



Greater Rome Georgia Young Marines

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Strengthening the Lives of America's Youth

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COs Corner

It is with great pleasure that I address you as Young Marines. We have "NO" Recruits in our unit at this time; you have all earned the title as Young Marines. This is not to be taken lightly. I am sure all of you will conduct yourselves in a manner that will bring honor to our unit, our God, and our country. Both platoon 108 and 208 have worked hard this past year and I thank you for it. I also want to thank all of our YM's and staff who made the trip to South Carolina. I have received several reports that our unit was a credit to the Young Marine program. You have paved the way for the rest of the Young Marine's to make another trip in the spring. We still have much work ahead for 2009; so I encourage you to keep your attendance up. The training in the coming weeks is tailored to prepare you for your next promotion. We also have several "fun" activities planned so you need to be here!

Semper Fi

Mr. Moore, Unit Commander



A Message From The Commander of Troops

Staff Sgt. Lee DeHaas

Young Marines, I am really proud of the way you represented the unit on the trip to South Carolina. I know that everyone there was very impressed with us as well. Keep up the good work and happy new year.

Semper Fi

Staff Sgt. DeHaas

Young Marine Calendar 2009

All Young Marine functions will be held at the Coosa Valley Fairgrounds unless otherwise notified.

January 3 YM Drill * – Guest speaker, Drug Awareness

January 17 YM Drill – Field Trip to Floyd County Jail – Drug Awareness

February 7 YM Drill * – Fire fighting

February 12 **Recruit Orientation – Rome Library 6:00 – 8:30**

February 21 YM Drill – Bowling Field Trip

March 7 YM Drill *, Day 1 Boot Camp

March 14 Day 2 Boot Camp

March 21 YM Drill, Day 3 Boot Camp

March 28-29 Day 4-5 Boot Camp

April 4 YM Drill *, Day 6 Boot Camp

April 11-12 Day 7-8 Boot Camp

April 18 YM Drill, Graduation

* - Uniform Inspection – 1st drill of every month

Welcome new Staff Advisor Janice Damante

Janice has joined the unit as the Staff Advisor with 12 years of experience as Exec. Officer with the General Raymond G Davis Metro Atlanta Young Marines.

She has a civilian background, but her son is a Sgt in the Marine Corps stationed at Camp Lejeune, and was in the charter class of Metro Atlanta YMs.

Janice has years of experience with fundraising, recruiting, communication, running the staff, Promotion boards, event planning and she ran the Atlanta unit alone for over a year in 2002 when their CO moved away.

We are very excited to welcome Janice to the unit.

ROME YOUNG MARINES VISIT CHARLESTON

The Rome Young Marines had a special opportunity to visit Charleston, S.C., from December 19 – 21, 2008 when an unexpected opening occurred to spend the weekend on board a World War II aircraft carrier which is now a living history museum. Sixteen Young Marines and 8 adult staff members spent the full weekend in actual crew quarters aboard the famous USS Yorktown, CV10. In order to go all of our Young Marines had to get special authorization to miss the last day of school before the holidays to meet the check-in deadline.

The group arrived in Charleston in time to visit the campus of The Citadel where Assistant Training Officer, Brent Behner, is a Junior in the Corps of Cadets. After a great Mexican restaurant dinner downtown everyone got their gear together and proceeded on board for our assigned quarters. We found that our racks were stacked four high and very close together. At 2000 we got to view the movie Tora, Tora, Tora until the mandatory fire drill at 2100. Nearly all the other campers on board were Boy Scouts. Our Young Marines demonstrated their training by standing in formation at their assigned area of the main hangar deck at attention or at ease as directed. Many Scouts would salute the Young Marines.

After a good breakfast in the Yorktown's mess hall we visited a simulated Vietnam Outpost before catching a ferry to famous Fort Sumter in the middle of Charleston Harbor. The Rome Young Marines were selected to raise the original style 36 star US flag that would have flown over the fort when the first shots of the Civil War were fired.

After returning to the carrier for a box lunch on the main hangar deck we had a special promotion ceremony. On the main flight deck we had a formation with an F-18 directly behind and Yorktown's superstructure in view. A proclamation was read by Sergeant Matt Olson, USMCR and Lance Corporal Ross Norton, USMCR who are members of our adult staff. Lee DeHaas received a promotion to YM Staff Sergeant and David Bosarge and Zachary Tyree were promoted to YM Corporal.

The Saturday afternoon was open for touring of the many vintage aircraft and helicopters positioned on all the Yorktown's decks. Additionally there were countless displays and exhibits with artifacts and videos describing the history of the ship and the men who served on her. Next to the Yorktown were moored the submarine, USS Clamagore, the destroyer, USS Laffey and the Coast Guard Cutter, USCGC Ingham. These ships were available for inspection by our Young Marines.

Another meal was served on board the carrier that evening and everyone continued to enjoy the experience of life on board the famous "Fighting Lady". The Rome Young Marines were extremely well received by the carrier staff and other visitors. Many questions about what we do and the history of our program exemplified the positive behavior the young people demonstrated throughout the weekend. All those participating will have some fond memories of a very special weekend.



Cameo of a Young Marine

Lance Cpl. Tyler Davis

Lance Cpl. Tyler Davis is 14 years old and is in the 7th grade at Coosa Middle School, in Rome. Tyler lives with his parents, one sister, three cats, four dogs, and five goats! He enjoys outdoor activities and spending time with his girlfriend Kyleigh.

Lance Cpl. Tyler Davis joined the Young Marines because he knew it would be a positive influence in his life. In turn he wants to become a positive influence for other young people. Davis wants to join the Marine Corps. and attend college to study engineering.



Cameo of a Young Marine

Pvt. Judy Justice

Pvt. Judy Justice is eight years old and is the 3rd grade at Cave Spring elementary. Her parents are Tommy and Stacy Justice. She has two older brothers, Blake, and Ryan, who is also a Young Marine.

Pvt. Justice likes to play with her dogs and read in her spare time. Her favorite subject in school is P.E., and her favorite teacher is her home room teacher, Mr. Kapustay. She may only be eight years old, but she says she wants to join the military when she grows up.

Fall Fundraiser Results

Congratulations to Mrs. Hal Gosnell – the winner of the Glock Pistol!

Thanks to all of you who participated in MCL Glock Pistol fundraiser. We were able to raise over \$5000 for the unit!

Congratulations to Cindy Powell the winner of the Regal Cinema Tickets and a \$25 gift certificate!

We will be sending home information about a new fundraiser in the next couple of weeks! Remember, all of the proceeds from our fundraisers goes straight back to the unit.

Doc June Barfield - Birth Announcement

Our unit doc gave birth to a sweet little baby girl, Jaya Nickelle Barfield on Decemebr 04, 2008. The baby weighed 8lbs, and was 20in long.

June sends her sincere thanks for the baby shower and all of the gifts. They were able to use the gift card to buy a baby Stroller.

A Note To The Parents:

I just wanted to thank all of the parents who helped make the last recruit class such a success! Your participation allowed us to give Platoon 208 a fantastic and memorable graduation! Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated so if you have any extra time or ideas for guest speakers, fund raisers, or educational fieldtrips please let me know!

Jo Ann DeHaas, FSA / Asst. Adjutant

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