

Historic Half Transportation Tips for Runners and Spectators

Shuttles, Parking and Road Closures for May 20 in Fredericksburg, VA

QUANTICO, VA (May 17, 2018) – The Marine Corps Historic Half and the City of Fredericksburg, VA will welcome participants and spectators from all 50 states and 14 countries to Marine Corps Historic Half Weekend from May 18 to 20.

Free shuttles provided by the City of Fredericksburg and Trolley Tours of Fredericksburg will be available for all runners and their families on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The shuttles will run to and from the Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center, site of the Healthy Lifestyle Expo presented by VA Runner, to historic downtown locations such as Hurkamp Park, Fredericksburg Visitor Center and Goolricks Antiques.

On Sunday, May 20, participants and spectators can walk to the Historic Half start line from the many parking opportunities available within Central Park. The Historic Half start and finish is located at the end of the Central Park along Carl D Silver Parkway. The Central Park shopping complex is located near the intersection of Interstate 95 and State Route 3.

Semper 5ive and Devil Dog Double parking locations are available downtown near their start lines at James Monroe High School, the Mary Washington Healthcare Center and Mary Washington Healthcare Center lots at Progress Street, Germania Street, Elm Street and all of Fall Hill Avenue.

There will be no pre-event shuttle service to the Semper 5ive and Devil Dog Double start lines, however, a post-event shuttle service from the finish will return runners back to the designated downtown parking locations.

The post-event shuttle service will originate in the Walmart parking lot at Capital One Bank from 8:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. to return runners to the Semper 5ive and Devil Dog parking locations.

Spectator Shuttles will be available for family members, friends and locals to cheer on the runners on the course in downtown Fredericksburg. Spectators can watch the start of the Historic Half, then catch the downtown spectator shuttles between 5:30 a.m. - 6:30 a.m. and from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. to Mile 7.5 of the Historic Half course at Hurkamp Park.

Groups and families participating in multiple Historic Half Weekend events are encouraged to create a transportation plan to arrive at each event start line by being aware of road closings and access routes. The Info Booth at the Healthy Lifestyle Expo can provide assistance with event morning drop-off plans. Special driving maps have been created to assist with various scenarios including dropping off a Semper 5ive runner and then proceeding to the finish line to park OR escorting a younger runner to the Semper 5ive start line, remaining there through the official start and then driving to the finish.

Roads will close only on Sunday, May 21, Marine Corps Historic Half event day, starting at 6:30 a.m. A rolling road opening will continue throughout the event as the last runners travel the course.

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However, roads will close starting at 5:30 a.m. near the Marine Corps Historic Half start and finish on Carl D. Silver Parkway from Fall Hill Avenue to the Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center. Also starting at 5:30 a.m., Fall Hill Avenue will be closed from Pelham Street to Canal Street, to include the start line areas of the Semper 5ive and Devil Dog Double courses.

Limited entries remain available for the Marine Corps Historic Half, Semper 5ive and Devil Dog Double. Visit www.marinemarathon.com to register or for more information about Marine Corps Historic Half Weekend.

For media interested in covering the Marine Corps Historic Half Weekend from May 18-20, please contact Ashley Topolosky, Public Relations Coordinator at ashley.topolosky@usmc-mccs.org or 703-987-3191.

The Marine Corps Historic Half Weekend hosted annually in Fredericksburg, VA, includes thousands of participants and spectators from all over the United States and the world to partake in the Historic Half Marathon, Semper 5ive and the Devil Dog Double which encompasses both distances. Considered "The Greatest Half in History," the Marine Corps Historic Half boasts a course featuring landmarks dating back to our nation's beginnings and the early homes of Presidents George Washington and James Monroe. A production of Marine Corps Marathon Organization, the Historic Half is sponsored by GEICO Military, Wegmans, Pohanka Nissan, Brooks and Mary Washington Healthcare. The Semper 5ive is presented by Navy Federal Credit Union. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement implied. #RunWithTheMarines