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# Serving By Teaching

Do you believe that we should give our young people opportunities to learn and experience leadership and civics? Do you feel that it is beneficial for them to not only meet, but ask questions of community, military, political and business leaders? Is it important that we challenge our young people to become more aware of our Constitution, democratic principles, honoring our flag and the free enterprise system?



If you answered yes to any of these questions, we dedicate this issue of the Officer Review to you. You will find the highlights from our Youth Leadership Conferences (YLC) that are held each year.

The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) and our Companions are dedicated to serve their communities by volunteering to plan, teach, support, sponsor and staff each of these YLCs. We are committed to providing high school students a learning experience that inspires and challenges them to be role models and leaders in their communities.

Each conference has instructions and activities in leadership, the US Constitution, patriotism and the free enterprise system.

The YLC curriculum is carefully developed and improved each year to be sanctioned by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

MOWW YLC alumni have remarked that attending a YLC made a positive difference in their lives. Our youth are our future leaders. MOWW is committed to a tenet of our Preamble "To Promote and Further Patriotic Educations in our Nation."

Thanks go to all who have made our YLC program possible and who enabled the students who have attended. We look forward to another successful YLC year!

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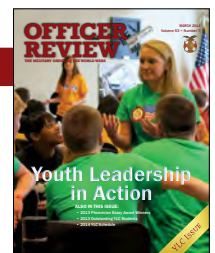
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Student teams discuss a Leadership Challenge during the Huntsville Youth Leadership Conference sponsored by MOWW's Huntsville Chapter, AL.



# Youth Leadership Conferences

## YLCs

*Multi-Day Youth Leadership Conferences (YLCs) are free educational conferences giving US high school students the chance to develop leadership skills via patriotic education. Students attending public, charter and private high schools, or who are home-schooled, usually participate as juniors or seniors. Single-day YLCs are available for elementary and secondary school students. MOWW interviews, selects and pays for YLC attendance.*

### PURPOSE —ACCREDITATION

MOWW sponsors ~25 multi-day YLCs in 17 states, and many single-day YLCs. Some YLCs are conducted under Resolutions of Cooperation with the National Sojourners (multi-day) and the Joe Foss Institute (single-day). MOWW also encourages Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) seminar attendance. The National association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) lists MOWW's YLCs on the National Advisory List of Contests and Activities.

### OBJECTIVES

YLC attendees receive patriotic education, including elements of leadership needed to maintain a free society, concepts of a free enterprise system, and the founding principles upon which the US was built. Attendees develop an appreciation for the US Constitution, Bill of Rights, etc., and an awareness of the civic responsibilities associated with preserving rights and freedoms. Students also develop leadership and public speaking skills that help them be better citizens and future leaders.



### PROGRAM

The general curriculum goal is 50% of class time is devoted to leadership, 30% to US history and US Government, and 20% to the Free Enterprise System and the US economy. Students interact with instructors and peers in small group discussions, debates, skits, etc., Most YLCs conduct a mock trial using an actual US court case. Students also make oral and written presentations.

### RECOGNITION

Students write a short essay during the communications class or during the application process, and may receive an award for the written submissions.

- **Best Essay:** Judges evaluate all essays, select the top ten, and then pick the top three in the category "Best Essay." There is normally a \$100 award for the Best Essay, a \$75 award for each 1st Runner-Up and a \$25 award for each 2nd Runner-Up, presented at the YLC Awards Banquet.
- **Outstanding Student Award:** Recipients normally receive a Bronze Patrick Henry Award and cash.
- **Phoenician Award:** MOWW National presents the Phoenician Award recipient a cash award of \$2,000 to the Outstanding Student from a multi-day YLC that writes the best essay on a specific national issue. Second and Third place recipients are awarded \$1,000 and \$500 respectively.

### SUPERVISION

Instructors lead YLC classes, and Team Leaders and Counselors supervise students (typically 10-12). Directors/Assistant Directors (at least one adult male and one adult female) supervise Team Leaders and Counselors. During multi-day YLCs, students live in dorms with team members of their gender. Adults supervise students of their gender. Social activities are chaperoned.







## NEW ENGLAND YLC NEYLC

FEB 2-5; MAR 2-4; MAR 30-APR 1; DEC 7-9

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The New England Youth Leadership Conference (NEYLC) involved four YLC sessions over the academic year. The four YLC sessions had, respectively, 28 students from four states and 11 high schools, 24 students from 18 schools and six states, 16 students from 15 schools and seven states, and 55 students from 50 schools and 13 states. Seven MOWW Chapters from Region I sponsored students. The program has fully integrated Norwich's outstanding leadership and team-building training with the YLC curriculum of citizenship and free enterprise.

The NEYLCW educates, promotes, encourages and aids American youth in developing a comprehensive understanding and appreciation of patriotism and the free enterprise system. It also provides leadership experience by developing individual skills and teamwork. Student applicants were required to write a 500-word essay on the "The Bill of Rights and My Responsibilities" as part of the selection process.

After their Friday afternoon arrival, students formed into teams and met the senior ROTC student mentors who accompanied them during the YLC. After dinner, students were briefed on the program and introduced to MOWW counselors.

Each YLC opened with the presentation of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. Students were introduced to the history of the US Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the struggle to make our nation's government "more perfect," with "justice and liberty for all." To test their budding leadership and teamwork skills, each team received an old time favorite music sheet. They practiced their lyrics during their free time and prepared a skit to be presented during the Sunday closing ceremony for the benefit of parents and guests.

On Saturday, students awoke at 0600 to participate in a

water survival session in the University pool, followed by a rock wall climbing in the field house. After brunch, students gathered for a group photo. The students spent part of the afternoon discussing the Free Enterprise System and Personal Financial Planning.

A student exercise followed involving each team reviewing a US Supreme Court case and reaching a verdict based on their knowledge of the US Constitution. Students compared their verdicts against the actual court decision. More Leadership 101 training followed, after which they enjoyed a guided tour of the GEN Gordon Sullivan Museum, which highlighted this Norwich alumni's accomplishments.

After dinner, students addressed cyber security, honor and ethics issues, and the citizen-soldier concept. Next, after a short review, the students took a citizenship test that included 50 questions from the actual test given to immigrants. Later, students enjoyed a pizza party before lights out.

On Sunday (graduation day), students negotiated the Leadership Reaction Course (LRC), which measured their teamwork and leadership skills one more time. Following brunch with their families and instructors, students presented the music skits they had practiced all weekend. It was great to see how students innovatively presented these unfamiliar songs.

Students who wrote the best essay, received the highest US Citizenship test score and were selected as the Outstanding Student earned numerous awards. The four Outstanding Students were Paul J. Grimard (Suffield, CT), Spencer H. Drakontaidis (Saugerties, NY), Gabrielle L. Hornilla (Woodbury, MN) and Conner E. Wills (Kiowa, CO).

With the enthusiastic support of RADM Richard W. Schneider, USCGR (Ret), President of Norwich University and a fellow MOWW Companion, the MOWW staff and Norwich faculty, the New England YLCs continue to provide students with a balance of leadership, citizenship team building skills—all conducted by an outstanding group of senior ROTC Norwich University cadets. ★



## AUGUSTA YLC AUGLYC

FEB 22-23 | WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, AUGUSTA, GA

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Augusta's 19th annual YLC got off to a great start on Friday afternoon with MOWW Past Commander-in-Chief (PCINC) and Augusta YLC Director, LTC Gary Engen, USA (Ret), providing opening remarks. Next, students enjoyed a pizza dinner sponsored by the local Domino's Pizza Restaurant. The students enjoyed hearing Mr. Ekberg (the Domino's franchise owner) explain what it means to be an entrepreneur. His success impressed the students, who asked many questions about his day-to-day operations. Next, PCINC LTC David Titus explained MOWW's origins and its purpose. The Honorable Bobby Christine (LTC, JAG, GA ANG, and Columbia County Magistrate Court Judge) gave an opening challenge followed by a Leadership Pointers session that fully immersed the students.

After a Question and Answer session, students moved into their 7-8 person groups by going to nine breakout classrooms for their first group session on Morals and Ethics. This first topic is always a good icebreaker as students become aware they have already established in their lives a code of ethics and are usually willing to open up in the small group. This session concluded at 8:50 PM and students were to return by 8:45 AM on Saturday morning. All students live within a 30-mile radius of the YLC so transportation to and from the YLC was provided by or coordinated with parents.

Students returned Saturday morning for donuts, juice and snacks. Mr. Bob Young, a former Augusta Mayor and past Deputy Director of HUD, presented an opening challenge. Mr. Young maintained student

interest and motivation with a group competition by asking a YLC staff member a trivia question about one of our past presidents, and then see if students were "smarter than an MOWW member." Next, Mr. Dino Dakuras, an owner of several restaurants, gave a thought-provoking presentation on Leadership and challenges in the business world. Next, the students rotated through three separate small group sessions on the subjects of Free Enterprise, American Government, and The Leadership Role of USA in World Affairs. Each session lasted approximately one hour.

Between the second and third rotation, students enjoyed a chicken finger lunch. During lunch, the groups also prepared their presentation on one of the three topics cited above. After the final rotation, all small groups assembled outside for a group picture, after which the nine groups gave their assigned topic presentation. Judge Doug Flanagan (Juvenile Court Judge for Columbia County) gave a closing challenge. At the conference's conclusion, students received MOWW certificates. Based on the adult leader recommendations and student participation, Melissa Meritt (Evans High School) was the Outstanding Student.

Subsequently, the Augusta Chapter selected ten of the most noteworthy students to attend the four-day YLC at Patriot's Point in Charleston, SC, in June. Later, YLC graduate Tanner Eavenson, a junior at Lakeside High School, spoke to the Augusta Companions at a chapter meeting. On behalf of all YLC students, Tanner stated, "The YLCs at Augusta and Patriots Point were a highlight of my high school experience and provided me a great opportunity to meet new friends, have fun and learn from the presentations by the guest speakers and YLC cadre." ★



## PHILADELPHIA YLC PHYLC

APR 13 | BARTRAM HIGH SCHOOL, PHILADELPHIA, PA

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LTC Keith Cianfrani, USA (Ret), Director of the Philadelphia School District's JROTC Programs, and a Philadelphia MOWW Chapter member, opened the tenth annual MOWW Philadelphia JROTC Youth Leadership Conference, again held at Philadelphia School District's Bartram High School. MSgt Maurice Talley, USAF (AFJROTC instructor at Bartram High School) gave the Invocation. The Bartram High School AFJROTC Color Guard presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chapter Commander CDR Richard Wilking, USN (Ret), then welcomed the cadets and their instructors.

LTC Cianfrani was the first presenter. He presented an overview of leadership concepts, weaving in the steps he and his sons needed in starting and maintaining a snow removal and lawn maintenance business. He emphasized the various activities in the leadership process that enhance the ability of a leader to successfully motivate and mentor coworkers. He also involved the students in identifying many of the major characteristics of leadership.

LTC Carl Witte, USA (Ret), a MOWW Wilmington Chapter Companion, related the story of Operation Pastorius, and the eight WW II German saboteurs who secretly landed by submarine on Long Island, NY, and Ponte Vedra, FL, beaches. They planned to sabotage major sites of America's infrastructure, including the PA Railroad's Horseshoe Curve near Altoona, PA.

Lt Col Paul Willey, USAF (Ret), also a MOWW Chapter Companion and Philadelphia JROTC Instructor, introduced the final problem solving exercise. Each school Unit became a contestant for the solution of a problem sent to them in advance of attending the YLC. They were to address the following question: "In the wake of the Newtown Elementary School massacre last December, should school districts provide weapons training to teachers and allow teachers to carry weapons in the classroom?" The objective was to prepare a team presentation and present their opinion at the YLC. While lunch was being served, each Unit finalized their presentation. The student presentations demonstrated clear rational thinking with well-prepared PowerPoint visuals. The Frankford High School's Army JROTC team made the winning presentation and was awarded a \$100 cash prize. ★



## SPRIT OF AMERICA YLC FFYLC

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The Philadelphia Chapter's three-day Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference hosted sixty-nine students from six states. Conference goals were "...to effectively communicate to young people the principles upon which our nation was founded, and to address the balance between citizen rights and responsibilities in an increasingly diverse society." The program included thought-provoking lectures, historical tours and experiential workshops. All were designed to develop leadership skills and deepen understanding of the rights and responsibilities of engaged citizens. The presentations included a visit by re-enactors of Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson debating many points regarding the founding of our nation.

Dr. Graham Lee, Professor of Political Science at St. Joseph's University, and Dr. Bruce Murphy, US Supreme Court expert from Lafayette College, led the Freedom Summit, a workshop on our Bill of Rights and current issues. Students spent the day learning about the US Constitution, its framers' intent, and how the Constitution affects us today. Students then participated

in a mock session of Congress dealing with the application of the Bill of Rights as it applies to the Patriot Act of 2001. This activity created great participation, interest and debate on the part of all students.

Chris Rothery (CEO of Radiate Media Inc.) presented the Free Enterprise Challenge. He discussed vision, mission and goal setting that are characteristics of successful companies. Students then formed their own company, developed a product and marketing plan, and created a three-minute commercial for the product, after which the class examined student products and commercials.

Students also participated in modules on team-building and decision-making in their selected committees. Student committees planned and conducted very impressive Flag Ceremony and Vesper Services. Saturday afternoon featured a tour of Valley Forge National Park. The evening's Formal Dinner and recognition of Outstanding Students included Phoenician Award nominee, Mary Wessell from Geneva, OH. Dan LaClerc's presentation on "Leading Significant Lives" followed the dinner. The evening ended with a "Declaration of Independence signer ceremony" led by a re-enactor portraying signer James Wilson. The Conference closed with a Sunday morning visit to Colonial Philadelphia—an event all enjoyed. ★





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MOWW's Hampton Roads Chapter sponsored the American Independence Foundation (AIFCV) Youth Leadership Conference (YLC). Five other MOWW Chapters and Disabled American Veterans Chapter 13, two Exchange Clubs, two National Sojourners Chapters, and Burlington City, NJ, also sponsored the YLC. The 17th YLC hosted 44 students from 26 high schools, including NJ, CT and UT high schools. We gratefully acknowledge the superb financial and administrative support of the Richmond and Virginia Beach MOWW Chapters.

One unique feature of AIFCV's YLC is that, for a nominal fee, students can earn two elective, transferrable college credits through AIFCV's association with Adam State College (ASC). The AIFCV Director of Education, LTC Jim Rice, USA (Ret), and his wife, Dr. Donna Rice, Adjunct Professor, ASC, made this program possible via the Winning Colors Leadership Program.

This year's lead off speaker was CMSgt Jimmy Miller, USAF. He focused on the characteristics of a successful leader, and then led an interactive dialog during which students identified the leadership qualities they thought were most important. Afterwards, we



conducted the first section of Winning Colors classes. Primarily, the lesson emphasized four leadership qualities, and how they are useful to motivate and communicate with people. Leadership Challenges are games used to teach students leadership, and how to achieve a mission or tasking.

Friday morning focused on business and community teachings. COL Wendell Braxton, USA (Ret), provided insights on the benefits of setting goals and working hard to achieve them. Ms. Regina Thompson, a leader of a non-profit volunteer center in Hampton Roads, explained the need to give back to the community. Director Maj Earl Johnson then presented a class on Homeland Security. It was amazing to see the students internalize how the technology can make one a target, and how information on the internet is permanent and could prevent one from obtaining one's goals if one



discloses information that is negative to your character. AIFCV founder Col Bill Townsley, USAF (Ret), who led interactive class on the Basics of Parliamentary Procedure, followed the lesson. This presentation is one of the most difficult to conclude because the students become so involved.

After lunch, students traveled to the Jamestown Settlement to learn about the Jamestown colonists' lifestyle. Our before-dinner speaker was "John Rolfe," the Virginia colonist and entrepreneur who married Pocahontas. Richard Cheatham, founder and director of the Living History Associates, Ltd., is the 13th great-grandson of Rolfe. He performs as Rolfe. Our after dinner speaker was "Rachel Stanton," who demonstrated the circa 1610 indentured life of a woman known as "The Chicken Lady." She and her pet rooster "Stew" told many tales about life in the Jamestown Colony. The afternoon seminars subjects were Critical Thinking for Future Leaders, and Elements of Parliamentary Procedures.

On Saturday, we began with an extended section of Winning Colors. Students then went into work groups to develop their group challenges, participating in Trump Towers and National Anthem games. Students also participated in the Free Enterprise System Investment game, which helped students understand the consequences and benefits of wise money management. After lunch, students went to Colonial Williamsburg for guided tour. There, students were participated in a much-enjoyed colonial courtroom session.



That evening, the Honorable Rob Wittman, Member of the US House of Representatives, was our featured speaker. He discussed the importance of community service and the many challenges we face in our nation. The students greatly appreciated Congressman Wittman's entertaining explanations about Virginia, national politics, personal sacrifices, and rewards he experienced while serving at that level of government.

Next, Dr. Joseph Emerson led the groups through an exercise demonstrating the possibilities and perils of changing America through legislative action. The students are provided details on current events, information on the history of the US Constitution, then are challenged to identify a law within the Constitution to amend or modify. In group work sessions, they developed their positions and presented it to the class. A vote determined which idea or change was most acceptable. Saturday night ended with final group challenges: Board Walk, Tangled Mess, Double Helix, Shipwrecked Raft, National Anthem, and Trump Tower.

On our last morning, Sunday, Ray Ferrera—Marine, Highway Patrolman, and now Security Manager for an international company—presented a rousing interactive seminar on Patriotism. He drove home the sacrifices made by the men and women of our great nation, and reminded students of their obligation to ensure this nation continues as a shining beacon for the world.

The National Sojourners, dressed in colonial garments, followed Mr. Ferrera. They taught the students the history and meaning of the American Flag. The patriotic portion of the YLC featured COL Bill Townsley. He also led the final group challenge portions of the conference, e.g., a \$100,000 Investment Challenge, Five Square, Trump Tower, and Triple Challenge. These challenges gave each student the opportunity to display a particular skill, e.g., math, history, government, planning, etc.

Nearly 50 parents and family members attended the completion ceremony during which students briefed their families on the experiences of the last four days. It was uplifting to see the students' enthusiasm as they told of their adventures.

Shakayla B. Artis, Menchville High School, Newport News, VA, was the Most Outstanding Leader of this YLC. Other awardees were: Outstanding Leader (Male)—Cody Duling; Outstanding Leader (Female)—Ayress Grinage; Superior Leader (peer selected)—Cody Duling; MOWW Bronze Patrick Henry (Male)—Noah Lloyd; MOWW Bronze Patrick Henry (Female)—Christy Tripp; Citizenship Award—Brandon Collie; Spirit Award —Jasmine Duffy; Outstanding Group Award—Kate Buccella, Rachel Buck, Scottie Enis, Steven Sneeringer and Michael SanGiocomo. ★





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LTC Frederick Sherrer, USA (Ret), Philadelphia Chapter member and Lenape High School Army JROTC Senior Instructor, hosted the YLC and introduced Cadet/SSG Keough to welcoming the Cadets and their instructors. The Lenape JROTC Color Guard then presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first presenter was Mr. Joseph Sciulli, Vice President and Senior Operations Consultant for CHANCE Management Advisors, Inc., a national parking and transportation management-consulting firm based in Philadelphia. He pointed out that a "Google" search lists over 283 million references on leadership and only 436,000 references on followership, showing the emphasis we place on leaders. However, being aware of the nature of followers is equally important information for good leadership. He then used a paper-folding activity to assist the students in listing the major characteristics of good leadership in the "where," "why," and "how" to lead folds of the paper.

The next presenter was LTC Carl Witte, USA (Ret), a MOWW Companion from the Wilmington Chapter. He related the story of the eight German saboteurs that secretly landed by submarine on Long Island, NY, and Ponte Vedra, FL, with plans to sabotage major areas of our infrastructure.

The third presenter was Mrs. Backus, a federal government procurement officer. She shared her insights on entrepreneurship by emphasizing that knowing the regulations and rules of operation as they may apply to your business are essential to your success.

MAJ Magill, Philadelphia Chapter member, introduced the final problem-solving exercise. Each school unit was challenged to present their solution to a problem sent to them in advance of the YLC. They were to address the following question "In the wake of the Newtown Elementary School massacre last December, should school districts provide weapons training to teachers and allow teachers to carry weapons in the classroom?" The objective was to prepare and present their opinion at the YLC. While lunch was being served, each unit finalized their presentation. The student presentations showed clear, rational thinking with well-prepared PowerPoint visuals and handouts. For the second year, the Cadets of Pemberton High School received the highest number of points from the judges and \$100 towards their Unit's program presented by Chapter Commander, CDR Richard Wilking, USN (Ret). ★

## TALLAHASSEE YLC TALLYC

MAY 9-12 | FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, TALLAHASSEE, FL

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The Youth Leadership Foundation, Inc., conducted its 36th YLC, carrying on a tradition that has seen 2,561 students graduate from our program. Three Florida MOWW Chapters sponsored 51 students from 16 Florida high schools. Several features of this 2013 YLC stand out as extraordinary. In addition to the professionally guided tours of the Florida State Capitol and the Florida Supreme Court, we were fortunate to have two popular and highly inspiring speakers participate in our program.

Mr. Ion Sancho (Leon County (FL) Supervisor of Elections) gave a dynamic presentation on the Constitution of the United States. His impassioned delivery and intense interest in his subject matter made him an instant hit with all of our students.

As a surprise guest speaker, Mr. Gene Deckerhoff gave a stirring presentation on what leadership means to him. Gene is a highly acclaimed sports broadcaster who, since 1979, has been the Voice of the Florida State University Seminoles athletics. He is also the radio play-by-play announcer for the NFL Tampa Bay Buccaneers since 1989. His many years of broadcast service resulted in his induction into the Florida Sports Hall of Fame in 2002.

Since 2007, all activities occur in the Southgate Campus Centre, a privately owned and operated dormitory adjacent to the Florida State University campus. Southgate offers the perfect blend of facility requirements, i.e., we eat, sleep and teach within the confines of one building. Except for the Capitol and Supreme Court tours, all activities take place here. Not only does this make scheduling of events and transitioning of activities much easier, this venue insures a high degree of safety and security for our students. In conclusion, the 2013 Tallahassee Youth Leadership Conference was highly successful. ★

## SOUTHWEST YLC LEX

JUN 10-14 | ABOARD THE USS LEXINGTON, CORPUS CHRISTI, TX  
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Twenty times in the past 16 years, high school juniors and seniors from across Texas and Oklahoma went aboard the WWII aircraft carrier USS Lexington (CV-16) to become better leaders, more informed citizens, and grow more in love with their country. This past summer, 65 intrepid students, five college counselors, and three adult supervisors lived aboard the "Blue Ghost" for YLC 2013.

The students spent their first day, a very short one, busily being acquainted with each other, counselors and adult supervisors. They also became accustomed to bunks, ladders, passageways, bulkheads and other nautical features as they traversed the 800-foot length of the USS Lexington.

After a delicious Italian dinner on the first night, students enjoyed a "Lex" scavenger hunt to become familiar with their new home. What would a scavenger hunt be without a ghost story or two about the





Lexington's experiences in combat during WWII. After "Lights out," Taps were next. In the morning, Reveille played at 0600 courtesy of YLC student Michael Mendelsohn—quite a start for a new day!

Throughout the rest of the week, students worked on group projects from the challenges facing our nation to a mock trial led by the Honorable Brent Chesney (Judge, Nueces County Juvenile Court). Judge Chesney also gave an exceptional workshop on passing a bill in the US Congress. Students acted as a US Representative or Senator trying to pass a bill on "Gun Control." In the hour of deliberations, students learned how difficult getting consensus really was.

This year YLC students ventured off the Lexington for an afternoon and toured the US Coast Guard Air Station in Corpus Christi (TX), and a US Naval Air Station. The students saw HU-25 "Guardian" aircraft, Eurocopter HH-65 "Dolphins" and their crews. Students heard incredible search and rescue stories, asked many questions, and tried on operational gear worn by rescue swimmers. Everyone had a great time!

Two Vietnam War veterans gave the week's most powerful presentations. Their audience of sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds were mesmerized and shocked by the veterans' accounts of their "own hell on earth."

Col Ken Cordier, USAF (Ret), a fighter pilot, was a POW for six years during the Vietnam War. His shocking story roused the students' attention to the brutal reality of life in a North Vietnamese prison camp. Despite the harsh regimen of his confinement, Col Cordier realized that his life and freedom were never completely lost, even though he was imprisoned.

CPT Allen Clark, USA (Ret), shared his Vietnam story and how on in June 1967, he sustained serious injuries during a mortar attack by the North Vietnamese. The result was the amputation of both his legs below his knees. CPT Clark's personal struggle after his amputation touched these students in ways no lecture or book could do about the importance of perseverance, courage and hope.

As part of the YLC aboard the USS Lexington tradition, the last night's meal is a banquet. The meal was delicious, and the Lexington catering staff had transformed the wardroom into a swank ballroom with twinkling lights, and patriotic colors and flags everywhere. The 90-plus counselors, students and guests were quite impressed with how their "classroom" of five days was transformed into a ritzy party room.



The five days came to a close as it began, hauling luggage, but this time up the ladders (steps) to the quarterdeck of the ship, then down the gangway to the awaiting busses and vans. Tears of joy and sadness that last day were flowing freely as newfound friends pledged devotion, deep friendship and bonds that will last a very long time. ★

## THOUSAND OAKS YLC TOYLC

JUN 10-14 | CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY, CA

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Our 2013 Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) was held at California Lutheran University. We had 61 students plus four returning Youth Staff members. We continued to use a combination of guest speakers, site tours, sports activities, a banquet, and other events to present the program.

To enhance leadership training and teamwork, students interacted during Leadership Challenge (LC) competitions. On the YLC's first day, students formed into six teams. During Orientation, teams were introduced to the TOYLC mission, student organization, goals, and Rules-of-Engagement. Participation in four of the program's eleven Leadership Challenges followed. As an icebreaker, the first LC, offered an opportunity for the bravest students to step up and be the first speakers of the conference. The Youth Staff comprised the Judges Panel, who selected the best overall speaker. This best overall speaker's team won the LC.

Each day ended with team-led activities that included selecting the next day's Team Leader Candidates. The six Team Leader Candidates went before a selection board. A TOYLC cornerstone is offering many practical student leadership positions. For 2013, we had 14 Room Leaders, 2 Dorm Leaders, 18 Team Leaders, three Leaders of the Day (LOD) and Assistant LODs, and one Departure Team Leader. In addition, other supporting roles included 11 Flag Detail, one Vocalist, two Water Boys, two Pizza Representatives, six Banner Guides, and four Banquet Color Guard members.

Our Leadership Challenges continue to be a very effective method for teaching leadership and building teamwork. The winning team for each challenge was recognized the next morning at a brief awards ceremony and pre-breakfast US Flag raising ceremony. Colorful Leadership Challenge streamers were pinned on the Team banners to recognize team victories.

Our YLC emphasized mentoring and student leadership. With our students, Youth Staff and two adult “live in” chaperones fully engaged in their roles and responsibilities, our 22nd conference was a success. In addition, this year we invited our first “home-grown” guest speaker who returned after having been a student himself. Niko Servin is the first to have bridged the gap from attending as a TOYLC student to serving as a Youth Staff member, then serving as a Staff member, and finally returning as a guest speaker. The Cyber Security LC was a competition between the male and female dorms. Niko’s superb presentation significantly contributed to the lively Cyber Security skits that each dorm conducted the following evening. Members of the female dorm took the win.

On day four, following presentations by Captain ‘Rosy’ Nolan and Major Hal Geer, students went on a field trip to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. The tour was a major conference highlight. After returning from the Library, the class prepared for the Awards Banquet.

The Awards Banquet celebrated the culmination of a week of team building and fellowship. Approximately 80 people attended the outdoor banquet, including parents, guests, MOWW Chapter Companions, and prominent members of the local community. The entire TOYLC class participated in a procession through the main campus along Memorial Parkway to the banquet. The procession, led by the Class President Bailey DiBenedetto, presented an “Eyes-Right” and salute to Col Jerry Knotts, USAF (Ret), as the class performed a “Pass-in-Review” while guests looked on. A Color Guard presented the Colors while Michelle Reynolds, a student vocalist, sang the National Anthem.

Each student received a graduation diploma along with an engraved 2013 TOYLC commemorative medallion attached to a red, white, and blue ribbon. The Outstanding Team Award, based on Leadership Challenge winning points, attitude, and team spirit, was presented to members of “C” Team, “Charlie Crusaders.” Presentation of the “Major Hal Geer Spirit Award” went to Jose Ibarra. The “Zoe Nolan Outstanding Student Award,” selected from among top students not in a leadership position, was presented to Catherine Walsingham.

Our highest honor, the “Captain Rosy Nolan Outstanding Leader Award,” selected from all student leaders, was presented to Bailey DiBenedetto. Other recognitions went to Leaders of the Day, Team Leaders, Task Leaders, Dorm Leaders, Room Leaders, Flag Detail members, Banquet Color Guard members, Banner Guides, and a Departure Team Leader.

The 2013 TOYLC was made possible by our dedicated family of staff, chaperones, and sponsors. The staff included members of the Conejo Valley Chapter, MOWW and the officers and members of the Board of Directors of the South Coast Youth Leadership Conference, Inc., and two excellent chaperones. Our sponsors did a super job of recruiting. Sponsors included Captain David Swathwood, Gail Johnson, Colonel Robert Colbern, Colonel Dick Keagy, LtCol Dale Clausen, Lt Ed Holt, Chief Patrick L. Clark, SMSGT Robert Windham, Capt Jim Steiner, Capt Jeffrey Stein, LTC Leonel Nascimento, LTC David Worley, Lt Col Thomas G. VaVerka, and LTC Christian D. Taddeo. We appreciate the dedication and support of all these folks. We also sincerely thank The Wood-Claeysens Foundation for their generous grant. ★







## SUNBELT YLC SBHU

JUN 11-15 | HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY, RIO RANCHO, NM

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The Sunbelt Patriotic Youth Leadership Conferences has joined with the New Mexico JROTC Summer Camp to provide leadership training to its cadets. The New Mexico Joint Consolidated JROTC group has held summer camps for its members for several years and sought to improve the camp by adding one fuller day of leadership training to the schedule. By coordinating with the Joint JROTC Officers we filled a full day with activities.

One hundred seventy one students attended the 2013 consolidated summer camp from Air Force, Marine, Navy, and Army JROTC programs from New Mexico. Students were divided into four platoons of approximately forty-five each, allowing us to teach a different platoon each day. We divided each platoon into six teams for solving problems and practicing leadership. The camp was held at the New Mexico National Guard Headquarters training facility located just outside of Santa Fe, NM.

An effort was made not to repeat leadership lectures received via JROTC training, thus we provided students different problems to solve to form a consensus of the proper actions to take. The rest of the day-long program included an interesting session on the History of Women in the Military. Additionally, Bill Friedman provided an excellent presentation on how and why the free enterprise system works, and how to manage their finances in their future lives. The students also received a reading of the Declaration of Independence, which provided insights into the principles on which the United States was founded.

In the end, the staff felt that each day was a success. The students gained knowledge that will benefit them tremendously if they are able to apply it to their lives as they gain maturity. ★

## PATRIOTS POINT YLC PPYLC

JUN 19-22 | ABOARD THE USS YORKTOWN, CHARLESTON, SC

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"It's a great day in South Carolina." Governor Haley's greeting was personified by the arrival of students onboard the USS Yorktown (CV-10) to participate in MOWW's Patriots Point YLC. Seventy-three students representing high schools from South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and Ohio gathered to share their experience, and gain useful life skills and knowledge by interacting with business, government and military leaders. Watching these future leaders come down the pier and ascend the ladder on the forward bow is exciting to see. Their faces filled with wonder at living aboard a WWII aircraft carrier for four days.

Once settled, and as previous arrivals experienced, the students move to the flight deck to begin their journey into a cohesive force via thought-provoking challenges. The most frustrating challenge for most is mounting 2 x 4s, gripping ropes and moving in an increasingly smooth manner across the flight deck without falling. This group coordination exercise was developed to identify leaders and facilitate the group quickly coalescing into a functionally synergistic unit.

With introductions over and the group physically challenged, our future leaders descended to the hangar deck, and moved forward into the ship's theater to begin learning the desired traits of successful leadership, business acumen, and patriotism. Successful leaders in business, military service and government leadership positions were assembled to share and interact with the students. These leaders included: Sheriff Al Cannon (retired USAF Colonel and Constitutional lawyer), Colonel Quincy Collins (survivor of seven and one-half years confinement in North Vietnam's Hanoi Hilton), Colonel Myron Harrington (Navy Cross and Silver Star recipient for heroism in Vietnam), and Lt Col Phillip Woody, who grew up in rural, segregated

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# Nathan L. Rollins

New England Youth Leadership Conference  
Norwich University

## 2013 Phoenician Award Essay Question

“The 12th Amendment to the US Constitution established the Electoral College process as a compromise between a Congressional election of the President versus a direct election by a popular vote of the people. Should the selection of the President of the United States of America be accomplished by the Electoral College system or election by popular vote? Defend your position.”

### WINNING ESSAY “The 12th Amendment: Time for Change”

I believe the United States should abolish the Electoral College and let the popular vote determine the U.S. presidency. George C. Edwards III, a leading scholar on the electoral process, aptly said, “The choice of the chief executive must be the people’s and it should rest with none other than them.” If someone told you your vote did not matter or counted less than others count, how would you feel? Whatever your reaction, it is a shocking truth that we as a country face in today’s presidential elections. If we abolish our current system, the minority party in every state will have an equal voice, and every person’s vote will count towards the outcome.

Before any conclusive reasoning is given for abolishing the Electoral College, we must briefly look at why it was created. Many of the Founding Fathers believed that common men were not competent to choose a chief executive. Elbridge Gerry, the fifth vice president of the U. S., expressed this commonly held sentiment: “The people are uninformed,

and would be misled by a few designing men.”

Consequently, the Founders devised a system where voters vote for a slate of electors, who in turn elect the president on the people’s behalf. Proponents of the system defend it because it contributes to the cohesiveness of the country and enhances the status of minority interest within a given state. Moreover, the system helps maintain a two-party system and a federal form of government. Finally, presidential candidates must campaign beyond the large urban centers, which would be neglected under a popular vote.

Opponents cite several disadvantages to the Electoral College. First, the process discourages voter turnout in states that are dominated by one political party. Thus, so called “swing states” become more important in determining an election than regular states. This political imbalance, in theory, could strengthen one political party over another. Also, since the “swing states” can determine the outcome of the election,

presidential nominees intensely focus their messaging in these states. This leads to greater campaigning in “swing states” and less campaigning in regular states. Lastly, the Electoral College gives disproportionate voting power to the states, favoring the smaller states with more Electoral votes per voter. Conversely, the winner-take-all method of voting favors the larger states.

Amending what the Founding Fathers wrote is problematic. Since its inception, the Electoral College has proven to be a less than adequate system. Over the last two hundred plus years, four presidential candidates have won the popular vote but lost the presidency in the Electoral College. It is time for us to move forward as a country to a direct election by popular vote. This point of view is supported by the fact that “62% of Americans say they would amend the U.S. Constitution to replace that system for electing presidents with a popular vote system.” If the 12th Amendment is updated, everyone’s vote will count equally in choosing our president. ★



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## 2013 Phoenician Award Recipient

### Recognition Of Excellence



Maj Earl Johnson, USAF (Ret), Commander of MOWW's Hampton Roads Chapter (VA), presents a \$2,000 check to Nathan L. Rollins, the National Winner of the 2013 MOWW Phoenician Award, on behalf of the Military Order of the World Wars. Nathan attended the MOWW's New England Youth Leadership Conference (NEYLC) at Norwich University, VT. Nathan is the son of LTC Kip Rollins, USA (Ret), and Maj Roseann Rollins, USA (Ret), of Williamsburg, VA.

Nathan Rollins attends Jamestown High School (Williamsburg, VA). Nathan is an Eagle Scout, honor student and athlete. He is active in the Boy Scouts of America, and he achieved the highest rank possible in the program—to include his induction into the Order of the Arrow.

He is also active in his Fire Service Explorer Post, standing 24-hour watch and assisting on fire calls. His resume of accomplishments includes over 350 hours of community service. In addition

to volunteering to assist his local fire department, he does volunteer work with the Viva Foundation of South Africa distributing food and clothing to the poor in Pretoria. He returned to South Africa this summer to continue this humanitarian service.

Nathan attended the New England Youth Leadership Conference Weekend (NEYLCW) sponsored by MOWW and Norwich University. Nathan demonstrated excellent leadership and academic skills, which led to his selection as the Outstanding Student.

The NEYLCW is a rigorous course designed to educate, promote, encourage and aid American youth in developing a comprehensive understanding and appreciation of patriotism and the free enterprise system while providing leadership experience through the development of individual skills and teamwork. Over 160 students from 19 States attended this YLC held at Norwich University in Northfield, VT.

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**Arizona State University**

# MOWW || Outstanding YLC Students-2013

DATES	CODE	NAME & LOCATION	OUTSTANDING STUDENT   HIGH SCHOOL
Dec 7-9-12	NEYLC	<b>New England YLC</b> Norwich University; Northfield, VT	Paul J. Grimard    Suffield HS, Suffield, CT
Feb 2-5	NEYLC	<b>New England YLC</b> Norwich University; Northfield, VT	Spencer H. Drakontaidis    H. John A Coleman HS, Saugerities, NY
Feb 22-23	AUGYLC	<b>Augusta YLC</b> Augusta, GA	Rachel Wakefield    Hephzibah HS, Hephzibah, GA
Mar 2-4	NEYLC	<b>New England YLC</b> Norwich University; Northfield, VT	Gabrielle L Hornilla    Cretin-Derman HS, Woodbury, MN
Mar 30-Apr 1	NEYLC	<b>New England YLC</b> Norwich University; Northfield, VT	Conner E. Wills    Kiowa HS, Kiowa, CO
Apr 18-21	FFYLC	<b>Spirit of America YLC</b> Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge, PA	Mary Wessell    Geneva HS, Asthula, OH
Apr 26-29	AIFCV	<b>American Independence Foundation</b> Williamsburg, VA	Shakala"Truth"Artis    Menchville HS, Newport News, VA
May 9-12	TALYLC	<b>Tallahassee YLC</b> Tallahassee, FL	Hayley Woods    Fort Walton Beach HS, FT Walton Beach, FL
Jun 3-6	OCUYLC	<b>Oklahoma Christian University YLC</b> Oklahoma Christian University; OK	John R. Kartowski    Lawton HS, Lawton, OK
Jun 10-14	LEXYLC	<b>USS Lexington YLC</b> Corpus Christi, TX (aboard the USS Lexington)	Azalea Troche    Garland HS, Garland, TX
Jun 11-15	TOYLC	<b>Thousand Oaks YLC</b> California Lutheran University; CA	Bailey Di Bennetto    Centennial HS, Las Vegas, NV
Jun 19-22	PPYLC	<b>Patriot's Point YLC</b> Charleston, SC (aboard the USS Yorktown)	Gregory P Riley    Parkview Baptist HS, Landover, MD
Jun 20-23	NCAYLC	<b>National Capital Area YLC</b> St. Johns College, Annapolis, MD	Jenay Conley    Fairmont Heights HS, Landover, MD
Jun 23-27	StMYLC	<b>St Marys YLC</b> St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX	Kolby Porter    New Braunfels HS, New Branufels, TX
Jun 24-28	CTCYLC	<b>Central Texas College YLC</b> Central Texas College; Killeen, TX	Christian De Lara    Keller Central HS, Keller, TX
Jun 24-28	NWYLC	<b>Northwest YLC</b> Pacific Lutheran University; Tacoma, WA	Johanna Forbes    Steilacoom HS, Steilacoom, WA
Jun 24-29	SDYLC	<b>San Diego YLC</b> Camp Pendleton, CA	Kenneth Hackworth    West Valley HS, Hemet, CA
Jul 8-12	TWUYLC	<b>Texas Wesleyan University YLC</b> Texas Wesleyan University; Fort Worth, TX	Courtney T. Erbes    Frisco Wakeland HS, Frisco, TX
Jul 9-13	RMYLC	<b>Rocky Mountain YLC</b> Colorado St. University; Pueblo, CO	Amber Mather    Palmer Ridge HS, Monument, CO
Jul 15-19	TAMUYLC	<b>Texas A &amp; M University YLC</b> Texas A&M University; College Station, TX	Joseph P. Martin    Marcus HS, Flower Mound, TX
Jul 17-21	AZYLC	<b>Arizona YLC</b> Arizona State University, West; Glendale, AZ	Claire C. Balkin    Home School; Mesa, AZ
Jul 24-28	FITYLF	<b>Youth Leadership Foundation</b> Florida Institute of Technology; Melbourne, FL	Evan Duffell    Titusville HS, Titusville, FL
Nov 7-10	HSVYLC	<b>Huntsville YLC</b> US Space & Rocket Center; Huntsville, AL	Elizabeth Stenson    McGavock HS, Nashville, TN



South Carolina and survived the Beirut USMC Barracks bombing due to the efforts of a black Marine (a life changing experience). They shared their stories and elicited serious, intellectual responses from the students. David De Chant, Grandmaster of Masons in South Carolina, presented the National Sojourners "Building the Flag" lecture, ending with "Toast to the Flag," truly inspiring with its patriotic content.

All participating students demonstrated their belief in freedom through patriotic thought and deed. Our essay winner tackled one of our current day themes eloquently, stating that "Overall, data mining by the National Security Agency (NSA) can be an effective tool to combat terrorism in America. However, in the wrong hands, data mining can be both a breach of a private citizen's Constitutional rights and a danger to fair political elections." For his essay, Patrick Riley (sponsored by MOWW's LTG Middleton, LA, Chapter) received a cash prize of \$100 and the distinction of being the Outstanding Student. Clearly, our future is safe in the hands of these future leaders. ★

### SOUTHWEST YLC STMYLC

JUN 23-27 | ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY, SAN ANTONIO, TX

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The conference program and meetings were held in the University Center, a short distance from the Dougherty Hall Student Residence. The Conference opened with an Orientation, followed by dinner. Later, student groups selected group leaders and prepared for Monday workshops.

Monday's theme was Citizenship and Patriotism. The Dedication Group presented a workshop on "Problems and Challenges Facing Our Nation," followed by a session on Leadership Characteristics by COL Chuck Rose and CSM Bill Smith. Maj Matthew Stuckey presented Leadership Issues. Making Decisions Based on Accurate Information was the topic of the presentation by Texas Attorney General, Investigator Sgt Gary Marquis. The Courage Group presented their workshop on the "Bill of Rights," and a session on "Personal Ethics" occurred after dinner. Later, a special event, an outdoor swimming pool party, was available for those students who wished to participate.

Tuesday's theme was Leadership. The Loyalty Group presented a workshop on "Leadership" followed by a special presentation by Dr. Jeffrey Addicott on the subject of the "Laws on Terrorism." Major William



Roberts spoke about "Leadership in a Prisoner Of War Camp." Dr. John Frith (Central Texas College) gave a summary of the "Free Enterprise System" and "Business Ethics." The Responsibility Group presented the "Mock Trial" workshop. After dinner, the Honor Group conducted an excellent talent show.

The Wednesday theme was Free Enterprise. Homeland Security was presented by Donald Miano (Deputy Assistant Director of Security, San Antonio International Airport). The Honor group gave a workshop on "Homeland Security" followed by an exceptional presentation by the Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers. The Sojourners then presented "A History of Our Flag." The Integrity Group conducted a workshop on "Free Enterprise" and the Red Group presented the workshop "One Person Can Make a Difference." The Conference Banquet speaker was retired MG Christopher Powers. ★

### SOUTHWEST YLC CTC

JUN 24-28 | CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE, KILLEEN, TX

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The YLC started in the usual way. At 4:00 pm, after the students checked into the college dormitory, they were given an Orientation from LTC William Dovali, USA (Ret), conference co-director. The students were assigned to groups, and once they got to know each other, group leaders were selected.

Group assignments were made on several YLC topics: Monday afternoon's "Mock Trial" was conducted by the Mars Group with an attorney acting as the judge. Additional workshops included the "Bill of Rights" by the Neptune Group on Tuesday morning, "Homeland



Security” by Jupiter Group on Wednesday morning, and “Free Enterprise” by the Saturn Group on Wednesday afternoon.

Interspersed among the workshops, the following topics were covered: Campus Security by the Central Texas College staff; the “Making of the Flag” by the National Sojourners; “Problems and Issues facing our Nation,” and the “Challenge of Crime in America” by a local police chief; “Homeland Security, and “How to Become a Successful Entrepreneur” from a local business owner. Personal Ethics was addressed by LTC Dovali, and Dr. John Frith presented the Free Enterprise System and Business Ethics. Students also heard from Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) from Central Texas College, enjoyed a program at the campus planetarium and a presentation on Free Enterprise by college staff. They also appreciated a visit from a POW in the Vietnam War, and responded to a final challenge from the YLC Co-Director, PCINC CAPT R. M. “Rollie” Stevens, USN (Ret).

The YLC selected several Outstanding Students and honored them at the Wednesday evening banquet. The top Outstanding Student was Christian de Lara of Central High School (Keller ISD). LTG David R. Palmer, USA (Ret), the 53rd Superintendent of the United States Military Academy was the banquet speaker. He made a comparison between General George Washington and General Benedict Arnold—a most interesting subject.

The co-directors for the conference split time at the conference. Additionally, the conference was observed by LTC Michael Johnson, USA (Adjunct Professor, Business and Paralegal Department, Central Texas College), who will take over as YLC Director in 2014. In sum, it was a successful YLC, and LTC Mike Johnson already has the 2014 program filled with outstanding speakers. ★

## NORTHWEST YLC NWYLC

JUN 24-27 | PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY, TACOMA, WA

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MOWW’s Puget Sound Chapter sponsored the 23rd annual Northwest Youth Leadership Conference. It hosted 78 students who experienced a taste of college life while they received a heavy dose of leadership training and patriotic education. Students worked together in ten-person teams for the duration of the YLC. YLC Registrar CDR Alan Mandigo, USN (Ret), and his assistant Whiney Bautista took care of attendees like a well-oiled machine. Dean of Students Emily Zeigler, with assistant Josh La Sharr and counselors, were everywhere mentoring students.

On Sunday evening, Mrs. Jouga Blyth, PhD, presented an inspiring talk about her experiences in education and life. That evening’s “Dress for Success” banquet was a good beginning for our YLC teens.

On Monday morning, our Sojourner friends “built the American Flag” before our very eyes. General McElroy laid a solid foundation of leadership for students. Miss Tiana Tozer (Portland, OR) related her incredible story of choices, survival and hope. Monday afternoon saw our teens at the Washington State Capitol where they toured all branches of the government. The highlight was hearing from the State Attorney General and the Insurance Commissioner, explaining about leadership in government.

Monday evening, after team-building and research in the library, students had a pizza party and enjoyed hearing about free enterprise via an inspiring video about Bob Farrell’s business empire. Tuesday morning brought a session with two Washington State Patrol Corporals who stressed tactical communication for leaders. Free enterprise and small business leadership were reinforced next by Jordin Haynes, a local entrepreneur. MG John Hemphill, USA (Ret), explained about Captain Lewis and Sgt Ordway, who are enshrined at the main gate of Joint Base Lewis-McChord. There, students explored the renovated



museum and leaders of the past. Students then investigated a variety of Stryker combat vehicles and visited the weapons simulation center. That evening, students built puzzles blind folded—a task designed to foster teamwork. All enjoyed the ice cream social that followed.

Wednesday morning, Coach Jud Keim (PLU Football coach) presented Great Leadership In Sports and provided tips that also applied to life in general. Army Chaplain, COL Bart Physioc (Joint Base Lewis-McChord Installation Chaplain) gave students much to think about regarding ethics and the morality of leadership. In the afternoon, each group gave excellent presentations on the Servant Leadership Project. A board of experts judged the students' work and a winner announced at the Patriotic Banquet. Students loved the historic flag ceremony, a delicious meal and the inspiring words of SGM Patrick McDonald. The Lewis and Clark Top Student Award was presented to Johanna Forbes (Steilacoom High School) for her outstanding performance during the conference.

As students departed on Thursday morning, they were amazed at how much they had bonded with their group members, which led to superb results. They left quite happy, with a full tool bag of leadership training and patriotic education to use in their upcoming school year. ★

## SAN DIEGO YLC SDYLC

JUN 23-27 | CAMP PENDLETON, CA

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The San Diego Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) conducted their 2013 session at San Diego State University (SDSU), CA. Our five-day session hosted 47 students from Orange, Riverside and San Diego Counties (CA).

Highlights from this year's YLC included motivational speaker, Mr. Martin Lloyd. He shared his story about the tragic motorcycle accident that left him as a right leg amputee with his right arm non-functional. Mr. Lloyd inspired our students with his self-determination to re-qualify as a commercial pilot and more. Three Toastmaster International members presented public speaking techniques, after which students practiced these newly learned skills throughout the YLC.

The YLC's first full day focused on Leadership. Students learned what makes a good leader, and key qualities and attributes. Various speakers shared

their leadership experiences, and students had an opportunity to practice their leadership training through multiple group challenge exercises. Finally, each group developed a skit demonstrating three randomly selected leadership traits to convince the judging panel that they understood the leadership principles.

The next day focused on American Heritage, which began with students acting as the US Congress, e.g., they wrote their own Declaration of Independence. Students participated in discussions on the US Constitution, and deliberated on various historic American leadership decisions, e.g., to drop the atomic bomb to end WWII. Next, representatives from the San Diego Chapter of the National Sojourners Inc., performed the "Building the US Flag" and "US Flag Disposal" ceremonies. The next topic, "Attack on America," started with the students reliving the morning of 9/11 by watching an unedited news clip from that event. Next, students received background information and the aftermath. A student later wrote, "I will always remember the information about 9/11, and the feeling I had watching it unfold." The day concluded with the American Heritage Game Show, with each group competing in a Jeopardy-style trivia game show regarding information they learned that day.

The next day focused on the Free Enterprise System. Students conducted a Mock City Council hearing



during which they held a traditional city council meeting on an actual development project, i.e., the San Marcos Palomar Station. This awakened an interest in the local government management process. Student groups then were challenged to start their own business (a restaurant). To do so, they had to develop a concept, approach a banker to secure a loan, purchase supplies and obtain a business license. Groups ultimately presented their concept and business plan to a panel of possible investors (YLC staff).

The YLC's final day concluded with a goal setting theme. The day began with a tour of SDSU followed by a presentation about college admittance by SDSU college counselors. Next, a San Diego YLC alumni gave a riveting presentation about admittance to the US Naval Academy and his first year there. The students then had a Goal Planning/Setting session where they thought through short- and long-term goals for themselves, or their various school organizations which they represented. Finally, the day concluded with a motivational speaker with a charge to continue their leadership journey by applying what they learned during the YLC in their individual communities.

MOWW's Pendleton, San Diego and Holland Chapters, and the San Diego and Camp Pendleton Chapters of the National Sojourners, Inc., sponsor the San Diego YLC. Students were given an experience of a lifetime, knowledge of our national heritage, the free enterprise system and leadership skills. ★

## NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA YLC NCAYLC

JUN 26-29 | ST. JOHNS COLLEGE, ANNAPOLIS, MD

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The YLC was held at historic St. John's College (Annapolis, MD), and was attended by 42 students (including three homeschooled) from 20 different high schools in three states and Washington, DC. Following registration and dinner, the conference started with a welcome, introduction of staff and an orientation. Students were divided into six work groups for selection of leaders, recorders and briefers, and discussion on "Why Are We Here?" COL Marilyn Jenkins, USAF (Professor of Air Science, University of Maryland) gave the keynote address on Patriotism. Students next met with work group mentors then adjourned for an ice cream social. Later, they retired to their respective male or female dorms.

Thursday started, as did every day, with the raising of the flag followed by breakfast. Five of the mentors, all Army and Air Force ROTC college students, gave a well-received seminar on "How to Succeed in Your First Year After High School." Students were then divided into three groups for a walking tour of colonial Annapolis, the State House and the Naval Academy.

After lunch, Staff Sergeant James Inhof, USAF (Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Fort Meade, MD) gave a presentation on Cyber Security and what people can do to protect themselves





while going online or using their cell phones. Next, Companion Col Lou Ferguson, USAF (Ret), gave a presentation on Leadership. Next, students formed into three groups to work leadership situations conducted by Companions Lt Col Sheldon Goldberg, Maj John Benevides and MAJ Joe Bles.

After dinner, Companion COL Ken McCreedy, USA, introduced National Security and had the work groups discuss solutions for specific situations affecting national security. The groups reassembled, and presented their problems and solutions, answering questions from other groups. An outdoor “round robin” series of Leadership Reaction Situations followed. After the outdoor exercises, students returned to the classroom for a presentation on the War of 1812. The students then had a pizza party and then went to bed.

Friday morning, the students assembled for a discussion presented by Mr. Rafe Morrissey and Mr. Steve Schultz on how Congress works. CPT John Kern then spoke on the Bill of Rights. The six work groups next participated in exercises focusing on updating the Bill of Rights. After much discussion, the groups reassembled to present and defend their solutions. Following lunch, the students formed into three groups to rotate between three speakers covering Patriotism and its costs. MAJ Kawamo (USMC) spoke on his experiences as a leader during his fifteen years in the Marine Corps and Afghanistan. Next, Companion and Past MOWW CINC LTC Alfred H. M. Shehab, USA (Ret), spoke of his experiences in the WWII European Theater of War and the Battle of the Bulge. Past CINC Col B. Dean Smith, USAF (Ret), also spoke of his Space Program experiences.

After dinner, students left to attend the Marine Barracks Retreat Ceremony at 8th & I in Washington DC, a perennial favorite of the students. Unfortunately, heavy rains caused its cancellation, so the students returned to St. John’s College for snacks and free time.

On Saturday morning, the students packed their bags, went out for the flag ceremony followed by breakfast. In the classroom, COL Ferguson explained stocks, bonds and mutual funds, and planning for a financial future. COL McKnight then spoke on preparing a monthly budget, which the teams did. Students then broke into small groups to play an investment game illustrating various strategies for investing. Next, Companion CPT Thu Stubbs, USA (Fmr), spoke of her immigration to the US and starting her own company, after which she answered questions. Following lunch,

students completed their end of course critiques prior to CMDR Collin’s graduation address. Last, the Awards Committee presented Completion Certificates and student awards. The Outstanding Student was Jenay Conley (Fairmont Heights High School). Another YLC was successfully completed! ★

## SOUTHWEST YLC TWU

JUL 8-12 | TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY | FORT WORTH, TX

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Forty-six students from Texas and five from Arkansas arrived in Fort Worth, TX, ready to embark on a five-day adventure that would have a positive effect on them and their futures. After PCINC CAPT R. M. “Rollie” Stevens, USN (Ret) gave the Orientation, students were divided into six groups to choose a leader and begin developing their student group identities based on their assigned “animals.” An outstanding team of counselors including Mr. Agustin Borjas (Lions), Ms. Gia DiGiorno (Eagles), LTC Bill Dovali, USA (Ret), (Panthers); LT Janice Zink, USN (Fmr), (Wolves); LTC Suzy McElroy, USA (Ret), (Foxes), and Lt Col James Anderson, USAF (Ret), (Bears), assisted them. Delilah Herrera was the Assistant Director.

The YLC began with LTC McElroy and Lt Col Anderson discussing Problems Facing America and the need for coming generations’ leadership. Col Ken Cordier, USAF (Ret), astonished the students by relating his Vietnam



War experiences as a POW. LTC. Joe Orr, USA (Ret), explained our legal system and to demonstrate court procedures, presided over a Mock Trial led by students. Chaplain (COL) Ralph Smith, USA (Ret), spoke on Patriotism then gave the students a quiz on the US Flag. FBI agent Sam Simon and Herb Hoxie (former FBI Assistant Director) informed and entertained with stories of past and current activities. A workshop on the Bill of Rights challenged students to second-guess the Supreme Court's handling of actual cases, and Monday ended with a trip to the Texas Wesleyan University swimming pool.

Col James Vineyard, USAF (Ret), spoke on Crime in America and the Role of Law Enforcement. Mr. Doug Baron (Joe Foss Institute) described leadership and character, and their importance for individual development and the future of our country. Dr. John Frith (Central Texas College) explained our Free Enterprise System and the importance of good business ethics, and Mr. Bill Medina (former entrepreneur and current SBA official in Ft Worth) recounted his experiences with starting businesses. A workshop on free enterprise revealed some very interesting student ideas for new businesses. Tuesday's Talent Show revealed a treasure of stars among our students—including pianists, flautists, stand-up comedians, and singers. It was a great event.

LTC Terry Wallace gave students solid advice on personal finances and selection of occupations. LTC Chuck Chamberlin referenced several leadership traits that helped him in his high school, Texas A&M and Army careers. Mr. Bill Farmer (Ratheon Company engineer) spoke about protecting our national security,

and brought several amazing examples of modern battlefield technology. Lt Col Kevin Mechler (Joe Foss Institute) gave a stirring talk on service and patriotism.

The top students and nominating Chapter were Matthew Allison (Central Arkansas), Alex Bush (Ft Worth), Courtney Erbes (North Texas), Brenna Freeman (Ft Worth), Mackenzie Hankins (Pinson Memorial) and Connor Ramsay (North Texas). Courtney Erbes was the Outstanding Student of the YLC, and competed for the Phoenician Award.

Ninety-eight diners attended the Wednesday banquet, including 39 guests. Distinguished speaker and author, MOWW Companion CPT Allen Clark, USA (Ret), was a captivating speaker with his talk on MOWW and youth leadership.

On Thursday morning, CAPT Stevens presented MOWW Certificates to all participants and issued the Final Challenge. YLC Director LTC Arthur Fowler closed the YLC by emphasizing the key points presented, and thanking the students for their commitment. ★

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN YLC RMYLC

JUL 9-13 | COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY, PUEBLO, CO

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The Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference was held on the Colorado State University (Pueblo) campus. Eighty-eight students represented 43 high schools. The YLC faculty agreed that this was one of the YLC's best.

Our six presenters were all experienced educators in their fields. Our course emphasized Patriotism, Leadership, and the Free Enterprise System. Our keynote speaker was Brig Gen Mal Walkin, USAF (Ret), who gave a fantastic talk on Leadership and Ethics. He is a Professor Emeritus at the United States Air Force Academy and national authority on the topic. He was preceded by Col Mark Ewig, USAF (Ret), a High School History and Economics teacher named Colorado's Teacher of the Year speaking on Our Founding Fathers.

Lt Col David Keller, USAF (former Chief of Character & Leadership Education, US Air Force Academy) gave a leadership presentation that truly excited the students. Mike Diamond (named one of Colorado's Outstanding High School Teachers of Business and Marketing, and a driving force in DECA in Colorado) kicked off our Free Enterprise instruction.

Ms. Jeanne Smith Esq. (Director, Colorado Division of Criminal Justice), has lectured at the conference





for more than 5 years and gets the most participation from the students as she leads them through a mock trial on the Free Enterprise System. Col Watt Hill, a member of the Greatest Generation, and his British war bride of over 60 years related their story of WWII in England during the blitz and his combat experience over Germany.

The Capstone exercise challenged the nine student groups to solve a problem our society face and to conduct a skit demonstrating their solution. Patriotism was emphasized in their writing an essay, and their participation in flag-raising and lowering ceremonies each day. With many Leadership and team-building games interspersed throughout the YLC, all had a great time. ★

## SOUTHWEST YLC TAMU

JUL 15-19 | TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY | COLLEGE STATION, TX

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The days begin at 0600 and doesn't slow down until "lights out" moments before midnight, and yet the students attending the YLC still can't get enough of it.

Eighty strangers arrived on Sunday afternoon, but by the time they departed, five days later, they had formed that marvelous bond, which is a hallmark of Youth Leadership Conferences nationwide. As Caitlin Walker

(Wylie High School) said, "I had the time of my life."

Compressed into those five days were fun and games, frank discussions, heated debates, stimulating deliberations, and thought-provoking presentations that ranged from passionately held personal positions to perceptive assessments of the national and global issues that will influence lives for many years to come.

During those five days, the students challenged a host of visiting university professors, government officials, business executives, and each other, all in the name of learning more about how the real world operates, beyond the walls of high school classrooms. Each presentation provided an opportunity for greater understanding and better appreciation of the road that lies ahead.

The highlight of every YLC at Texas A&M is the Formal Banquet. Thanks to a generous donation from the University Bookstore, this year's Banquet was held in the massive ballroom of the newly renovated, \$30 million dollar Memorial Student Center. The evening provided the young women an opportunity to wear prom dresses and evening gowns, while those who were cadets in the JROTC program came in Dress uniform replete with a full complement of JROTC medals.

Adding to the formality of the occasion, the Department Chairs of each of the Armed Services in the Corps of Cadets came to meet and mingle with the students, many of whom are likely to become





next year's "Fish" (the nickname for Texas A&M Aggie Freshmen). The evening began with a reception line framed by the flags of each of the services, the State of Texas and the National Flag of the United States—and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. ★

## ARIZONA YLC AZYLC

JUL 17-21 | ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY; PHOENIX, AZ

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The 2013 AZYLC was held at Arizona State University's (ASU) west campus in the warmth of July. Tuesday morning saw the arrival of the delegates and the introductions into teams that then met their Team Leaders over lunch. This was followed by a welcome from Director COL Richard Minor, USA (Ret), and Ice Breakers led by YLC Team Leader Staff that focused on diversity and familiarization.

Each day had a different focus and ranged from Constitutional Issues, Leadership or Free Enterprise. Delegates participated in building their own constitution, using parliamentary procedure, with students from all teams representing the thirteen original colonies. Teams debated constitutional issues, e.g., abortion, immigration, and internet regulations; then created amendments addressing these issues. Leadership asked delegates questions that challenged their ideas on being effective leaders, e.g., management vs. leadership.

Teams then created skits demonstrating different leadership qualities. Next, each team selected two members to act as Supreme Court Justices, four to serve as prosecutors representing the Appellants, and four individuals to represent the Appellees. Students reviewed the landmark Eminent Domain case of *Kelo v. New London*. After teams conducted their own trials, both courts' results were compared to the actual outcome, giving students insights in judicial system functions.

The YLC's social aspects included a flag building ceremony conducted by Bill Lewis from the "Heroes of '76" (National Sojourners; Albuquerque, NM). Due to this program's popularity, he was invited back for his 10th year at AZYLC.

Students were also treated to a Veterans Seminar, with instructors, directors and team leaders sitting on the panel. Each spoke about their experiences in the military and delegates asked questions to open discussion about the US Armed Forces. On Wednesday night, students formed into new teams for a Leadership Reaction Course (LRC). The LRC facilitates cooperation and enables students to express leadership qualities during the many station rotations.

Assistant Director Jeff Schrade leads one of the most popular classes. His Free Enterprise class teaches students about currency, economics and capitalism. Students start by trading candy. Next, they move to industrialization by manufacturing paper origami. These items are then "sold" to team leaders for currency, and taxes and duties are applied to their products. A new section on corporations was added this year. The teams varied from individual production to creating corporations they would then sell to team leaders while also buying out other corporations unable to pay taxes. This new element added a successful understanding of the US market to students.

The 2013 AZYLC concluded with a Saturday Luncheon and Awards ceremony during which YLC delegate Claire Balkan (home-schooled from Mesa, AZ) was awarded a Bronze Patrick Henry and \$100 as Outstanding Student. She also received \$100 for the Best Essay. This is the first time that one delegate won both awards. The Most Improved Award went to Peter Partoza (Greenway HS, Peoria, AZ) and the Best Team Award went to the Maroon Team led by Emily Stephens.

AZYLC faculty and staff congratulate the delegates on a wonderful and successful week. The Leadership Team and faculty are looking forward to another great YLC this coming summer. ★



## FLORIDA INST OF TECHNOLOGY FITYLEF

JUL 24-27 | MELBOURNE, FL

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The 2013 YLC-FIT was held at the Florida Institute of Technology, with 57 students representing 34 different high schools from Central to South Florida. Conference highlights included a Mock Court over which Circuit Court Judge David Silverman presided. One team represented the Plaintiffs while the other side represented the Defense. The remaining teams served as independent juries as well as the student staff. Another program enjoyed by all was "Psychology of Leadership," presented by COL Danny McKnight ("Blackhawk Down"). He addressed the characteristics of leadership in training and combat. In our Patriotism Program, Art Yeaman portrayed Benjamin Franklin, provided an additional class on the "Presidents and their Wives," and discussed how they interacted with others. All in all, it was a great conference with many evaluative comments by the students at the conclusion. Our next conference will be July 23-26, 2014 at the same location. ★



## KENTUCKY YLC KYLC2

OCT 16 | LOUISVILLE, KY

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Four hundred eighty Louisville (KY) area students attended two Youth Leadership Conferences (YLC) in 2013. First, 287 students attended a session on October 29, and 199 students attended a session on November 5. As in past years, these events were sponsored by MOWW's Louisville Chapter, and the Louisville Scottish Rite.

The Louisville Chapter, through its 501(c) 3 organization, the Kentucky Youth Development Foundation, Inc., managed the program. Dr. Robert W. Mendel, USN (Ret), coordinated with local high schools and scheduled the 480 students from 13 different schools to attend the events. COL Lawrence E. Gravely, USA (Ret), recruited community leaders to be our speakers. COL Chris Smrt, USA (Ret), and CAPT Jeff Daus, USN (Ret), served as Masters of Ceremonies.

The Louisville Scottish Rite donated the use of their auditorium and cafeteria, as well as their own time and expertise in hosting the students.

Topics and speakers for the events included:

- Leadership (Scotty Davenport, Bellarmine University, Head Coach, Men's Basketball; and MAJ Nate Surrey, University of Louisville Army ROTC PMS)
- Citizen Leaders (Judge K. Shumate, Hardin County Juvenile Court Judge)
- Patriotism (Dr. Maynard Stetton, Retired Physician; and CAPT William Dibble, USN (Ret.
- US Constitution (MG Bob Silverthorn, USA (Ret), Attorney; and Bob Heleringer, Attorney)
- Free Enterprise (Dr. Stephen F. Gohmann, University of Louisville, Economics Professor)
- Law & Order (LTC Ken Buckner, Louisville Metro Police, Deputy Chief) ★





## HUNTSVILLE YLC HSVYLC

OCT 31-3 NOV | US SPACE & ROCKET CENTER, HUNTSVILLE, AL  
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Seventy-three first-time attendees (40 male and 33 female) from 37 schools in five states (AL, MS, TN, AR, KY) participated in our 2013 YLC. Students dove into the YLC mission areas—Leadership, American History and Free Enterprise—to understand the fusion of these areas and how they affect the American experience. YLC students heard from, and interfaced with, professionals experienced in the YLC mission areas. They developed into productive teams, participated in a free enterprise project, played a power grab game related to the US Constitution, and conducted a mock trial. They also immersed themselves in Space Camp's one-day "Introduction to Flight," a hands-on training program.

Our YLC rocketed off with the YLC staff welcome provided to students and family. The YLC staff readied themselves for the YLC through several preparatory sessions. These included four Toastmaster presentation development workshops and extensive practice with the pair-speaking technique of Toastmaster International's "Interpersonal Communications" Program. They did a masterful job of getting the YLC off to a great start. Their preparatory training notably contributed to this YLC's success and the students' learning opportunities.

The YLC kicked off with welcomes by MOWW's Huntsville Chapter Commander, COL John Reitzell, USA (Ret), and MOWW CINC, Capt Debbie Kash, USAF (Ret). YLC overviews by the staff followed. Next, George Mills (National Sojourners, Inc.) performed "Toast the Flag" in Revolutionary War attire as one of the "Heroes of '76." MOWW PCINC COL Bri Chabot, USA (Ret), talked about the signers of the Declaration of Independence and their sacrifice, and guided students file across stage to sign a copy of the Declaration of Independence.

Next, students learned about leadership, the American

heritage and free enterprise via the expertise of our featured speakers. These speakers clearly conveyed the interlocking nature of the YLC mission areas as well as their expertise in specific mission areas.

Featured speakers included MOWW Companion CW5 (Dr.) Harry Hobbs, USA (Ret), who presented the Ethics and Leadership Principles workshop; Ms. Lisa Williams, a naturalized US citizen from Vietnam, CEO/owner of Soldier One, and former owner of 3D Research and SDI, Inc. presented The American Dream. Additionally, CW4 Mike Durant, USA (Ret), the pilot of "Blackhawk Down" fame spoke, as did COL John Reitzell, who talked about America and his personal role in counter-terrorism.

Next, Mr. Charles Wiley (Accuracy in Media, a WWII veteran, and journalist with over 50 years of experience), conveyed how news media can—and does—flavor the news. In addition, a former Alabama Supreme Court Justice addressed Making Choices in the Marketplace, and Dr. Casey Wardynski (Superintendent, Huntsville City Schools) talked about turning a badly failing school system into a winner.

In addition to great speakers, students interacted with panelists in a Careers and Leadership Q&A session, developed their teams, competed in team activities, conducted a mock trial and participated in three socials. The primary competition involved producing the most effective skit for marketing a YLC mission objective related to a team's division mission focus. The skit receiving the largest investment won and was integrated into the YLC summary prior to commencement.

First-timer team members also played a Jeopardy-like game in which they zoomed in on US Constitution using "The Keys to the Constitution" to stop power grabs by one government branch over the other branches. To add to the intensity of the game, two teams from different divisions competed in a power grab scenario adjudicated by the Honorable Justice



See, a professor of Constitutional Law. For the mock trial, each first-timer participated as a defense or prosecution lawyer, a witness, or a jury member, while a real circuit court judge presided. Additionally, three socials gave the students opportunities to become better acquainted with fellow team members and relax after an event-filled day. The YLC Hospitality Committee ensured the socials were amply catered.

Importantly, part of the two days involved the Space Camp's "Introduction to Flight" Program, involving two, four-hour afternoons sessions. That program included flying simulators (F-16s and F-18s), experiencing G-forces in a centrifuge, and working as teams at the Leadership Reaction Course and at survival activities.

Liz Stenson was the YLC's Outstanding Student; she reflected the excellence and energy epitomized by all of the YLC students. In every way, the YLC was a great learning experience that also resulted in many terrific friendships. ★

## KY BLUEGRASS CHALLENGE ACADEMY KY1, KY2

1 NOV AND NOV 23-25 | FORT KNOX, KY

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Support from the KY Bluegrass Challenge Academy, Patton Museum at Fort Knox, and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Museum in Louisville (KY), enabled MOWW's Fort Knox Chapter to sponsor this exceptional two-day YLC. For two days, thirty-six cadets were divided into six teams and performed numerous hands-on exercises relative to Legendary Leadership and Principles of Patriotism.

In addition, we incorporated excellent presentations on the US Constitution and Bill of Rights. We distributed a pocket pamphlet to each cadet containing the Declaration of Independence, US Constitution and Bill of Rights that support our presentations

Legendary Leadership at Patton Museum is the focus of all attending cadets on the YLC's first day. After watching Patton's movie and biography, cadets come to the YLC having completed a homework assignment associated with Patton's six leadership imperatives. A principal exercise on Day One is a "Scavenger Hunt" during which cadets go into the Patton Museum to find examples of the one of six leadership imperatives to which they were assigned. They also develop a presentation on that

imperative and explain it to fellow cadets.

Cadets assessed this day as "exceptional," with all of the cadets indicating, as one did, "I believe the ideas and tools that I have learned today will help me become a more effective leader."

Patriotism at the SAR Museum is the focus of the YLC's second day. The museum staff, museum exhibits, and the "Founder's Exercise" take the cadets back to 1776. During the "Founder's Exercise," the cadets replicate the signing of the Declaration of Independence with a quill pen.

The YLC opened with a tour of the museum's exhibits by museum staff. Each team is required to answer questions relative to these 1776 exhibits. Cadets also tried on replica military uniforms from the Revolutionary War-era and learned detailed information about our forefathers, such as, President George Washington.

An exercise followed that shed light on the Bill of Rights. This exercise required each team of six cadets is to present to the group their response to the following question, "What does your team believe are the three most important Bill of Rights Amendments you have as a US Citizen, and why?"

We ended the second day with a presentation illustrating the history of the "Pledge of Allegiance" and its patriotic meaning for every citizen who verbalizes it. This is supported by showing the Joe Foss Institute's DVD on "Patriotism." Bottom line: cadets leaving the SAR Museum complete the YLC knowing more about their forefathers and the 1776-period, and are motivated to become more patriotic citizens. ★





YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE NAME & LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

CONFERENCE DATES \_\_\_\_\_ CONFERENCE CODE \_\_\_\_\_

## A. STUDENT APPLICATION (PLEASE PRINT)

FULL NAME OF YLC STUDENT / CHILD OF THE UNDERSIGNED NATURAL PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (NUMBER, STREET, CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE) \_\_\_\_\_

AREA CODE & TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL GRADE, I.E., 10TH OR 11TH GRADE IN HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER (MALE/FEMALE) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH (DAY / MONTH / YEAR) \_\_\_\_\_

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS NOW HELD OR WERE HELD \_\_\_\_\_

CO-CURRICULAR/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (E.G., SPORTS, CLUBS, CHEER, TAS, NHS) \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT-TERM GOALS \_\_\_\_\_

LONG-TERM GOALS \_\_\_\_\_

EXPECTATIONS IN TEN YEARS \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

## B. APPROVAL OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (PLEASE PRINT)

FULL NAME OF NATURAL CUSTODIAL PARENT OR DESIGNATED LEGAL GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

AREA CODE & TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF NATURAL CUSTODIAL PARENT OR DESIGNATED LEGAL GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE (MONTH / DAY / YEAR) \_\_\_\_\_

## C. APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR/INSTRUCTOR (PLEASE PRINT)

FULL NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR/INSTRUCTOR \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE OR POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL NAME & ADDRESS (NUMBER, STREET, CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE) \_\_\_\_\_

AREA CODE & TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR/INSTRUCTOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE (MONTH / DAY / YEAR) \_\_\_\_\_

## D. APPROVAL OF SPONSORING MOWW SUB-ELEMENT (CHAPTER, DEPARTMENT OR REGION) (PLEASE PRINT)

APPROVING OFFICIAL'S FULL NAME, RANK, SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ MOWW ELEMENT (CHAPTER, DEPARTMENT OR CHAPTER) \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE OR POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (NUMBER, STREET, CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE) \_\_\_\_\_

AREA CODE & TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE (MONTH / DAY / YEAR) \_\_\_\_\_



# MOWW® || 2014 Youth Leadership (YLC) Schedule



DATES	CODE	NAME & LOCATION	DIRECTOR	EMAIL	PHONE
Jan 31-Feb 2	NEYLC	<b>NEW ENGLAND YLC</b> Norwich University; Northfield VT	LTC Michael J. Jarvis, USA (Ret)	mjj1943@myfairpoint.net www.norwich.edu/admissions/summerprogram/lcw	802-479-1271
Feb 28-Mar 2	NEYLC	<b>NEW ENGLAND YLC</b> Norwich University; Northfield VT	LTC Michael J. Jarvis, USA (Ret)	mjj1943@myfairpoint.net www.norwich.edu/admissions/summerprogram/lcw	802-479-1271
Mar 14-15	AUGYLC	<b>AUGUSTA YLC</b> Trinity on the Hill; Augusta GA	LTC Gary O. Engen, USA (Ret)	augustamoww@comcast.net http://gengen23tripod.com	706-733-7682
Mar 28-30	NEYLC	<b>NEW ENGLAND YLC</b> Norwich University; Northfield VT	LTC Michael J. Jarvis, USA (Ret)	mjj1943@myfairpoint.net www.norwich.edu/admissions/summerprogram/lcw	802-479-1271
Apr 5	PHYLC	<b>PHILADELPHIA YLC</b> Bartram HS; Philadelphia PA	MAJ William R. Magill, USA (Ret)	wrmagill@comcast.net www.ffvf.org	610-693-8074
Apr 10-13	FFYLC	<b>SPIRIT OF AMERICA YLC</b> Freedom Foundation; Valley Forge PA	MAJ William R. Magill, USA (Ret)	wrmagill@comcast.net www.ffvf.org	610-6928074
May 3	NJYLC	<b>NEW JERSEY YLC</b> Lenape High School; Medford NJ	MAJ William R. Magill, USA (Ret)	wrmagill@comcast.net www.ffvf.org	610-693-8074
May 14-17	TALYLC	<b>TALLAHASSEE YLC</b> Tallahassee FL	Lt Col John E. Cahoon, Jr., USAF (Ret)	emeraldcast@cox.net www.ylfinc.org	850-862-5078
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