

Marine Corps Marathon Goes Ultra *New 50K added to lineup of events on October 27*

QUANTICO, VA (February 6, 2019) – The Marine Corps Marathon Organization (MCMO) introduces the MCM50K and enters into the realm of ultras for the first time in the event’s 44 year history. The 50-kilometer run will take place on the same day as the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM), Oct. 27.

This new event diversifies the MCM Weekend experience with more distance options to #RunWithTheMarines. This new distance joins the 10K and 26.2-miles for individuals to run with purpose and finish with pride.

The MCM50K is a fantastic urban ultra that showcases the nation’s capital and Arlington, VA with all of the same on-course amenities as the MCM. This new event appeals to first-time ultra runners with the draw of a paved course and offers seasoned ultra runners a new perspective and patriotic run.

Starting on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. and including portions of the MCM10K course, the MCM50K merges with the MCM course and follows the field of MCM participants. Runners must maintain an 11:30 minute pace-per-mile through mile 14 on Rock Creek Parkway. For the remaining 17 miles, MCM50K participants may run at a 14 minute pace-per-mile. Ultimately, the MCM50K will arrive at a joint finish at the iconic U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, VA.

Registration for the MCM50K opens to the public at noon Eastern, on Wednesday, February 27 at www.marinemarathon.com. The MCM50K has a limited field of 500 entries and costs \$200. Once 500 entries have been claimed, the event registration will be complete. The MCM50K is eligible to count towards MCM Runners Club status.

This new distance event earns runners a U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial themed medal, specially designed technical dye sublimated quarter-zip and commemorative bib.

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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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>>> *MCM Weekend introduces a 31-mile event*

>>> *MCM50K to start on National Mall*

>>> *Limited to 500 entries*
