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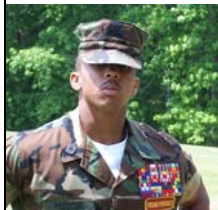
Strengthening the Lives of America's Youth

April 21, 2007

COs Corner

Last week's encampment will be rescheduled for July 7. The weather should be better and we will have a lot of fun activities planned. Today our recruits were shining.
SempFi LtCol Mederos

YM MSGYSGT's Corner



New Young Marines,
Your journey is now complete! Some of you never event thought you would make it this far.

But YOU DID! Now you can bear the title of a United States Young Marine. Wear it PROUDLY!

New Young Marine Parents,

At the Graduation Ceremony you'll feel many emotions, such as pride and respect. Your son or daughter is now a part of something bigger and has the opportunity to do something more significant than many people ever dare to do. This is a day you will never forget. Your son or daughter is now a Young Marine.

Semper Fi YM MSGYSGT Preston

Air Show Overview (see website)

You must RSVP

YM Attire: Cammy trousers, red t-shirt, cammy blouse cover, boots

Time: 615am for NCOs & older YMs, ages 1 and up for briefing. 12 and under, arrive 800am.

Parents Shifts 7am-11am or 11am-300pm or 1pm-6pm (cooking, selling at food booth)

RSVP by April 21 to Ms Damante

jdpsces2@aol.com or 404 715 9470 work (can leave message) or 770 605 6595 cell (leave message if I am unavailable)
See flier or website for further details.

Young Marine Calendar 2007

April 28 – March of Dimes WalkAmerica CG needed & Air Show in Canton. (see flier or website)

May 5 –car wash (details TBA)

May 19 – Field Day & CG for Hollydale elementary

June 2 – Change of Command & Honorary Discharge ceremony for older YMs

June 4-8 - Parris Island

June 16 – Swim quals on base early am or Firearms safety training class or DEA presentation

July 4 Marietta July 4th parade & Bell Ringing

July 7 –Potential makeup encampment

July 21 – Hike Kennesaw Mtn & pizza party

August 4 – Old Soldiers Day Parade Alpharetta

August 11 – Recruit Registration 1-4p

August 19 – HFT & Flight Simulator & Air Rifles

Note: See website for full 2007 calendar

Note: Honorary Discharge & Change of Command for older Young Marines has been moved to June 2nd due to a conflict with the Adult Leaders Conference.

Congratulations New Young Marines

Today we celebrate the graduation of our newest Young Marines and on a job well done. Outstanding.

Andrew Acker	Demarcus Hendrick
Joshua Beane	James Hulik
Aaminah	Christian Johnson
Blackman	Layne Kristan
Aking Blackman	Marley Lindo
Leon Boyce	Jessie Lujano
Leamon Brown	William Mattox
Wesley Bryant	Matthew P. Nielson
Jacob Cardone	Jhane Price
Nicholas Cardone	Xavier Riche
Jourdan Diggs	Bryana Rounds
Chasmire	Hayden Ruggiero
Freeman	Matthew Ruggiero
Michael Gilbert	Maynor Rubio
Elijah Harte	



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Articles & photos welcomed.

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Cameo of a Young Marine



Let's get to know Young Marine PVT Zekiah Washington. PVT Washington is 12 years old and in the 7th grade at Salem Middle School in Ellenwood.

He has been in the Young Marines for 1 year. His brothers and sisters are Sequoia Washington, Maurice Jackson, and Shanique Blake, but no pets. PVT Washington's hobbies include sports. PVT Washington joined Young Marines to get opportunities he probably would not have gotten as a youth and needed something to do during his spare time.

A fact we may not know is that PVT Washington is that he is a great athlete. After he finishes high school his goals are to be successful in school, become an athlete, go to college, become a Marine or a real estate agent, have a family, be a great dad, and retire.

Color Guard April 28

If you are interested in doing the Color Guard on April 28 for the March of Dimes, contact Ms. Damante. We still have 3 open slots. You may attend the air show directly after.

Arrive 730am – Color Guard 8am
 Contact Person Leisha at 770 612 9177
 121 Winn St, Marietta (Marietta Middle School)

Recruit Teambuilding before Graduation



Parris Island Bound

For our trip to Parris Island this year, we will be departing the morning of June 4th & returning the evening of June 8. As in previous years, we must rent vans for transportation, which is quite expensive; so we are limited in the number of YMs & staff that we may take. This year we plan to take 29 Young Marines. Chaperones are registered staff members & have already been selected.

We will accept Young Marines interested in going on a first come first serve basis until all slots have been filled by April 28. **Priority will be given to current Young Marines.** Recruits graduating on April 21 will be accepted only if current Young Marines do not fill the slots & they have attained the rank of PFC by June 4.

Dates: June 4 (early morning) return June 9 (evening)

Cost: Approximately \$80 (which covers only the food. the unit will pay for transportation)

RSVP: By April 28 (or sooner) **to Ms. Damante only**.....After April 28, we will open slots for recruits graduating April 21 who fit the criteria.

Criteria: Please review criteria for Parris Island carefully.

- Minimum age 12 and up
- Minimum rank PFC and up as of June 4
- Must have regular attendance in last 6 months (no more than 2 excused absences & no unexcused absences)
- Must have participated in all fundraisers
- Must not have any discipline problems
- No health problems that would prohibit intense physical activity.
- Once we have received names of interested YMs by April 28, we will notify anyone who asked to go who is not eligible and move to the next list.

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