

## Marine Corps Historic Half Introduces In-Demand Registration for 2016 Event

*New Five Miler joins Historic Half on May 15, 2016; Registration Opens October 21*

QUANTICO, VA (October 20, 2015) – The Marine Corps Historic Half to be held on May 15, 2016 in Fredericksburg, VA will open registration on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com). Unlike previous years when the Historic Half employed tiered pricing (a practice of elevating the fee as the event draws near) the 2016 Historic Half will now introduce in-demand registration as a reward for motivated runners who commit early. As more runners sign up and registration plateaus are reached, the fee increases from its starting amount of \$70.

Beginning in 2016, the Historic Half will also retire the 5K and 10K events, to debut the Semper Five. This new five mile run originates in downtown Fredericksburg, scales Hospital Hill and concludes at the shared finish line at the Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center. Registration also opens on Oct. 21 for the inaugural running of this 2,000 participant event that evokes the Marine Corps motto “Semper Fi.”

Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) participants may register for the Historic Half or Semper Five at a dedicated registration booth within the Health & Fitness Expo at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center on Friday, Oct. 23 or Saturday, Oct. 24, during MCM Weekend.

The first 1,000 runners will register for the 2016 Historic Half for a fee of \$70. The next 3,000 will register for \$80 before the fee escalates to \$90. Registration for the Semper Five is \$40.

“The 40<sup>th</sup> MCM is happening soon and there will be many motivated individuals looking to run with the Marines, again,” says MCM Director Rick Nealis. “With the new Historic Half registration, it says to runners ‘get a head start on 2016 running goals’ and, as an extra benefit, realize some savings off the registration fee.”

With registration selling out over the past three years, the Marine Corps Historic Half has enjoyed a tremendous surge in popularity. Runners have discovered Fredericksburg, VA as a great spring weekend getaway and rave about the beauty and challenges of the 13.1 mile course that rolls through neighborhoods, past historic sites and quaint shopping districts, alongside the river and up the now-famous Hospital Hill. The medals are big and patriotic. The Marines are out in full force supporting the run and the crowds of spectators, whether cheering from front porches or sidewalks, are enthusiastic and motivating.

*The Marine Corps Historic Half held annually in Fredericksburg, VA hosts 10,000 runners participating in half marathon and five mile distance vents. Considered “the greatest half marathon in history,” the event boasts a course featuring landmarks dating back to our nation’s beginnings and the early homes of Presidents George Washington and James Monroe. #RunWithTheMarines*

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