

This letter /questionnaire is directed towards all Division Vice Commandants, Department Commandants, and Detachment Commandants. Because of the limited number of E-mails for Detachment Commandants, it is requested that each Department Commandant distribute this to each Detachment Commandant within their respective Departments.

During the 2017 Mid-Winter Conference, General Al Gray, the 29th CMC and the current Chairman of the Board of the United States Marines Youth Foundation (USMYF) addressed the attendees about his concerns for the Youth Physical Fitness program (YPF). The General addressed the decline in participation of the YPF and the need to get more of the MCL involved with the program. General Gray asked that each Department and Detachment throughout the MCL reach out to the schools within their community and introduce the YPF to the school.

During the 2017 National Convention, Colonel Michael Harrigan, President of the USMYF addressed the members of the MCL and he too stressed his concerns over the lack of participation and the need to have the MCL assist the United States Marines Youth Foundation in increasing the number of schools currently involved in the YPF program. Col. Harrigan again informed the MCL that the YPF is a program belonging to the MCL and that if the program was to survive, more participation was needed from the Departments and Detachments within the MCL. It was also stated that if the MCL was not going to increase its participation, there might a need to have outside agencies (outside from the MCL and USMYF) assist in rebuilding the program.

A table was set up during the 2017 National Convention and documentation was distributed pertaining to the Youth Physical Fitness Program, the Tree of Lights Program and the Excellence in Music Award program.

The below questionnaire was distributed earlier in the year and out of all the Departments within the MCL, only 6 Departments responded to the questions. That is 6 out of 49 Departments. No Detachments were heard from so it is assumed that no Department distributed the questionnaire to their Detachments. It is because of the lack of response to the questions that both General Gray and Colonel Harrigan addressed their concerns about the future of the Youth Physical Fitness (YPF) program.

Once again, this questionnaire is asked to be distributed to all Division Vice Commandants, Department District Vice Commandants (if applicable), Department Commandants, and Detachment Commandants. It is vital we hear from all so that the USMYF can obtain a firm understanding of how much support it can expect from the MCL. You are not being asked to set up a program nor run or execute the program; what is being asked is that you visit your local schools and bring a copy of the current YPF Program Book and forms which are available on line at

<http://www.usmarinesyouthfoundation.org/Programs/YouthPhysicalFitness/HighSchool/SchoolProgramGuidelinesandForms/tabid/565/Default.aspx>

Once you are at that site, you will see the various forms available to a school for registration and participation of the YPF program. If you need the forms mailed to you, please contact Tom Hazlett, Executive Director of the USMYF tw haz@comcast.net and he will mail you the booklet and forms.

The participation of the MCL is necessary to increase the number of participating schools. Please answer the below questions and e-mail your responses to tw haz@comcast.net you can also mail your responses to:

National Marine Corps League
Attn: United States Marines Youth Foundation
3619 Jefferson Davis Hwy. Suite 115
Stafford, VA. 22554

Please, answer the below questions to the best of your ability; if necessary, use multiple pages as needed to answer the questions. Remember, the Youth Physical Fitness program is a Marine Corps League Program and if it is going to continue, it needs the support of the MCL Departments and Detachments.

Please state the name of your Detachment/Department completing the questionnaire; the name of the person completing the questionnaire and your contact information (Address, phone number, and e-mail address)