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Loudoun 2406 Hosts Young Marines Banquet on November 2



MGySgt Bissessar Addresses the Banquet



Senior members deliver Promotions and Awards

On Sunday, November 2, 2014, Loudoun 2406 hosted the annual banquet of the Colonel Wesley Fox Young Marines unit at its Lodge in Sterling, VA.

This event included a Presentation of the Colors, the Young Marine Introductions, the Young Marine Pledge, and the Missing Man Ceremony. This was followed by first guest speaker Lieutenant Colonel USMC (ret) Michael Kessler.

After an invocation the banquet was served. The Lodge provided roast beef and potatoes, and the Young Marines brought ham, salads and sides. When the eating began to slow down, a movie was shown called "Do you remember when..?" that highlighted the units activities throughout the year, including a fascinating trip to a Marine base where the unit members got to experience basic training for a long weekend.

This was followed by second guest speaker Master Gunnery Sergeant Byron Bissessar. LTC Kessler and MGySgt Bissessar remained to observe the delivery of promotions and awards to the Young Marines.

The Unit Awards received by the unit include the 2012 Kiki Camarena award for Division 2 (Drug Demand Reduction), 2013 MC recognition by the Loudoun Marine Corp League, 2013 Best JROTC Unit at the St. Patrick's Parade in Washington DC, 2013 Honorable Mention in the Fairfax July 4th Parade, 2013 Division 2 Unit of the Year, 2013 Finalist in the Division 2 Kiki Camarena Award, and 2014 Honor Platoon, Division 2 Field Meet.

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