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## Women's Running Icon Appearing at 43rd Marine Corps Marathon Press Conference

*MCM Press Conference to be held on Friday, Oct 26 at Gaylord National*

**QUANTICO, VA (October 24, 2018)** – Media are invited to attend the 43rd Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) Press Conference on Friday, Oct 26 to hear from Kathrine Switzer, the iconic first female runner to run the Boston Marathon as a numbered entrant.

Doors open for the event at 12:30 p.m., with the MCM Press Conference beginning at **1:00 p.m. at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in Eastern Shore rooms 2 and 3** (201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, MD).

During the press conference, featured speakers will include Kathrine Switzer; Roger Robinson; Brian Evanko, Cigna Corporation President of Government Business; Col. William C. Bentley III, Commander, Marine Corps Installations National Capital Region-Marine Corps Base Quantico; Haris Lalacos, Ambassador of Greece to the United States; Rick Nealis, MCM Race Director; and featured runner Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Ryan Anderson, a previous MCM Handcyclist who regained his mobility after being hit by multiple improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and plans to run the MCM later this week.



The sole surviving Medal of Honor recipient from WWII, Hershel “Woody” Williams, will be in attendance at the MCM Press Conference. Williams will be the official starter of the MCM Handcycle and Wheel Chair Division.

Media credentials will be available for pick-up immediately following the MCM Press Conference. To obtain MCM credentials, media must submit the Media Credential Request form, on the Press Inquiries page of the website at [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com).

The 2018 Media Guide Record Book and Supplement are available online. If media would like to interview any of the speakers or distinguished guests after the MCM Press Conference, or for more information regarding the 43<sup>rd</sup> Marine Corps Marathon please contact Ashley Topolosky, Marine Corps Marathon Public Relations Coordinator at 703-987-3191 or [ashley.topolosky@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:ashley.topolosky@usmc-mccs.org).

*The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM), known as “The People’s Marathon,” promotes physical fitness and generates community goodwill while showcasing the high standards and discipline of the United States Marine Corps. Annually ranked as one of the largest marathons in the US and the world, the MCM welcomes runners from all 50 states and more than 60 countries. The 43<sup>rd</sup> MCM, coordinated by the Marine Corps Marathon Organization (MCMO), will be held Oct. 28, 2018 in Arlington, VA. The MCM is presented by Arlington County, Brooks, Cigna and Leidos. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. Connect with the Marine Corps Marathon on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#). #RunWithTheMarines*