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Marine Corps Marathon Announces 2016 Move to Gaylord National Resort *Limited 2016 MCM VIP Registrations Available Now*

WASHINGTON, DC (Oct. 23, 2015) – The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) today announces the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center as the event’s new headquarters hotel and host venue of the Health & Fitness Expo beginning with the 41st MCM in October 2016. The Gaylord National Resort is located at National Harbor, the waterfront entertainment district, in Prince George County, MD, which is less than 10 miles from the MCM start in Arlington, VA.

As part of this announcement, the MCM has made available a limited quantity of 2016 MCM VIP Registration packages beginning at 2 p.m. today, Friday, Oct. 23. The VIP package includes a guaranteed entry to the 41st MCM with option for a second entry to the MCM or MCM10K; two nights at the Gaylord National Resort; and access to MCM Weekend events. These include the Carbo Dining In pasta dinner with private pre-event reception and MCM Runners bRUNch. Other VIP amenities include a Fast Pass for Packet Pick-up at the Health & Fitness Expo to be held on Oct. 28-29, 2016 and exclusive shuttle service to the MCM start on Oct. 30, 2016. Runners may purchase the VIP Registration Packages for \$1,500 at www.marinemarathon.com.

“Never before in the MCM’s four decades of history has it been possible to register to run ‘The People’s Marathon’ this far in advance,” says Rick Nealis, MCM Director. “This VIP program is representative of the excitement being generated by the MCM move to the Gaylord National Resort and the National Harbor.”

For those runners not participating in the VIP Registration program, reservations for the new headquarters hotel will be available through the MCM website in February. Lottery registration for the 41st MCM will be open from March 24 through March 30 at www.marinemarathon.com.

Media interested in covering the Health & Fitness Expo or any 40th MCM Weekend event through Marathon Day this Sunday, Oct. 25, should complete the [Credential Request form](#) available on the Media Services page of the MCM website. All media must be credentialed. For additional media questions, contact Tami Faram, Marine Corps Marathon Public Relations Coordinator at 703-432-1840 or tami.faram@usmc.mil. Further information about the 40th MCM is available at www.marinemarathon.com.

Voted the “Best Marathon in the Mid Atlantic” and “Best Marathon for Spectators,” the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) honors the dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism of its participants. Also known as “The People’s Marathon,” runners from all walks of life participate in the MCM, the largest marathon not to offer prize money. The 40th MCM sponsored by Arlington, Brooks, Hyundai and Aetna will be hosted in Arlington, VA on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. #RunWithTheMarines.

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