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‘Access Granted’ to 44th MCM at Marine Corps 17.75K
Registration opens on Feb. 20 for the 11.03-mile event that guarantees a spot in “The People’s Marathon”

QUANTICO, VA (February 4, 2018) – A coveted Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) entry may be secured through running the Marine Corps 17.75K on March 23 in Prince William County, VA. The Marine Corps 17.75K kicks off the 2019 calendar of running events. All finishers receive a guaranteed entry or ‘Access Granted’ to “The People’s Marathon” in October.

The field of runners has expanded this year by 200 entries, allowing for 3,300 athletes to run through the hills and trails of Prince William Forrest Park for ‘Access Granted.’

Registration for the Marine Corps 17.75K opens to the public at noon Eastern, on Wednesday, February 20 at www.marinemarathon.com. Registration for this sought-after event is \$80 for runners ages ten and above. Runners should set a reminder alarm as this widely popular event sells out quickly. Last year, a record was set when the all available Marine Corps 17.75K entries were grabbed in just seven minutes, twenty-five seconds by runners from 42 states, the District of Columbia and four countries.

The Marine Corps 17.75K begins at 7 a.m. along Dumfries Road/Route 234 in Prince William County on March 23 and salutes the founding year of the Corps. Participants will receive a standout finisher’s medal, specially designed technical dye sublimated t-shirt, commemorative bib and ‘Access Granted’ to the 44th MCM. To receive ‘Access Granted,’ runners must be 14 and older on MCM event day (Oct. 27, 2019).

New this year, runners can extend their Marine Corps 17.75K experience with a night of carb-loading and comradery at the MCM Motivation Dinner Series. The first dinner program happens on March 22, on the eve of the Marine Corps 17.75K. This new event has a limited number of tickets and allows runners and their families an opportunity to dine where Marines dine and receive motivation from accomplished U.S. Marine athletes. Tickets may be purchased during registration or through the Marine Corps 17.75K webpage. Additional details on the Marine Corps 17.75K dinner are as follows:

Where: The Clubs at Quantico

Fee: \$20

Menu: Choice of savory pasta dishes, multiple sauce options, healthy salads and warm cookies.

Speaker: Colonel William C. Bentley, III, Commander of Marine Corps Base Quantico. Col Bentley is an accomplished athlete boasting a 30-year commitment to health and fitness. He has participated in more than 40 distance events while serving his country, to include eight Marine Corps Marathon finishes.

Other dates in the dinner series: June 15 and Nov. 18.

Highlights:

>>> 11.03-mile event guarantees entry to the 2019 MCM

>>> Registration expected to sell out in minutes

>>> New motivation pasta dinner on the eve of the event



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