

# ***FY 2021 Annual Report***

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*NOTE: Photos in this annual report have been released by participants to be used by LANG CYP and are currently on file with Child and Youth Program Coordinator.*

## MISSION STATEMENT

To enhance readiness and foster resiliency for our military children and youth.

## PROGRAM GOALS

- Build a secure haven, a lifeline, and a source of great friendship for military children and youth
- Provide leadership opportunities and life-skills education
- Forge lasting connections
- Be the voice of all military youth-educators, community partners and military
- Educate youth with skills and resources that infuse resilience
- Promotes and sustains quality of life for ARNG dependents
- Foster resilience skills through high-quality enrichment programming



At Camp Pelican Pride, sisters complete water safety instruction and enjoy an afternoon swim. As they learn different swim strokes and water safety methods, they also learn about perseverance, hard work and resilience.



At Youth Leadership Camp, AJ was given the opportunity to overcome his fear of heights by conquering the rappel tower. The tower provides youth a chance to strategize and implement problem solving skills.

## FY21 ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

- 3- Family Days & Military Appreciation Events
- 3- MRT/ Teen Resilience
- 4- Command/ Unit/ FRG Briefings
- 4- Youth Military Enlistments 2020-2021 School Year
- 4- Community Outreach, Briefings and Events
- 5- Volunteer Trainings
- 6- Community and Partnered Trainings or Meetings
- 7- Yellow Ribbon Briefing & Programming
- 10- MOMC Events
- 17- Day Camp/ Overnight Residential Camps
- 19- Partnered Event or Activity
- 23- Family Programs Staff Meetings & IPRs
- 110- Operation Christmas Angels (total # of children)

**329.5 Programming Hours**

**2,658 Volunteer Hours/ \$75,859.32**

# THOSE SERVED IN FY21



## IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEERS

A total of 165 volunteers assisted with the planning and execution of CYP events for FY21. Our volunteers helped fill numerous roles including leading activities, providing logistical support and ensuring the safety of our youth. **Their in-kind contribution values \$75,859.32.**



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Teen Summit (In-person):** There were **18** youth between the ages of 14-18 years of age and **11** volunteers and staff in attendance. Youth participated in partnered program Volunteer Louisiana Teen C.E.R.T (certified emergency response training), leadership skills and an educational walking tour of the National Hansen's Disease Museum, Gillis W. Long Center.

**Stars & Stripes Drive-In Camp (Virtual):** LANG families fully embraced the idea of a drive-in camp. Camp bags were filled with activities that provided skills' development opportunities, while still maintaining practices in response to COVID-19. We held **13 drive-in camps** state-wide providing **280 military kids** with a modified camp experience. Families were able to complete activities together in an effort to increase overall family resilience and communication.

**Camp Pelican Pride #1 & #2 (In-person):** Wanting to provide LANG children with a residential camp experience, during our 2021 CYP Volunteer Workshop, Camp Pelican Pride was birthed. Camp Pelican Pride offered two four day camp opportunities to choose from so that CDC and ACA guidelines could be enforced. **93** campers between the ages of 8-13 years and **22** Junior Support Staff between the ages of 14-18 years attended the camps. Camp Pelican Pride was packed with life skills, fun and friendship for our Guard Kids. Campers participated in events such as high and low ropes course, marching and cadence, fishing, water safety, rowing, anti-bullying programming, MRT skills and training from the Guard Strong Team.



CYP volunteers at 2021 Youth Leadership Camp implementing water safety.



Teens participate in emergency response exercises at 2020 Teen Summit.



Campers received activities and resource materials through the 2021 Stars & Stripes Drive-In Camp.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

\*4H Youth Development \*4H Coastal Erosion & Wetlands \*4H S.E.T. Program \*American Red Cross, Service to Armed Forces \*Little Trooper's LLC \*Arabi Social Society \*LA Child Advocacy Services \*LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries \*LA Substance Abuse Prevention \*Military One Source \*LA Dept. of Behavioral Health & Suicide Prevention \*LA Dept. of Natural Resources \*LSU Entomology Dept. \*LANG R3SP \*MFLC \*Governor's Office of Homeland Security \*Volunteer Louisiana \*TAA \*Guard Strong \*Louisiana Integration Institute \*62nd Civil Support Team, LANG \*Baton Rouge Astronomy Society

Through state and national partners, military families have increased access to events and resources. Partners are involved in a variety of ways including; providing COVID-19 PPE, resources, resiliency skills and educational programming for military families.

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## BEST PRACTICES

Due to COVID-19, we enhanced our outreach by expanding our virtual online presence. In February and March of 2021, CYP incorporated online cooking shows titled Families Stick Together and St. Patrick's Day Edition of Life Skills 101. These live shows encouraged our families to not only develop quality time together but also to have fun while learning. Families were encouraged to register for each event and were provided a list of items needed to participate. Another virtual expansion was Books with Battle Buddies (BWB) which began in 2019. During the Month of the Military Child, every Tuesday and Thursday a CYP representative, volunteer or LANG service member would read a children's book. Some readings were Facebook Live posts that promoted "live" interactions with our military families. One of our many highlights included The First Lady, Mrs. Lisa Waddell reading to our military children during BWB.



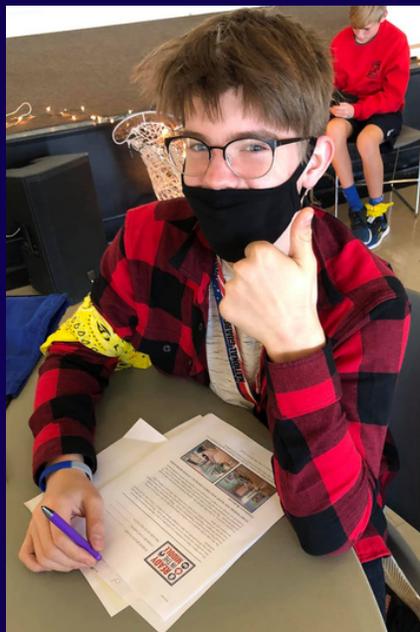
## TEEN COUNCIL & MRT

**LANG Teen Council** was established July 2016. The 2020-2021 council consists of **7 members** between the ages of 14-18yrs of age whose parents are in the LANG. Teens meet to discuss issues facing military youth and to assist in the planning, organizing and development of our upcoming events. The goal is to work together towards actively involving youth in discussing issues affecting them and implementing new ways to enhance the quality of life for our military youth. Teen Council met during our annual Teen Summit, via Zoom in April, participated in United Through Reading for April's Month of the Military Child and during Youth Leadership Camp to discuss future endeavors.

The intent of **MRT** is to provide Army Families with a common language around resilience and performance skills. **31 youth** were trained in the introductory 2- Hour Teen Workshop at the 2021 Youth Leadership Camp in June.

# WHAT'S LOUISIANA LAGNIAPPE?

"LAGNIAPPE" IS SOMETHING GIVEN AS A BONUS OR EXTRA GIFT.



## TESTIMONIAL STATEMENTS

"All in all, what a wonderful program you put on. I appreciated the Military Family Life Consultant being provided at camp for my daughter. It was her first time at camp and she can't stop talking about it. Thank you for all you did for this camp and all you do for our kids." -LTC Kenneth Paul, Director, La Ed Programs, LA Army National Guard, Parent

"I just want to say thank you so much to all of you and everyone else with Youth Programs who helped organize and run this camp. My son was nervous before leaving and came back on cloud 9, telling us about how much fun he had, all the friends he made, and how he can't wait to go back next year. I know it is not easy to organize these types of events, especially in the midst of a pandemic, but we are so grateful that our child was able to have this experience and to see how much he's grown because of it." -Jodi Manton, spouse of LTC Manton, LA Army National Guard, Parent

# MEET THE TEAM



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