

MCM50K Set to be Largest Ultra in the United States Event sells out in one hour

QUANTICO, VA (February 27, 2019) – The inaugural MCM50K was in high demand, with registration selling out in one hour. The event is set to be the largest ultra in the United States with nearly double the participants of the 2018 record. Demand for the MCM50K thrilled the Marine Corps Marathon Organization (MCMO).

“The positive reaction and overwhelming support of the inaugural MCM50K is a testament to the power of the MCM Weekend experience. To put this in perspective, there were 762 finishers in the largest U.S. ultra in 2018. The MCM50K is set to run past this record in its first year,” shared Rick Nealis, MCMO Director.

Runners were eager to grab an MCM50K entry after buzz around the event feverishly circulated online and on social media. This 31.06-mile challenge, befitting of the United States Marine Corps, will host runners ages 19 to 72 from 11 countries, 45 states and the District of Columbia.

The event has drawn an exceeding amount of attention since its announcement, prompting organizers to increase the field of participants from the originally planned 500 to 1,700. The MCM50K field, comprised of 58 percent men and 42 percent women, includes 209 Marines out of 413 military participants. The first runner to successfully register was Maureen Kane from Fairfield, CT.

This urban ultra provides runners an expanded opportunity to #RunWithTheMarines. MCM50K runners will share the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) start line, launching at 7:30 a.m., 25 minutes prior to the Marathon. An MCM50K finish will count toward MCM Runners Club status. Runners who still desire entry to the ultra event should contact one of the MCM Charity Partners, available in April.

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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. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. Connect with the Marine Corps Marathon on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#). #RunWithTheMarines

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