

## Marine Corps Marathon Opens Lottery Registration

*Lottery Access Begins After a Successful Rush Registration*

QUANTICO, VA (March 21, 2018) – Earlier today, runners were determined to grab a guaranteed entry to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Marine Corps Marathon (MCM). MCM Rush Registration successfully registered runners ages fourteen to eighty-one from all fifty states, D.C. and thirty-four countries. Fifty-three percent of registered marathoners are female while forty-seven percent are male. The first female runner to register was Carol Acosta from Stafford, Virginia, and the first male runner was Jacob Chafik from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

MCM Lottery registration opened at 10 a.m. Eastern today, March 21, 2018, shortly following the close of the Rush Registration. Runners may complete the MCM Lottery entry online at [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com) through noon Eastern on March 28, 2018. Once the MCM Lottery closes, marathoners will be notified by email of their acceptance results on March 29, 2018. There are no fees associated with entering the Lottery.

To enter the Lottery, runners will complete a personal information form. On March 29, those runners who successfully obtain an entry will be emailed an exclusive registration link to complete the registration process. Runners will be required to fill out the form, including payment and any additional purchases by Monday, April 2. During the MCM Lottery, runners can preview items available for purchase including the Carbo Dining In pasta dinner; limited edition MCM Brooks training apparel including First Timer products; and the runcoach training service.

The cost of the MCM is \$170 plus a processing fee and is open to ages 14-and-older. Runners ages 14-17 on Marathon day, October 28, 2018, will receive a 40 percent discount off registration as part of the *Next Generation Inspiration Initiative*. The 43<sup>rd</sup> MCM will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018, in Arlington, VA and the nation's capital.

Also available to runners to gain entry to the 43<sup>rd</sup> MCM is the Charity Partner Program and Four Star Registration. Runners may select to run with one of MCM's 93 Charity Partners. These organizations will be identified on the MCM website beginning on March 29. The MCM Four Star Registration package offers a comprehensive bundle that includes guaranteed MCM entries, hotel nights, hospitality and shuttle service. Runners can choose from packages based on length of stay, days of the week and one or two runners.

### **About the Marine Corps Marathon:**

*Honoring the dedication, sportsmanship, and patriotism of its participants, the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) is also known as "The People's Marathon," as runners from all walks of life annually participate. The 43<sup>rd</sup> MCM, coordinated by the Marine Corps Marathon Organization (MCMO) and United States Marine Corps, will be held October 28, 2018 in Arlington, VA. The MCM is sponsored by Arlington County, Brooks, GEICO Military and Leidos. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. #RunWithTheMarines*

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