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Dear Commandant

The U.S. Marine Youth Foundation (USMYF) conducts an extremely important program targeted at the youth of America; primarily made up of high school age youth of both sexes. It conducts the program with the help and cooperation from the Marine Corps League (MCL) through the cooperation of organizations and people at the grass roots level, the USMYF sponsors a competitive youth fitness program culminating in a National Championship in May of each year. Additionally, the program is also a Marine Corps recruitment vehicle. JROTC schools and non-JROTC schools both participate in the program.

The USMYF program has been active since its inception in the 1960's. In the past, it has been a widespread and depth filled program involving many of our States, Schools, and volunteer people. In recent years, however, the program's outreach and participation have precipitously declined. There are numerous reasons for this decline.

The USMYF youth fitness program has always been a MCL supported program. Specifically, MCL Detachments and Departments have traditionally and historically taken an active role in establishing, coordinating and conducting either by itself or through others the USMYF program at the local level. But, like other programs in recent years, MCL participation has declined.

The principal role of the MCL is to assist in getting local programs started, monitoring activities, and helping in fundraising tax deductible donations to help underwrite the program (the USMYF is a 501 (C)(3) organization and actual contributions to it or through it are tax deductible). The MCL's most important task at the local level: To recruit a "Coach" either from its own membership or in the local community (such as a physical education instructor or sports team coach from the local high school) to recruit participants, train them and compete in scheduled local, regional or state-wide championships. Qualifying teams travel in May to the National Championships currently conducted at MCRD, San Diego. National Headquarters USMYF can and will provide detailed guidance and materials to those MCL entities.



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The purpose of this letter and the accompanying questionnaire is to determine the interest, capability and desire of the MCL Detachments and Departments to initiate and or continue their involvement with the program. Accordingly, we ask that you complete the attached questionnaire and return it to USMYF Headquarters not later than February 20, 2017.

If MCL recipients demonstrate satisfactory interest in program participation, the USMYF will be extremely grateful. If not, the USMYF will be examining other options to rejuvenate its program.

Thank you in advance for your previous support of this program and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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### QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Are you familiar with the Marine Corps League's Youth Physical Fitness Program (YPF) sponsored by the U.S. Marines Youth Foundation (USMYF)? If yes, go to question #2; if no, go to question #3.
2. If yes, has your Detachment/Department taken any role in interacting/developing/or monitoring the MCL YPF Program? If yes, please describe that role in detail below (please feel free to include a continuation page should it be necessary in order to answer the question in full)
3. If no, would your Detachment/Department like to become involved as described within the letter?

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)