

Common Skills for Young Marine Pvt to PFC updated Sept 09

ORIGINS OF THE YOUNG MARINES

The Young Marine PFC must know:

- 1) When and where the Young Marines organization began. **1958 Waterbury CT.**
- 2) The date the official charter was issued to the Young Marines. **Oct 17th 1965**
- 3) The date membership was extended to female Young Marines. **1975**
- 4) The date the organization went international. **1995 First Unit in Okinawa Japan**
- 5) What is the main focal point for the Young Marine program? **Drug demand Reduction.**

OBLIGATIONS AND PATRIOTIC VERSUS

The Young Marine Recruit must recite from memory the:

- 1) Young Marine Obligation

**From this day forward, I sincerely promise, I will set an example for all other youth to follow and I shall never do anything that would bring disgrace or dishonor upon my God, my Country, and its flag, my parents, myself, or the Young Marines. These I will honor and respect in a manner that will reflect credit upon them and myself.
Semper Fidelis**

- 2) Young Marine Creed

- 1) **Obey my parents and all others in charge of me whether young or old.**
- 2) **Keep myself neat at all times without other people telling me to.**
- 3) **Keep myself clean in mind by attending the church of my faith.**
- 4) **Keep my mind alert to learn in school, at home or at play.**
- 5) **Remember having self-discipline will enable me to control by body and mind in case of an emergency.**

3) Pledge of Allegiance

**I pledge allegiance, to the flag, of the United States of America –
and to the republic,
for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with
liberty and justice for all**

4) First verse of the National Anthem

**Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed, at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming,
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night, that our flag was still there,
Oh say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.**

5) First verse of the Young Marine Hymn

**From the North and from the South we'll come
From the East and from the West
We will all enlist into the Young Marines
And forever do our best
From the halls of all our grammar schools
To the shores of all our lakes
We will be the finest Young Marines
No matter what it takes
Let the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts march;
Let the Cub Scouts strut and beam
Oh, you haven't seen the greatest yet
Till you've seen the Young Marines
We salute the sailor boys in blue
And the Army in their greens
We are proud to bear the title of
The U.S. Young Marines.**

6) What are the Young Marines Core values

Discipline, leadership, teamwork

MARINE CORPS HISTORY AND TRADITIONS

The Young Marine PFC must know:

- 1) The three parts of the Marine Corps Emblem and what they stand for. **The eagle stands for air service, the globe for land service, and the anchor for sea service.**
- 2) What Semper Fidelis means. **“Always Faithful”.**
- 3) What the term Leatherneck means. **The fact that United States Marines wore a black leather stock, or collar, from 1798 to 1880 may have given rise to the name. According to tradition, the stock was originally worn to protect the jugular vein from a slash of a saber or cutlass. However, official records fail to bear this out.**
- 4) The birthdate and location of the Marine Corps. **The birthdate of the Marine Corps is November 10th, 1775. Location was Tun Tavern Phila. PA**
- 5) Who the “Grand Old Man” of the Marine Corps is. **Colonel Archibald Henderson. Colonel Henderson was to become known as the “Grand Old Man” of the Marine Corps after serving as its 5th Commandant from 1820 to 1859. He held this post for 39 years**
- 6) What the term Teufel Hunde means and where it originates. **During the battle of Belleau Wood, Marines fought with such ferocity that the Germans in their official reports referred to them as “Teufel Hunde” (devil-dogs).**
- 7) Who Major Alfred A Cunningham is and what he contributed to the Marine Corps. **Major Alfred A. Cunningham is known as the first Marine Corps Aviator or “The Father of USMC Aviation”.**
- 8) Where Mount Suribachi is and its significance to the Marine Corps. **Iwo Jima Japan. Iwo Jima is the sight of the most famous Marine**

flag raising.

9) Who the first enlisted Woman Marine is. **The first enlisted Woman Marine was Opha Mae Johnson.**

10) Who the first Commandant of the Marine Corps is. **Captain Samuel Nicholas**

CUSTOMS AND COURTESY

The Young Marine PFC must know:

1) How to properly perform the Hand Salute

2) When not to salute. **Young Marines do not salute indoors unless otherwise directed by the unit commander.**

3) How to properly address other Young Marines. **Address the more senior Young Marine by rank or rank and last name then state your business. When the conversation is ended, Say thank you and return to your business.**

4) How to properly address all adults. **Address the adult leader by their appropriate title Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms./Dr./Officer/Detective/Instructor, etc. and their last name, or “sir”/”ma’am” if you do not know their title. If the adult leader is on active duty or in the reserves or retired from the armed forces and their military rank is known, all Young Marines will address them by rank and last name.**

5) What to do when the National anthem is played. **Rendering Honors to the National Colors and National Anthem. Young Marines in and out of uniform will always come to their feet and stand at attention for the United States Flag and/or the National Anthem. In Uniform. If outdoors, The Young Marine will stand at Attention and render the proper hand salute until the Flag is six paces past the Young Marine. If indoors, the Young Marine, if uncovered, will stand at Attention until the Flag pass six paces beyond. If covered, by direction, the Young Marine will salute. Out of Uniform. The Young Marine will stand at Attention until the Flag is six paces past the Young Marine. The Young Marine will place the right hand over their heart. If the Young Marine is**

wearing a cap, the Young Marine will remove the cap from their head with their right hand and place the cap over heart

6) What is the National Ensign. **When the American Flag is flown aboard ship it is known as the National Ensign**

7) The date of Flag Day. **June 14th**

8) Who wrote the Star-Spangled-Banner. **Francis Scott Key**

9) The only two flags that can be flown above the American Flag. **United Nation Flag and a church flag**

10) What the Congressional Act of 1954 is. **In 1954, Congress after a campaign by the Knights of Columbus, added the words, "under God," to the Pledge.**

11) Where does the National Colors belong in a Color guard? **Always to the right of all other Carried flags**

12) What is the Name of the First U.S. Flag? **Grand Union flag, the Congress flag, the Continental Colors**

UNIFORM AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE

The Young Marine PFC must know:

1. How to wear the Young Marine breast pocket patch. **Worn with Young Marine breast pocket patch centered above the left breast pocket, 1/8-inch above the pocket**

2. Where the nametape is worn on the shirt and trousers. **Nametapes will be sewn over the right rear pocket of the trousers, centered and flush over the top seam**

3. How ribbons are worn on the uniform. **Ribbons are worn so that the lowest row of ribbons is 1/8-inch above the left breast pocket patch and centered**

4. (MALES) How Young Marine males wear their hair. **Hair will be short enough so that it does not touch the ears or hang on the**

nape of the neck

5. (FEMALES) How Young Marine females wear their hair. **Hair may touch the collar, but will not fall below the collar's lower edge. Hair that would fall naturally below the collar's lower edge will be neatly and inconspicuously fastened or pinned.**

6. What jewelry is permitted in uniform. **The only jewelry permitted is watches, medical items, religious medallions, class or Young Marines ring. All jewelry will be removed for physical training activities.**

7. Where to mark T-shirts **inside back collar**

8. Where to mark covers. **Inside on the sweatband.**

9. Where to mark boots. **Shoes/Boots. Inside near the top.**

RANK, RATINGS AND INSIGNIA

The Young Marine PFC must know:

1) All Young Marine ranks and describe what each looks like.

Basic Rank

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YM Private (No Insignia)

YM Private First Class (1 Stripe)

YM Lance Corporal (1 Stripe w/ crossed rifles)

Jr. YM RANK

YM Corporal (2 Stripes w/ crossed rifles)

YM Sergeant (3 Stripes w/ crossed rifles)

SR. YM Rank

YM Staff Sergeant (3 Stripes w/ crossed rifles and 1 rocker)

YM Gunnery Sergeant (3 Stripes w/ crossed rifles and 2 rockers)

Advance YM RANK

YM Master Sergeant (3 Stripes with crossed rifles and 3 rockers)

YM Master Gunnery Sergeant (3 Stripes with bursting bomb 4 rockers)

YM First Sergeant (3 Stripes with Diamond and 3 rockers)

YM Sergeant Major (3 Stripes with star and 4 rockers)

2) What the one enlisted rank in the Marine Corps that the Young

Marines do not have and explain what it looks like. **Sergeant Major Of the Marine corps. The Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps has an Eagle, Globe, Anchor in the place of his star on his rank insignia**

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Young Marine PFC must describe:

- 1) **Who is the Division Commander? Mr. George Biedenbender**
- 2) **Who the Director Of the Young Marines program? Mr. Mike Kessler**
- 3) **Who the Unit Commander is. Mr. William Molitor**
- 4) **What a Squad is. A squad is a group of individuals formed for the purpose of instruction, The SQD has not more than eight (8) Young Marines.**
- 5) **What a Platoon is. The Platoon has not more than twenty-five (25) Young Marines**
- 6) **The duties of the Sergeant of the Guard. The Young Marine Color Sergeant is the senior Sergeant on the color guard.**
- 7) **Team Leader Duties. As a Young Marine team leader, your responsibility is to the members of your team. You are responsible for their safety and training. Additionally, you must ensure your team is well informed.**

MILITARY TERMS AND JARGON

The Young Marine PFC must know:

- 1) **What “as you were” means. Cancel the previous command, or go back to what you were doing**
- 2) **What a “bulkhead” is. wall**
- 3) **What “carry on” means. Continue with what you were doing**

- 4) What a “deck” is. **Floor**
- 5) What “Esprit de Corps” means. **Readiness for action and courage**
- 6) What “Field Day” means. **General housecleaning. When a field day is performed, every thing is cleaned from top to bottom.**
- 7) What “Gung Ho” means. **Can Do!”**
- 8) What a “hatch” is. **Door**
- 9) What a “head” is. **Bathroom**
- 10) What a “ladder” is. **Stairway**
- 11) What an “Overhead” is. **Ceiling**
- 12) What “Pogey Bait” is. **Snacks**
- 13) What “Police” is. **Clean up**
- 14) What “Port” means. **Left side**
- 15) What “Starboard” means. **Right side**

CS 09 – PERSONAL HYGIENE

The Young Marine PFC must know:

- 1) How often to brush their teeth. **Brush your teeth and use floss at least twice a day**
- 2) How long to boil water for drinking. **No matter where you have collected your water in the wilderness,bring water to a rolling boil, then cool, before drinking.**

CS 10 – CLOSE ORDER DRILL

The Young Marine PFC must know:

- 1) What one purpose of drill is. **Close Order Drill is used for a few different reasons. One is to move you as a group from one place**

to another all at the same time and in step with each other. It is also used to instill discipline, teamwork

2) What a preparatory command is. **The preparatory command is the command that tells you to get ready to do something.**

3) What a command of execution is. **The command of execution is the command that tells you to do it.**

Qualified field

1) What does the Acronym C.O.L.D. stand for? **Clean Clothes, avoid Overheating, loose clothing, stay dry**

2) There are nine personal equipment items that should be carried in your pocket while camping in the field name 3 of them? **Whistle, Pocket Knife, Personal ID, Map & Compass, Matches, Small Survival kit, Lip Balm, Notepad and Pencil, Small Flashlight.**

Promotion requirements

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THINGS TO CONSIDER

- i. Does the Young Marine practice good citizenship and leadership.
- ii. Does the Young Marine participate in school, home, and outside activities.
- iii. Does the Young Marine pass the required PFT's/HFT's or show improving effort at each test.
- iv. Does the Young Marine practice good personal and other habits to include regular attendance of scheduled meetings and unit events.
- v. Is the Young Marine mature enough to handle the rank they are being recommended for.

The Young Marine needs a sign intention to promote form

Meet the units point system score 440 out of 500 possible points

Must retain current rank for 5 months to promote to Pvt to Pfc

Must have completed 25hours of community service

Guidebook requirements must be sign off

Must have earn the First Aid ribbon

The Young Marine needs a score of 200 or better or show improving score on their PFT/HFT.

Below Guidebook requirements must be sign off

Completed sections Objective 1 Close Order drill review section

1a,d,2a,b,3a,4a,c,5a,b,6 a,b,7a, 8a, 9a,11a,b

Completed sections Objective 2 Essential Subjects review section

1a,b,d ,2a,c.3a, 4a,b ,6a,b,c,d, 8

Completed sections Objective 3 Qualified Field review section 1a,b,

2a, 8a,e,9a,j 10a,f 11a,g

Completed and know sections Objective 4 map & compass section –

1a,d,, 2a-e

Completed sections Objective 5 Drug resistance review section 1a

Completed sections Objective 7 Leadership review section 1,2,4

Completed sections Objective 8 citizenship review section1,2,3,4,

Completed and know sections Objective 9 Physical Fitness section 2,3,4,5