



MARINE CORPS MARATHON MEDIA ALERT

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Marine Corps Marathon Closes Registration in Historic Time

30,000 Runners Register in Just Over Two Hours Marking the Fastest Sellout in History

QUANTICO, VA (March 7, 2012) – Marking the fastest sellout in the history of marathon events, the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) has sold 30,000 available online entries in 2 hours, 41 minutes, besting the previous registration record of eight hours for the 2011 Boston Marathon. As the MCM opened registration today at 3 p.m. EST, runners registered in a fervent pace with more than 15,948 runners securing their spots in just the first hour.

According to RunningUSA, today's registration sellout of the 37th MCM is historically the fastest among all U.S. marathons events.

“For many months, runners around the world have been focused on today's registration thanks to tremendous word-of-mouth and the opportunity to share this experience with the Marines,” says Rick Nealis, MCM Director. “The MCM staff and U.S. Marine Corps sincerely thank each of the 30,000 participants for such an enthusiastic start to this year's event.”

A veteran of 23 marathons, Bob Fehrenbach of Cincinnati, Ohio was the very first runner to register for the MCM.

“I never guessed I would be the first person to make it through, but I have had this [MCM] on my calendar and I wanted to give myself the best possible chance of registering at 3 p.m.,” says Fehrenbach, who will be participating in his first MCM. “I have always wanted to run the MCM. I have heard so many great things about it.”

The 37th MCM will be held on Sunday, Oct. 28 in Arlington, VA and the nation's capital. For runners still interested in participating in the 2012 MCM, registration is available through MCM Charity Partners. Runners are encouraged to visit the charity page of **www.marinemarathon.com**.

About the MCM: Voted the “Best Marathon for Families” and the “Best Marathon in the Mid Atlantic,” the Marine Corps Marathon honors the dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism of its participants. Runners from all walks of life participate in the largest marathon not to offer prize money, earning the name “The People's Marathon.” The 37th MCM will be held on October 28, 2012 in Arlington, VA. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied.

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