



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
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From: National Chairman Youth Physical Fitness
To: National Commandant of the Marine Corps League
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Commandant Webb, Board of trustees, and general Membership:

By way of historical data, the principal role of the MCL is to assist in getting local programs started, monitoring activities, and helping to raise tax-deductible donations. The United States Marine Youth Foundation Inc (USMYF) program has been active since its inception in the 1960s. In the past, it has been a widespread and depth filled program involving many of our states, schools, and volunteers. USMYF sponsors a competitive youth fitness program culminating in a National Championship in May. Additionally, the program is also a Marine Corps recruitment vehicle. JROTC schools and non-JROTC schools both participate in the program.

The following information is the Annual Report for the National Convention concerning the National Youth Physical Fitness (YPF) program of the Marine Corps League (MCL) covering the period September, 2018 to August, 2019. During this reporting period, I performed, displayed and reconfirmed the goals and objectives of the MCL's previously stated commitment to support the USMYF.

During the past year, I attended Modern Day Marine in Quantico, Tree of Lights ceremony at MCL headquarters, the December meeting with Marine Corps Recruiting Command on Quantico, Marine South Expo Camp Lejeune, and the National Youth Championship meet Indian Town Gap Pennsylvania. I was honored to be the voice and liaison between our National Commandant and the Executive Director of the USMYF Inc. In addition, I attended the two scheduled USMYF semi-annual meetings in September, 2018, and March, 2019, called by our retired 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Alfred Gray, who sits as the Chairman of the Board USMYF Inc.

The USMYF conducts an extremely important program targeted at the youth of America, primarily composed of high school age youth. After attending the meeting in December with the Marine Corps Recruiting Command, it was not clear if the USMYF would be approved to conduct our YPF Meet aboard a Naval/Marine Corps installation. Many legal issues were pointed out in the meeting and much work would be needed to be completed before obtaining approval to once again have it on MCRD San Diego or any other Marine Base.

March 2, 2019, I attended USMYF second semi-annual board meeting. The 2019-2020 newly elected and appointed personnel were installed as members of the board USMYF Inc. During this meeting, our focus was the national meet and preparation for a successful competition in May.



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All the required coordination for the National Meet took place over the course of two months with weekly phone conferences between the Department of PA, MCJROTC instructor MSgt Gerald, Jim Powell, Howard Schaeffer, myself (MCL Chairman for the YPF), Dr. John Pfeiffer, and Leanna Dietrich (Score Keeper). The phone conferences allowed us to discuss the status of volunteers, the status of equipment needed and who would support that equipment.

In addition, the USMYF kept me abreast and included me in the conversations, coordination and phone conferences with the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) to coordinate the videotaping of the entire event. Dates, times, type of events, arrangement of coaches to be interviewed and other necessary information were all discussed and coordinated. The results of the teams' efforts will be made into a video that will be published so that all of the High Schools belonging to the National Federation of High Schools will be able to see what the USMYF and the MCL has to offer as far as the YPF program. Also, a 30 second and 3 minute advertisement will be created from the full video. This new tool's intent is to reach out to thousands of schools that may potentially become involved with the YPF program.

Serving as MCL Chairman and working USMYF Executive Director Tom Hazlet, has been by far a most rewarding experience. During the entire process, leading up to and the execution of the National



Meet, the weather, logistical support throughout was smooth, and the accommodations for the meet "In The Net" <https://www.inthenet.com/> were amazing. We had 21 High Schools take part in the YPF National Championship Meet and over 300 athletes and coaches took part in the event. Unlike last year, we were rain-free and had nearly no challenges in and around Indian Town Gap PA.



The Department of Pennsylvania Commandant's team and New Jersey MCJROTC unwavering support together made the meet a success throughout the process. Once the meet was over, LT. General Kramlich (RET) joined the staff and the Schools for our banquet meal and for the handing out of the awards. Assisting Lt. General Kramlich, our very own National Chaplain Howard Schaeffer was the MC and PCDD Leanna Dietrich took part in the distribution of the awards. The below graphs shows the final standings of each Boys and Girls team school winners.

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Team	Team	Total	Low Score	Team	Run	Place
South Bronx Physical Fitness Team	HS	2790	410	2380	281.62	1st
Emmaus High School	HS	2591	375	2216	294.54	2nd
Parkland High School	HS	2436	340	2096	304.18	3rd
Upper Darby High School	HS	2247	236	2011	321.86	
BethPage High School	HS	2328	347	1981	309.79	
Penn Hills High School	HS	2189	289	1900	252.14	
Catholic High School	JROTC	2691	429	2262	297.08	1st
Halsey Academy	JROTC	2658	411	2247	291.03	2nd
Reading High School	JROTC	2433	360	2073	321.85	3rd
Alvin High School	JROTC	2045	0	2045	250.80	
Sun Valley High School	JROTC	2393	360	2033	305.37	
Atlantic City High School	JROTC	2358	372	1986	316.52	
St. Charles High School	JROTC	1900	0	1900	276.39	
Newton High School	JROTC	1884	0	1884	205.59	
Dallastown High School	JROTC	2088	268	1820	268.00	
South Iredell High School	JROTC	1966	275	1691	290.62	

Team	Team	Total	Low Score	Team	Run	Place
BethPage High School	HS	1997	310	1687	334.05	1st
Southern Regional High School	HS	1743	258	1485	329.65	2nd
Emmaus High School	HS	1688	271	1417	361.50	3rd
Penn Hills High School	HS	1623	225	1398	356.97	
Parkland High School	HS	1416	206	1210	363.16	
Upper Darby High School	HS	677	0	677	353.05	
Alvin High School	JROTC	1836	266	1570	328.38	1st
Sun Valley High School	JROTC	1752	249	1503	367.49	2nd
Halsey Academy	JROTC	1636	230	1406	363.70	3rd
Romeoville High School	JROTC	1414	200	1214	369.92	
Atlantic City High School	JROTC	1362	181	1181	367.85	
Desert Pines High School	JROTC	1138	125	1013	385.62	
Dallastown High School	JROTC	1043	111	932	397.04	

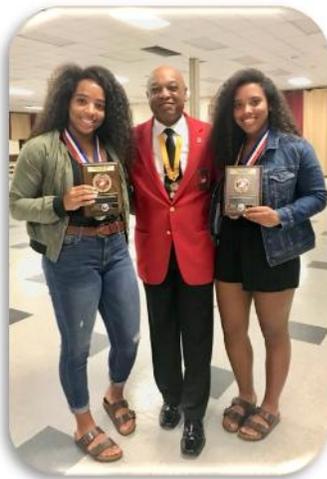


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Sir Commandant, as your two-year tour serving as our National Commandant and my two-year tour serving as your appointed Chairman of the MCL Youth Physical Fitness. The past 24 months has been a mountain top experience influencing the future leaders of our Nation--our youth. Although, there are many moments and feedback received. I want to end with this response from a father of twin daughters who competed last year from a Highschool located in Hawaii. "Aloha Bull, I'm Kevin the father of Keona & Jasmine. They have had a great first year at West Point. I just want to share some pictures with you. They spoke very highly of you last year. They share how the enthusiasm during the meet prepared them for West Point. I hope all is well with you and your ohana (family)."

Sir Commandant, although these two did not join the best, I rejoice knowing one day perhaps they will be serving side by side with Marines.



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