-free lifestyle. 5. Presented to organizations outside of the Young Marines. 6. Creative and original ideas and thoughts that pertain to DDR. 7. Can be used as part of an individual Young Marines Red Ribbon week presentation outside of the Young Marines Organization. <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The following do not qualify as a presentation – store fronts, beaches, malls, etc., RRW or Young Marine booths, non-DDR handouts or videos, tag teams (wherein a Young Marine works as a demonstrator with an outside agency or spokesperson), or DDR skits. 2. DEA submission forms must be complete. Follow the DEA Device Submission Process, found in the database library. 3. Red Ribbon Week after action reports are not acceptable substitutes for DEA submission forms. 	

Award Type:	Qualification Device	
Name of Award:	FULCRUM SHIELD GOLD CROWN DEVICE	
Order of Precedence:	N/A	
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Headquarters Young Marines	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to those Young Marines who have directly participated in efforts of their unit being awarded the Fulcrum Shield Award.	
Criteria:	<p>Department of Defense (DoD) selects an annual recipient of the Fulcrum Shield award. Their selection criteria (program, division, regiment, etc.) determine which Young Marine units are included.</p> <p>The Young Marines determines which individual Young Marines receive the device based on participation during Red Ribbon Week and after-action reports submitted.</p> <p>The National DDR Officer will send instructions on submission procedures for the Fulcrum Shield Award.</p>	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	CONSERVATION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-2	# 3616
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Division Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who exhibits a strong interest in conservation through personal research and observation, oral and written communication, and daily practice.	
Criteria:	<p>1. Young Marine must complete letter e. and an additional 2 of the 6 requirements below, for a total of 3 fulfilled requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Build and set out a bird, bee hive or squirrel nesting house. Explain how the animal the house attracts contributes to the surrounding ecosystem. b. Prepare a composition on 4 wild animals common to your region. Provide common and scientific names, short descriptions of the animals, their eating habits, their habitat, and how the animals contribute to the regional ecosystem. c. Using a container and soil, grow a plant or vegetable, documenting its growth for (3) weeks. Show your results and documentation (with photos) to your UC. d. Plant grasses, shrubs, and ground cover to stop soil erosion. Contact your local forestry services or local government for permission. (Be sure to obtain a permit or permission from any agency if required). e. <u>Mandatory</u>: Volunteer (10) documented hours with your local natural resource professionals such as wildlife biologists, soil conservationists, foresters, or conservation officers. f. Participate in a “reforestation” project within your city or state. Plant tree seedlings as part of this reforestation project. Explain how the project contributes to conservation of the area (explanation to be completed in Section 2). (Be sure to obtain a permit or permission from any agency if required.) <p>(Sections “2 & 3” below are mandatory to complete this project).</p> <p>2. Prepare a written composition of no less than 500 words describing your conservation efforts and what you learned about conservation throughout this project. Respond to the following prompts in your essay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What are three things you learned about conservation during this project? b. How do animals and plants contribute to conservation and the environment in your area? c. What are some conservation agencies in your area? What are they doing to conserve the land, plants, and/or animals in your area? d. What are three things you and your unit can do as a project to help conserve the land, plants, and/or animals in your area? <p>(Note – the prompts are the rubric for the essay. Make sure each is answered in as much detail as possible in order to receive credit for the ribbon.)</p>	


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	3. Submit the requirements from Sections 1 and 2 to the Unit Commander or Adjutant for initial approval. The Unit Commander will forward the requirements to the Division Commander for final approval. Division Commanders will award the ribbon in the Database.
Note:	**The Conservation ribbon requirements are individual achievements. They are not to be used in conjunction with any non-conservation unit-driven events.**
Authorized Devices:	None


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	ADVANCED LEADERSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-3	#3307
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Headquarters Young Marines	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completes Young Marine National Advanced Leadership School.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must successfully complete all aspects of the National Advanced Leadership School curriculum. Most importantly they must have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Passed the Physical Fitness Test. b. Demonstrated the ability to drill a Young Marine platoon. c. Demonstrated the ability to instruct. d. Carried out assigned duties in satisfactory manner. e. Served as a positive leader and role model to senior and junior leaders. f. Met all performance and conduct standards established by the school director. 2. Complete the two-week Advanced Leadership School. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Frame – National Award</p> <p>Gold Roman Numeral Ten “X” awarded to the top 10 ALS Graduates and is authorized for wear with Gold Frame.</p>	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	SENIOR LEADERSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-4	# 4025
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Headquarters Young Marines	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completes National Senior Leadership School or a nationally certified local school.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must successfully complete all aspects of the Senior Leadership School curriculum. Most importantly they must have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Passed the Physical Fitness Test. b. Demonstrated the ability to drill a Young Marine platoon. c. Demonstrated the ability to instruct. d. Carried out assigned leadership positions in a satisfactory manner. e. Served as a positive student leader and team member to peers. f. Met all performance and conduct standards established by the school director. 2. Complete a one-week Senior Leadership School. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National Award	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	JUNIOR LEADERSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-5	# 3674
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Headquarters Young Marines	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completes National Junior Leadership School or a nationally certified local school.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must successfully complete all aspects of the Junior Leadership School curriculum. Most importantly they must have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Passed the Physical Fitness Test. b. Demonstrated the ability to drill a Young Marine squad. c. Carried out assigned leadership duties in a satisfactory manner. d. Served as a positive student leader and team member to peers. e. Met all performance and conduct standards established by the school director. 2. Complete a one-week Junior Leadership School. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National Award	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	COMMUNITY SERVICE RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-6	# 4002
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who performs a service that benefits their community, veteran's organization, military unit, service organization (i.e. the Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.), youth group, or school.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must complete 50 community service hours within a 12-month period. An official of recipient organization(s) must certify the community service hours. 2. The hours may accumulate by service to one or a combination of organizations. The Young Marine is responsible for obtaining and retaining community service hour certifications until the required hours are accumulated. 3. A certification may be a simple letter by an official of recipient organization written on the organization's letterhead paper. The original letters are filed in the Young Marine's Record Book after the hours are entered in the Young Marines Database. 4. This award can be earned multiple times in a single calendar year provided the criteria above is met. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-7	# 5404
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to any Young Marine who successfully obtains a leadership position outside of the program through schools, sports teams, church, or other extracurricular clubs and activities.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must hold an officially elected or appointed leadership position such as team captain or president of a sports team, student organization, student government organization, or youth leadership organization outside of the program. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Young Marine must present a letter or document verifying their position from a sponsor, coach, or other certified adult mentor. This cannot come from a relative of the Young Marine. 2. The Young Marine must hold this leadership position for the duration of no less than three consecutive months and/or led five events or meetings in the position held. 3. Unit Commanders, other than those who are related to the Young Marine, are authorized to use their discretion in determining eligibility based on documents submitted. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSITATION RIBBON (CPR)	
Order of Precedence:	IV-8	# 1350
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to Young Marine who has achieved a CPR certification.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complete a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course. 2. The Course must be prescribed by a qualified governing body, such as but not limited to the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. American Red Cross b. American Heart Association c. Local Police, Fire Department, or Emergency Medical Service, etc. d. Local hospital training program e. Certified online training course or program 3. Possess a valid CPR Certification Card. Headquarters Young Marines requires re-certification before promotion to YM/MSgt. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	ADVANCED FIRST AID RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-9	# 3607
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	<p>Awarded to Young Marine who has completed additional first aid above what is required to earn the Basic First Aid ribbon.</p>	
Criteria:	<p>Young Marine must have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earned Basic First Aid Ribbon. 2. Completed a community first aid course prescribed by a qualified governing body, such as but not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. American Red Cross b. Local Hospital, Health Center, or Community College Training Program c. Local Police, Fire Department, or Emergency Services, etc. 3. Completed Primary and Secondary First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course prescribed by a qualified governing body, such as but not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. American Red Cross b. American Heart Association c. Local Hospital, Heath Center, Community College Training Program d. Certified online training course or program 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	PHYSICAL FITNESS RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-10	# 3603
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who meets the Young Marine Physical Fitness Standards.	
Criteria:	<p>1. Young Marines must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complete the Young Marines Physical Fitness Test with an overall score of 200 or higher for YM Recruit through YM/PFC or a score of 250 or higher for YM/LCpl and above. b. Meet the applicable score during each physical fitness test to retain the ribbon (two Physical Fitness Tests per year: Jan-Jun and Jul-Dec). <p>2. Young Marines who score:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 300 to 399 are authorized to wear the Physical Fitness ribbon with the Roman numeral "II" centered on the ribbon. b. 400 to 500 are authorized to wear the Physical Fitness ribbon with the Roman number "I" centered on the ribbon. c. Young Marine earning a perfect score of 500 shall also be awarded Perfect Physical Fitness ribbon. All such scores shall be submitted to the Esprit magazine for recognition. d. Young Marines who score 475 to 499 at least five times consecutively, may be recommended for the Young Marine Achievement ribbon. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Roman numeral "I" Roman numeral "II"</p> <p>Note: Devices are perishable. The Young Marine wears the device earned (if any) determined by score on <u>last PFT taken</u>.</p>	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	BASIC FIRST AID RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-11	# 4047
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who completes a course of instruction in Basic Aid or Basic First Aid Training.	
Criteria:	<p>Young Marine must have:</p> <p>Successfully completed a course of instruction given in Basic Aid Training (BAT), Basic First Aid, or Standard First Aid prescribed by, but not limited to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. American Red Cross 2. Local Hospital, Heath Center, or Community College training program 3. Local Police, Fire Department or Emergency Services, etc <p>Note: Basic First Aid can be taught by any Adult Volunteer.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	FIRE PREVENTION & PROTECTION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-12	# 5129
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who completes, under the instruction of a qualified Fire Safety Instructor/Professional Firefighter, a Basic Fire Safety course.	
Criteria:	<p>Basic Fire Safety course must include, but is not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proper care and maintenance of home smoke detectors. 2. Develop an E.D.I.T.H. (Exit Drills in the Home) diagram of their residence. 3. Complete a basic fire extinguisher usage and application session. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	SWIMMING RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-13	#4041
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who meets the swim qualification requirements.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are three classes of qualification—Class I (Intermediate), Class II (Basic), and Class III (Beginner) swimmer. Annual re-qualification is left to the discretion of Unit Commander based on available resources. 2. During the swim test, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Class III beginner swimmer must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Fully submerge face and body 2) Demonstrate buoyancy (must float for 1 minute) 3) Demonstrate basic breathing control 4) Float by using the flutter kick on front and back for 1 minute 5) Demonstrate how to enter and exit a pool safely 6) Demonstrate how to dogpaddle b. The Class II basic swimmer must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Meet the Class III criteria 2) Swim 25 yards using crawl stroke 3) Swim 25 yards using elementary backstroke 4) Tread water for 1 minute 5) Explain hypothermia c. The Class I intermediate swimmer must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Swim 25 yards using crawl stroke 2) Swim 25 yards using the elementary backstroke 3) Swim 25 yards using sidestroke 4) Swim 25 yards using the breaststroke 5) Tread water for 2 minutes 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Roman numeral "I" for Class I Swimmer Roman numeral "II" for Class II Swimmer</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Devices are perishable. Young Marine wears the device earned (if any) determined by classification on <u>the last swim test taken</u>. 2. SCUBA School – students must be a 1st class swimmer and be able to perform skills higher than listed above. See application for this SPACES event. 	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	SPORTSMANSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-14	# 3202
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who actively participates in any recognized organized sport, individual or team, and displays outstanding sportsmanship qualities of character. Sportsmanship is defined as: conduct (as fairness, respect for one's opponent, and graciousness in winning and losing) becoming to one participating in a sport.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Written verification from the coach. 2. In cases where the Young Marine is a relative of the coach(es), written verification must come from an assistant coach or other qualified individual who is not related to Young Marine. Documentation is maintained by the unit adjutant in the Young Marine's Record Book. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	

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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	MUSICIAN RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-15	# 3502
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine, earned once annually, who participates in a music program and demonstrates outstanding achievements in the music field.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must be involved in a music program. The program may be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Organized such as a school or church band, choir, or theater group b. Less organized pick-up bands, choirs, or musical groups, etc. c. Individual training programs such as music lessons in instrument, voice, writing, and etc. 2. To demonstrate outstanding achievement, the Young Marine must participate as an individual or member of a group: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Concert b. Recital c. Competition 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars	

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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	SEAMANSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-16	# 3108
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who completes a boating course as prescribed by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Power Squadron of America, or similar organizations offering courses in boating safety or small boat handling.	
Criteria:	<p>Young Marine must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Attend and successfully complete a boating course prescribed by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Power Squadron of America, or similar organizations offering courses in boating safety or small boat handling. b. Possess a certification card denoting completion of a boating course prescribed by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Power Squadron of America, or similar organizations offering courses in boating safety or small boat handling. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National SPACES Event	

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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	SCUBA RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-17	# 3221
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who receives certification by a national or international certifying organization.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must have successfully completed and met the certification requirements of one of the following certifying organizations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) b. National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI) c. Scuba Schools International (SSI) d. International Diving Educators Association (IDEA) e. Professional Divers Instructors Corporation (P.D.I.C.) 2. Must possess a certification card offered by the organization listed above. 	
Authorized Device:	Gold Frame - National SCUBA School	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	ADVANCED FIELD RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-18	# 5025
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completes and performs the requirements in Performance Objective 3 of the Junior Young Marine guidebook.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young Marine must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have earned the Qualified Field ribbon. b. Hold the minimum rank of YM/Cpl. c. Successfully perform and complete all Enabling Objectives listed in Performance Objective Review in the Junior Young Marine guidebook, Performance Objective 3. d. Demonstrate or perform skills during the course of one or more encampments. 2. Safety Warning: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Many of the skills to be demonstrated or performed require practice and close supervision by an instructor. b. The “talk, show, and do” method of instruction should be used whenever possible. c. Each skill must be demonstrated or performed with safety in mind and should be stressed to the Young Marines continuously. 3. Please check local ordinances regarding campfires and waste disposal. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	QUALIFIED FIELD RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-19	# 1544
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully performs and demonstrates skills in selected field craft.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young Marine must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hold the minimum rank of YM/Pvt. b. Successfully perform and complete all Enabling Objectives listed in Performance Objective Review in the Basic Young Marine guidebook, Performance Objective 3. c. Demonstrate or perform skills during the course of one or more encampments. 2. Safety Warning: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Many of the skills to be demonstrated or performed require practice and close supervision by an instructor. b. The “talk, show, and do” method of instruction should be used whenever possible. c. Each skill must be demonstrated or performed with safety in mind and should be stressed to the Young Marines continuously. 3. Please check local ordinances regarding campfires and waste disposal. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	ORIENTEERING RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-20	# 5119
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who leads a team through an orienteering course and complete an individual orienteering competition.	
Criteria:	<p>The Young Marine must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have earned the Land Navigation ribbon. 2. Hold the minimum rank of YM/Pvt. 3. Participate in an orienteering competition: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. As an <u>individual</u>, successfully complete the orientation course. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Meet the established time requirement 2) Find 90 percent of the assigned markers b. As a <u>team member</u>, be successful in completing the orientation course. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Complete course with the whole team 2) Meet the established time requirement 3) Find all assigned markers 4. Young Marine must accomplish both 3.a. and 3.b., above. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National Award	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	LAND NAVIGATION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-21	# 7130
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who demonstrates knowledge on proper use of a map and compass and skill in land navigation as described in the Young Marine guidebooks.	
Criteria:	<p>Young Marine must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have earned the Map & Compass ribbon. 2. Hold the minimum rank of YM/Pvt. 3. Successfully perform and complete all Enabling Objectives listed in Performance Objective Review in the Young Marine guidebooks, Performance Objective 4. 4. Use a compass and applicable map on a land navigation course located in a wilderness area where there are appreciable terrain features and shortest legs are not less than 50 meters. 5. Use a map and compass to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Plot 5 points on a map and plan your legs from Point 1 to each point in sequence to Point 5. b. Successfully navigate, in sequence, to all 5 points on the map. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National Award	


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Name of Award:	MAP & COMPASS RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-22	# 7137
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who demonstrate knowledge on the proper use of a map and compass as described in the Young Marine guidebooks.	
Criteria:	<p>Young Marine must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold the minimum rank of YM/Pvt. 2. Successfully perform and complete all Enabling Objectives listed in Performance Objective Review in the Young Marine guidebook. 3. Use an applicable map and compass on a land navigation course. 4. Use a map and compass to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Plot 5 points. b. Successfully navigate to 3 points using 3 of the 5 points on the map. <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Successfully complete one card of the 100' "Rope Course." 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National Award	


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Name of Award:	COMMUNICATIONS RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-23	# 3713
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who demonstrates knowledge and skill in one or more areas in the communications field listed below.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Written Media Publications (Newspaper, Magazines, and Newsletters).</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Must have an article published in any commercial or non-commercial newspaper, magazine, or newsletter with a reader-base of 50 or more subscribers or members. b. Article must be at least 200 words in length and related to any Young Marine, school, church, or community activity that the Young Marine took part. c. Unit Commanders will place copies of published articles in the Young Marine's Record Book. 2. <u>Radio and Television.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Participate in an internship program or program with local radio or television station for a period of one year b. Through a written paper of 200 to 300 words, describe a basic understanding of radio/television planning, production, and service to community. 3. <u>Computer (Web design).</u> Not required to be placed on the Internet. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Using standard web software design, build and support a website that provides unit information to other Young Marines as well as the general public about the National Young Marines program and their unit. b. Provide a demonstration of the web page and present a 200-300 word essay on the project including problems, resolutions, pitfalls, and successes. 4. <u>Foreign Languages.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Young Marine must have completed one full school year (2 Semesters) of a foreign language, other than English, and earned a minimum of a B for each semester grade (report card as proof). b. Provide a letter of recommendation from an evaluation by a certified teacher fluent in the language if the course was taken on-line or learned in the home. c. Either a certification or course completion of sign language testing by an accredited agency must be provided. <p>Note: The use of or instructions given on two-way radios at drills or encampments does not qualify Young Marines for this award.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	Silver Four Point Compass – Foreign Language only	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	MARKSMANSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-24	# 3005
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completes the course of instruction instructed by a current Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) Coach, NRA marksmanship instructor, and/or a qualified subject matter expert as outlined in the Marksmanship Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young Marine must receive instruction in and successfully meet criteria in the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Firearms safety b. Smart and safe handling of firearms c. Firearm parts and components d. Household firearm safety e. This course of instruction taken does not require an actual practical shooting experience at a range. 2. Practical shooting of firearms is conducted in accordance with the Young Marines 12th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Gene Overstreet Shooting Sports Program (YMSSP) as outlined in the Marksmanship SOP. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Frame – Authorized National Event Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award Bronze Palm – Battalion Award Silver “M” – Unit Award</p> <p>Note: The devices are only applicable to the practical portion of the award.</p>	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	DRILL TEAM RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-25	# 3213
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who participates as a member of the unit drill team.	
Criteria:	<p>Drill Team members must have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participated in a minimum of 3 events. 2. Participated in one public function. 3. Performed their duties in a satisfactory manner. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award Bronze Palm – Battalion Award Drill Team Ribbon Bar – Unit Award ONLY</p>	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	YOUNG MARINE ENCAMPMENT RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-26	# 3671
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Battalion Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who participates in a battalion, regiment, division, or national encampment.	
Criteria:	<p>1. Young Marines must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Demonstrate maturity and conduct expected of Young Marines away from home and under direct supervision of adult and Young Marine leaders. <p>2. Encampment must take place in an outdoors setting; not a hotel.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award Bronze Palm – Battalion Award</p>	
Streamer:	<p>Streamer – National Encampments</p> <p>Each streamer will be marked by the year of participation.</p>	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	ORGANIZED UNIT TRIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-27	# 3605
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who participates in two unit activities involving an overnight stay.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must demonstrate maturity and conduct expected of Young Marines away from home and under direct supervision of adult and Young Marine leaders. 2. The activity must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Involve a minimum of two days and one night. b. Be considered an overnight encampment, field trip, or other Young Marine activity that involves travel with the unit away from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Home of any Young Marine or registered Adult Volunteer. 2) Normal drill site. 3) Local community. 3. Some recommended activities are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Trip aboard military installation that is not a normal drill site or Naval vessel for training. b. Unit encampments. c. Field Trip to state and/or nation's capital, if it meets criteria 2. 4. Activity is not held in conjunction with a higher headquarters encampment or school. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – Select National events. Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	
Streamer:	Unit will earn the streamer for selected National events such as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Navajo Code Talker Day, and/or other selected events. Each streamer will be separate for each event and marked by the year of participation.	

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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	BASIC RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-28	# 3302
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completes recruit training as prescribed in the Recruit Training SOP in the Training Officers Manual (TOM).	
Criteria:	<p>Young Marine must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Graduate from Recruit Training in the time prescribed by the Unit Commander. 2. Complete Performance Objectives and Enabling Objectives as stated in Promotion Policy to obtain the rank of Young Marine Private. 3. Perform and complete the Young Marines Physical Fitness Test. 4. Meet the minimum required attendance of not more than three (3) excused absences during Young Marine Recruit training. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Silver Knot 1 Silver Knot 2 Silver Knot 3 Silver Knot 4 Silver Knot 5</p> <p>The Silver Knot device is authorized for wear by a Young Marine that has been certified as a Recruit Instructor via the Recruit Instructor Course and who successfully performs the duty of a Young Marine Recruit Instructor. Silver Knot Awards are issued by the Division Commander or delegated as they see fit. A Young Marine may be credited as a Recruit Instructor a maximum of five (5) times.</p>	

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Award Type:	Qualification Device(s)	
Name of Award:	SILVER KNOT DEVICE (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	
Order of Precedence:	Most senior device earned; 5 knot being most senior	
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Division Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully performs the duties and responsibilities of a Young Marine Recruit Instructor.	
Criteria:	<p>The Silver Knot device is earned by a Young Marine who has been certified as a Recruit Instructor via the Recruit Instructor Course and who successfully performs the duty of a Young Marine Recruit Instructor upon return to their unit.</p> <p>Silver Knot Awards are issued by the Unit Commander. The five-knot device is the highest device earned regardless of number of times a Young Marine serves as a recruit instructor.</p>	