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Navy and Marine Corps

Four Marine Corps and Navy personnel volunteered their time to serve as the FVC Kickoff Color Guard: **Marine Sergeants Ford, Bolden, and Harris** and **Navy Medic Johnson**. **Sergeant Ford** shared with us his work with the **YOUNG MARINES**, the official "action" youth program of the MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES and the focal point of the MARINE CORPS' YOUTH DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM efforts: "We have been doing this for the last **three years** with kids eight to eighteen for **two weekends out of every month**..Our selection process begins in October of each year...If there are individuals who have children in the required age groups, maybe it would be something that they would like to get their kids into."

- The program began in 1958 in Connecticut and grew to 90 units nationwide.
- Females have been included since 1975.
- The Young Marines is an independent charitable organization under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3).
- The organization strives to promote the mental, moral, and physical development of youth, including stimulating interest in academic achievement, building physical fitness, and advocating a drug-free lifestyle.
- Discipline is instilled by giving the Young Marines responsibility, leadership positions, team-work tasks, and decision-making opportunities, and by rewarding their individual and team accomplishments with ribbons, certificates, authority, or promotions to higher rank.
- Citizenship, school, and home activities and community service are considered in rewards and promotions. The development of self-esteem and tolerance for pressure is emphasized in the program.

Visit www.cayoungmarines.com or www.chadduck.com/ymarines for participant comments, like, "This program has changed me and everyone says that I'm more polite now. Even my physical skills have improved."

"This program makes me feel proud and my parents are happy for me because I'm getting better grades in school."

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Army Corps of Engineers

A civilian employee, a former veteran, has worked in the *VA Clinic* for about **100 hours over the last five years**, helping approximately **150 veterans**. He contributes about **five pints of blood annually** to the *American Red Cross* & has also participated in *Orange County Veterans' Activities* for the last three years.

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For the last five years, **Elton Campbell** has contributed his computer tutorial expertise and substantial equipment to the *Albert Monroe Magnet School* in Inglewood. Spending **100 hours** on this work, he has helped **1352 students**, fulfilling his motivation to partner and to make the world better.



Defense Logistics Agency

One of our FVC members, who lives outside the Greater L.A. area, volunteers for organizations in Stockton and Manteca.

- She has devoted about **80 hours annually** to the *Kiwananne Club* for the last **six years**.
- For the last **15 years**, she has spent over **100 hours a year** on *American Youth Soccer* as a coach.
- She has contributed about **40 hours yearly** to raising funds for scholarships sponsored by the *Civic Women's Club of Stockton*.
- Finally, she gives **blood every sixty days**.

She checked feeling good about herself and making the world better as her motivations.

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

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