

# Young Marines

# Introduction

# National Challenge



- 77% of young Americans between ages of 17 and 24 are unfit to serve in the military
- 8% are interested in serving
- Increasing issues due to lack of education, drug usage, criminal record, obesity, and physical health. Negative trends continue.
- Record overdose deaths, majority opioid/fentanyl
- Our efforts are critical to our nation's future!

Sources: Senate Testimony 2022, National Congressional Commission on Service and US Chamber of Commerce on Soft Skills, CDC Report 2021 OD

# Young Marines Program



- **Mission**

The mission of the Young Marines is to positively impact America's future by providing quality youth development programs for boys and girls that nurture and develop youth members into responsible citizens who enjoy and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

- **Focused on:**

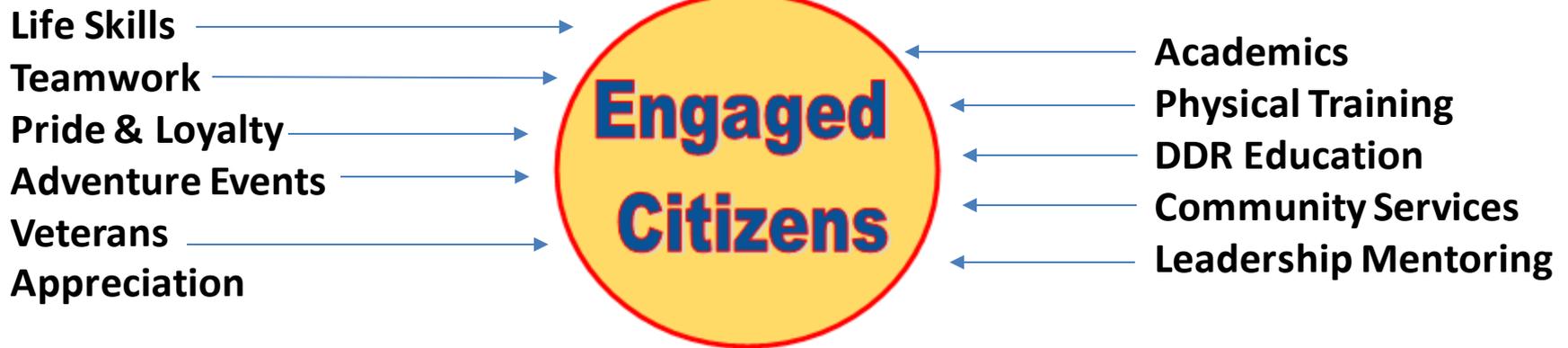
- **Who:** Boys and girls, ages 8 to High School graduation
- **Leadership:** Marine Corps values and ethos
- **Citizenship:** Community service, supporting veterans
- **Healthy Drug-Free Lifestyle:** Fitness, health, resiliency, drug-free!
- **Core Values:** Leadership, Teamwork, Discipline
- **GuideStar Platinum**



# Our Goal



## Creating the next generation of Leaders and Engaged Citizens



# FY23 Recap

- **Units: 207**
- **Youth Members: 5025**
- **Adult Members: 1971**
- **10 New Units!**

## Community Service Excellence:

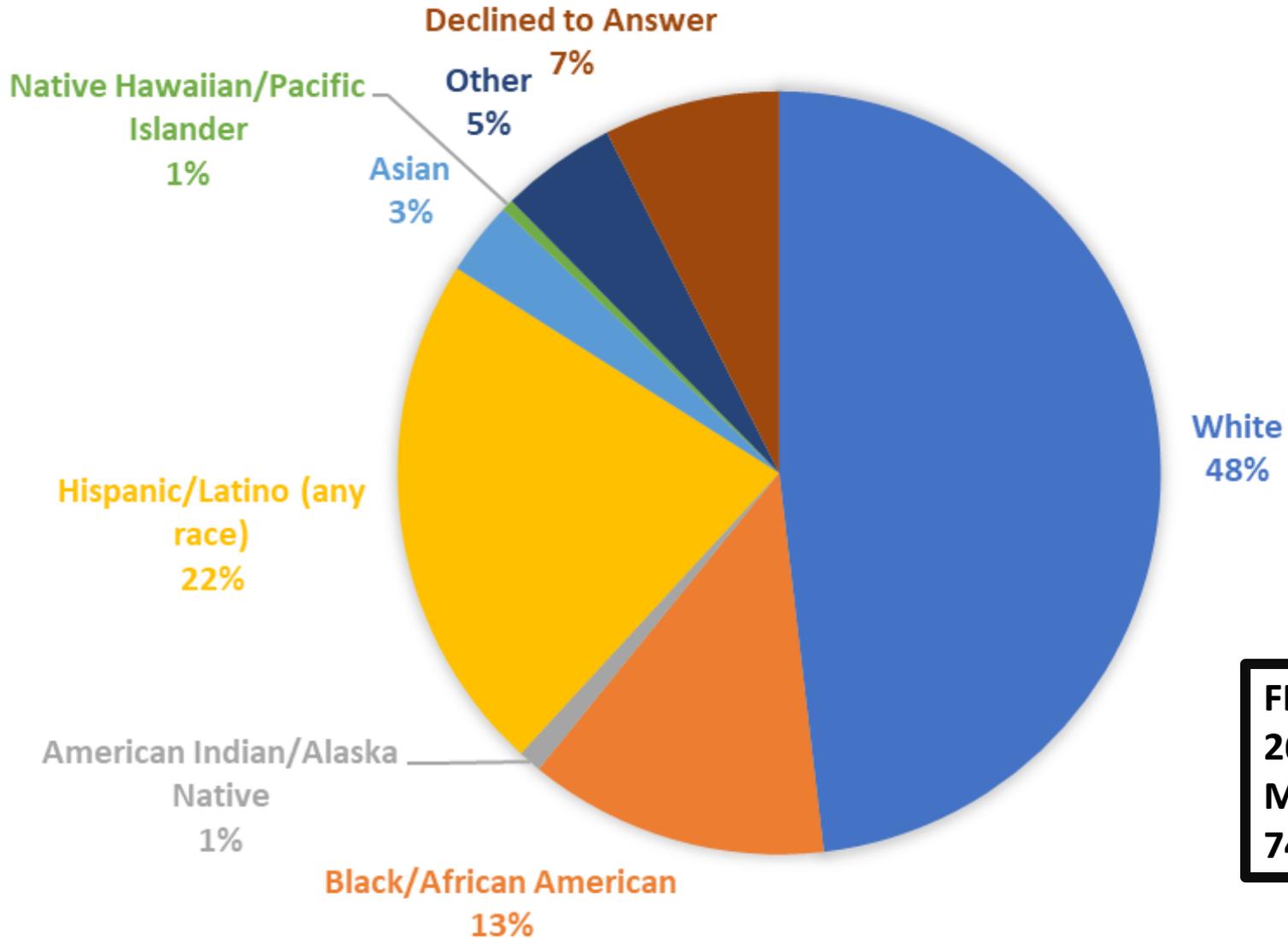
- **Over 1.1 million hours last 3 years**
- **127,326 YM hours last year**
- **49,022 DDR hours last year**

## Activities include, but not limited to:

**Toys for Tots, Veterans, Environmental Disaster Relief,  
Color Guards, parades and memorial events/services**



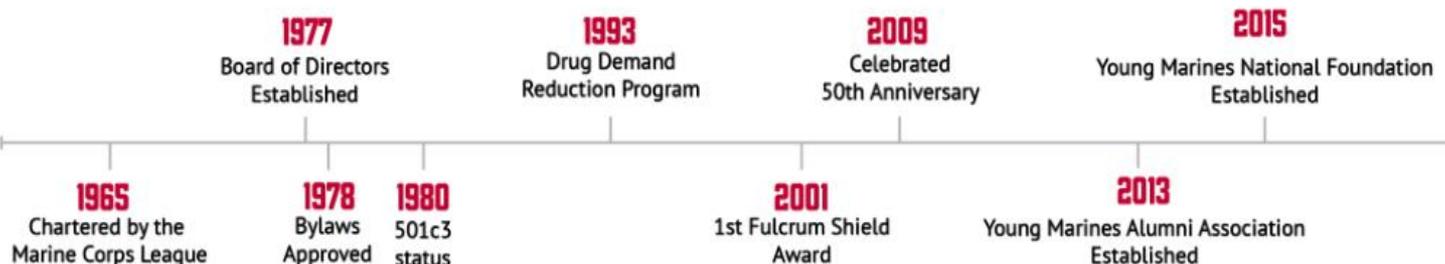
# Young Marines reflect America!



# Young Marines Program



- Young Marines corporate and fiduciary governance
  - Became an independent corporation in 1980
  - One IRS EIN for all financial, audit, and grant management
  - All unit's report financials monthly to HQYM and Accounting
  - Young Marines comply annually with all state requirements for fundraising solicitation
  - Provide insurance coverages and policy management
  - Review and execute on contracts and facility lease agreements

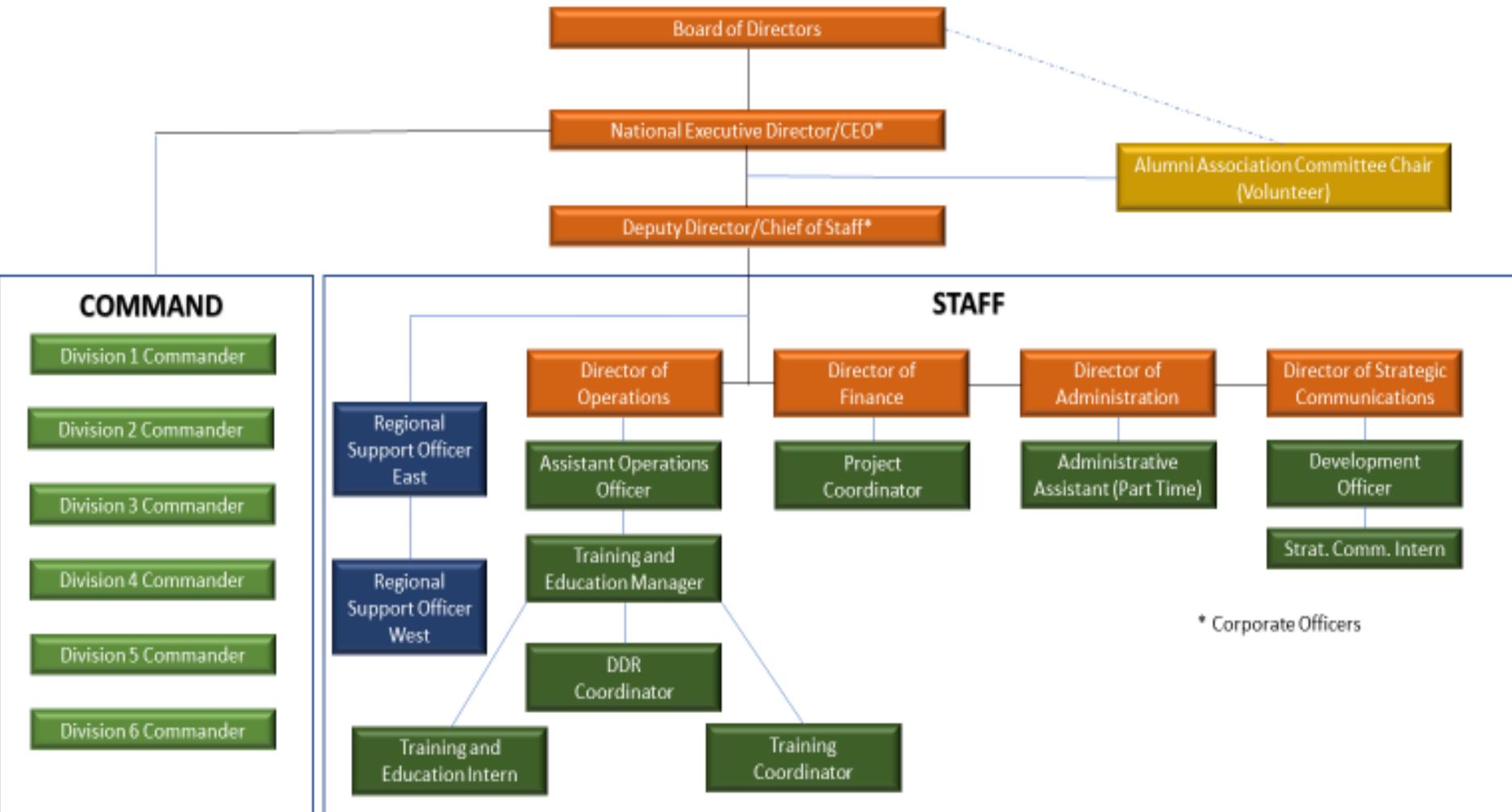


# Young Marines Program



- Small HQ Staff (9) supporting 2000 volunteers and 5000 YMs
- Responsible for the entire business operation:
  - “Membership” Management and Board of Directors
  - All publications and training Guidebooks
  - Adult Training
  - Leadership Schools and Summer programs
  - Awards
  - Public Affairs
  - Congressional engagement
  - Strategic partnerships
  - Fundraising and Unit Development
  - Legal

## Headquarters Young Marines Organization Chart



\* Corporate Officers

**NOTE ON HQ STAFF: ONLY BLUE AND ORANGE BILLETS (PLUS PROJECT COORDINATOR) CURRENTLY FILLED DUE TO FUNDING CONSTRAINTS**

# Young Marines Members



- Adult Members:
  - Simple sign-up form, 3 letters of recommendation, and a criminal background check
  - Complete Mandatory online training, AV Test, State Mandatory Reporting/Youth Protection and Risk Management
  - Additional Regional and annual National training opportunities
- Youth Members:
  - Young Marines receive mentorship and training in many ways
  - Complete recruit training to become a Young Marine
  - Can wear woodland camouflage uniform (old USMC uniform)
  - Enlisted Ranks (no officer ranks)
  - Ribbons and devices are earned over time and by objective completion
  - Activities locally, regionally, and nationally

# Young Marines Units



- Units meet wherever able: VFW, American Legion, Churches, Schools, Marine Corps League, Military Reserve or Active Duty Centers
- Most programs run afterschool or on weekends
- Chartered through HQYM
- Assigned to Regiment and Division
- Run events alone or with other local units
- School-based programs:
  - Some run after-school and others based on JROTC model
  - 6 programs presently, growing interest area

# YM Alumni Survey Results

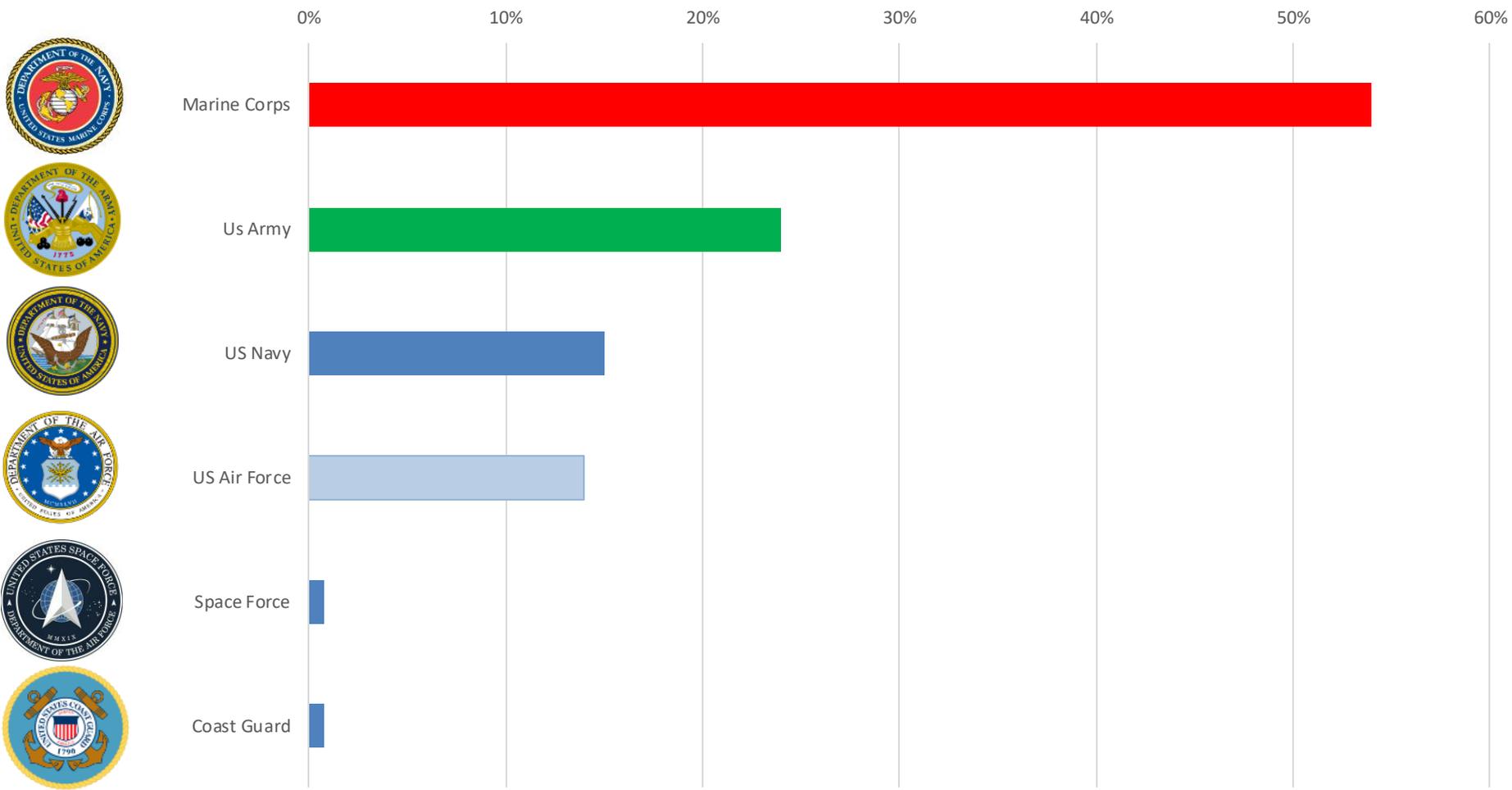


- Approximately 30% of Alumni go on to serve in the military - over half of them become U.S. Marines
- The next largest employment is for First Responders and then Teachers
- Community Service: 70% of Alumni still perform community service which is ***twice the national average***
- Voting: 90% of Alumni reported voting
- Drug-free Lifestyle: 95% reported living a healthy lifestyle
- Over 99% reported an appreciation for Veterans

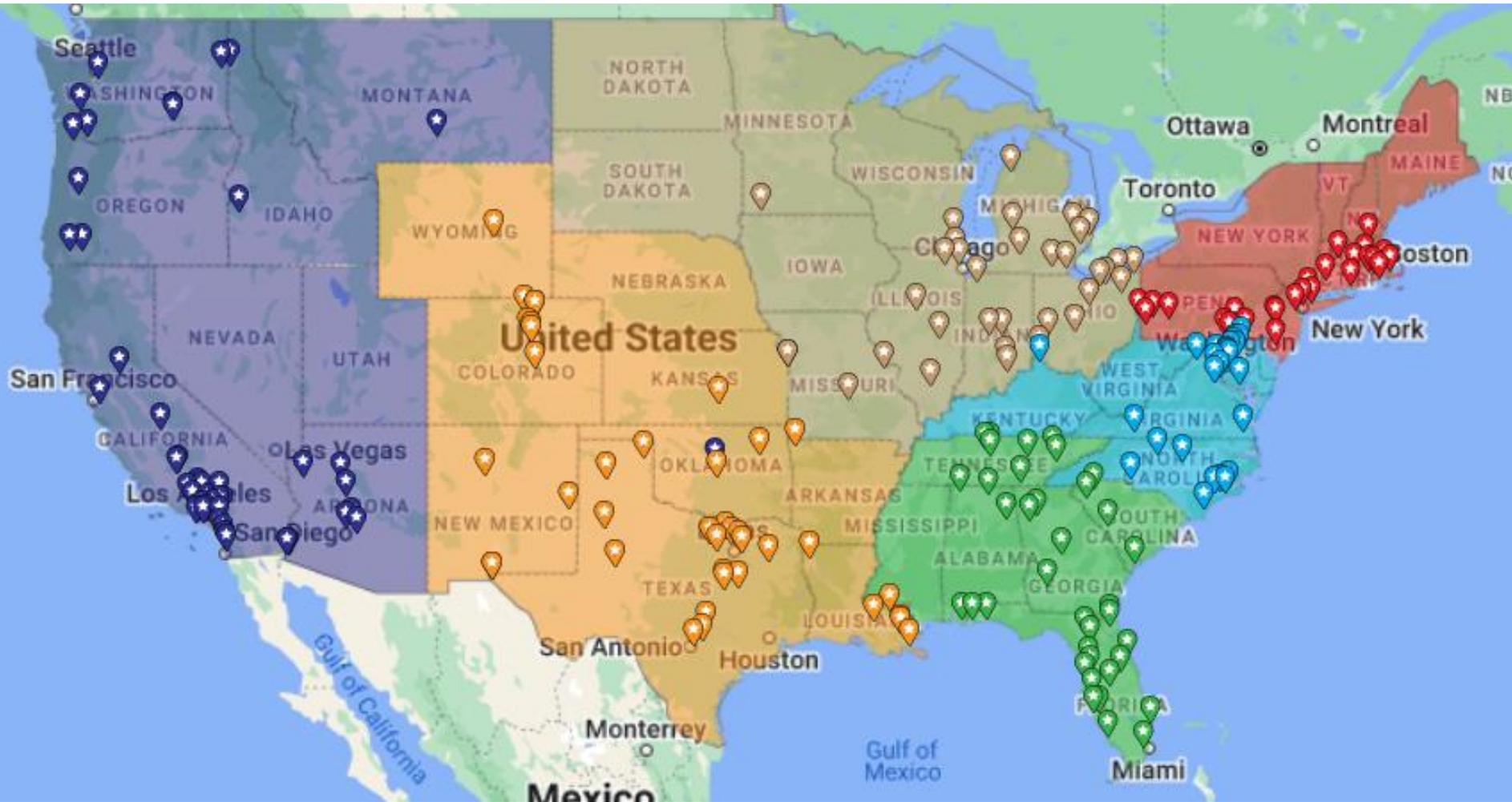
# YM Alumni Survey: Service



30% of YM alumni are serving or served in the military



# Current footprint



Division 1, 26 Units

Division 2, 27 Units

Division 3, 37 Units

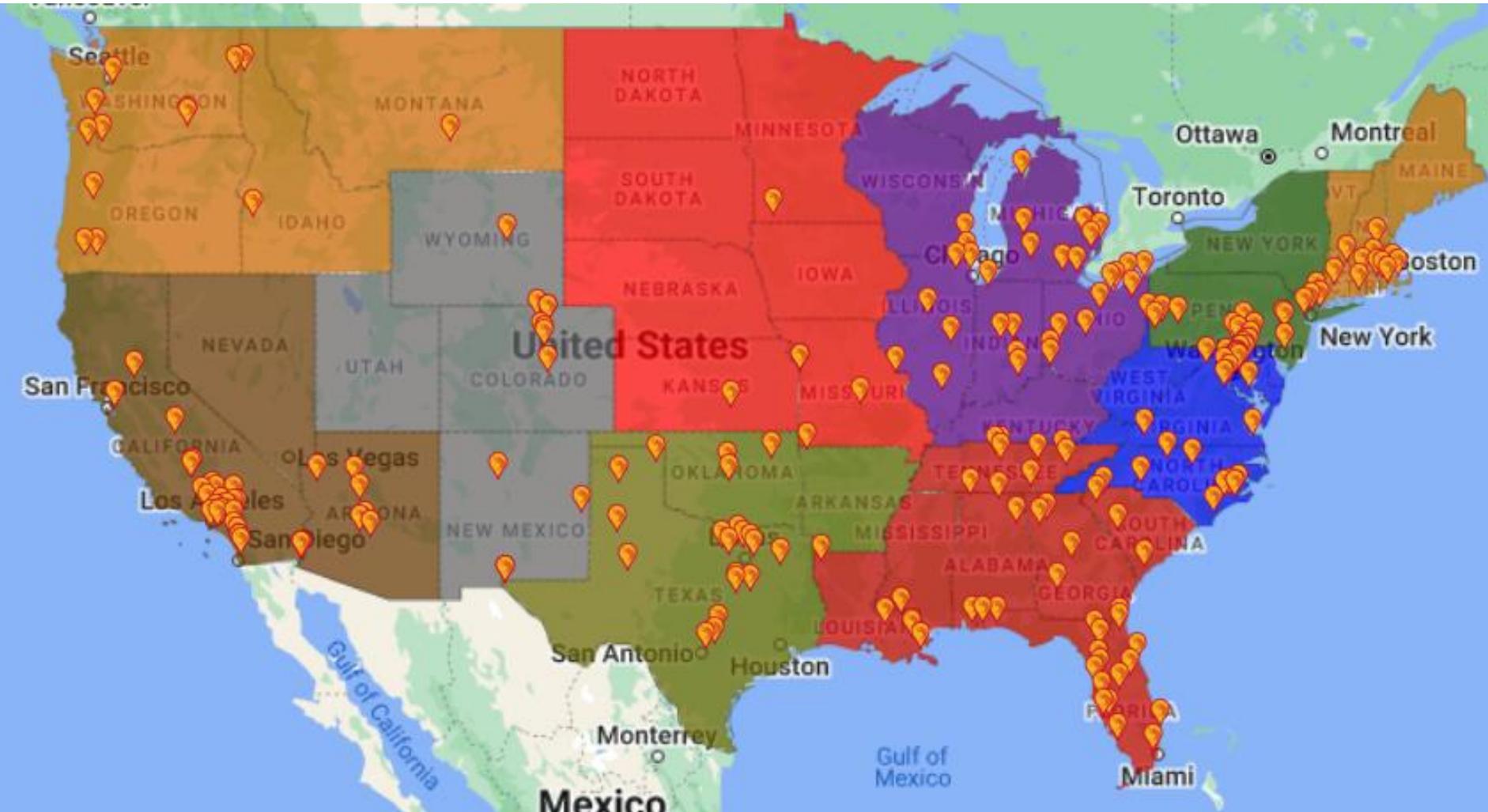
Division 4, 39 Units

Division 5, 34 Units

Division 6, 46 Units

HQ Division, 2 Units

# MCL Divisions and YM



# New Units Started FY2023



- 7/10/2023, D5: Kaskaskia, Arthur, IL\*
- 6/5/2023, D2: Blue Ridge Mountain, Hillsville, VA\*
- 6/5/2023, D6: City Heights, San Diego, CA
- 5/11/2023, D3: Northwest Georgia, GA\*
- 4/13/2023, D4: High Plains, Portales, NM
- 10/21/2022, D2: Potomac River, Washington, DC
- 10/18/2022, D4: Shoals Area, Sheffield, AL \*
- 10/17/2022, D1: Granite State, Pelham, NH
- 10/17/2022, D4: Lake Ray Hubbard, Rockwall, TX\*
- \*MCL / Marine leadership

10 new units in various stages of startup

Red River High School, AFJROTC, Coushatta, LA

Gallup McKinley Schools, AJROTC, Gallup, NM (2024)

14 MCJROTC in development (7 outgoing/ 7 incoming)

# New Unit Development



- Division 1
  - Danny David, Uniontown, PA
  - Calvin Ballard, Brooklyn, NY
  - Paul Thompson, Oakland, NJ
  - Joseph Pasquerilla, Ambridge, PA (Former MCJROTC)
- Division 2
  - Dan Antis, Georgetown, KY
  - Mike Nelson, Southern Pines, NC\*
  - Kenny Joyner, Fayetteville, NC\*
  - Jerome Gidrey, Jacksonville, NC (Waiting for MCJROTC)
  - Melanie Shaver, Swan Quarter, NC (Waiting for MCJROTC)
- Division 3
  - Daniel Papis, Hattiesburg, MS\*
  - Kurt Von Strauss, Myrtle Beach, SC\*\*
  - Michael Stephens, Cordell, GA\*\*

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\*\*Marine Veteran \*\*\*YM Alumni

# New Unit Development

- Division 4
  - Al Sanchez, Gardner, KS\*\* (SgtMaj Maness)
  - Jason Wayman, Gallup, NM (Former Army JROTC)
  - Staci Gallaher, Shiprock, NM (Former MCJROTC)
- Division 5
  - Andrew McCormack, Detroit Lakes, MN\*\* (SgtMaj Maness)
  - Bobby Krohn, Oshkosh, WI\*
  - Gina McManus, Oakland, NE\*
- Division 6
  - Matthew Lurker, Ammon, ID
  - Jenn Weber, Las Vegas, NV\*
  - Jeremy Anderson, Fort Mohave, AZ

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# FY23 MCL Engagement



- Northeast MCL Division, NJ Michael Hoff
- Central MCL Division, Jeff Porta
- Midwest MCL Division, SgtMaj Maness
- New England MCL Division, Col Davis
- Rocky Mountain MCL Division, SgtMaj Maness
- Southern MCL Division, SgtMaj Maness
- Southeast MCL Division, Col. Davis
- Southwest MCL Division, Jose Escarsega
- Mideast MCL Division, Col Davis
- California Department, Jose Escarsega
- Connecticut Dept., SgtMaj Maness
- Maryland Dept., Bill Davis
- Massachusetts Dept. Wilson Lee
- Ohio Dept, Chris Freidhof
- Virginia Department, Michael Hoff

# Drug Demand Reduction



- 107,000 overdose deaths in 2022
  - 77,000 by opioids and Fentanyl
  - **More than last 5 decades of KIA**
- One Pill can and does Kill – 6 in 10 fake pills has a lethal dose of Fentanyl
- Marijuana is not the “same”
- Core element of the Young Marines program, building strong, healthy resilient youth! YMs share lessons with peers
- Healthy Drug-free Lifestyle
- Award winning National DDR Program
  - 12-time DOD Fulcrum Shield Award
  - Annual DEA Kiki Camarena Award winners and others

# There are three components to the Young Marine Shooting Sports Program

1



**MARKSMANSHIP RIBBON**  
Completing the requirements  
of a Firearms Safety Course



2

**Practical Skills instruction  
and ongoing training**



3

**Competition and Awards**



# MCL and YM



- Since 1959, the MCL has been our biggest supporter
- Over 60% of MCL Detachments support in some way
  - Host units
  - Support units
  - Support YM events
- YM unit and MCL Detachment synergies
  - YM support for Toys for Tots, Color Guards, Veterans support, other Detachment events
  - YM Parents are potential MCL Members
  - YMs learn from MCL Members

# MCL and YM



- Thanks for your continued support!
- Marine Corps League Commendations – **PHOTOS PLEASE**
- Congressional Support
  - FY24 Funds request in the works
  - Congressional links on website



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Thank you for your time and  
interest in the Young Marines!  
We are “Strengthening the Lives  
of America’s Youth”



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