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Marine Corps 17.75K Cancelled Due to COVID-19

QUANTICO, VA (March 12, 2020) – Due to the impact and development of coronavirus (COVID-19) and under the guidance of government and health officials, the 2020 Marine Corps 17.75K, scheduled for March 28, and the accompanying Motivational Dinner, have been cancelled.

This was a very difficult decision and we know the cancellation is disappointing news for many, but the health and safety of our runners, volunteers, Marines, spectators and staff are top priorities for the Marine Corps Marathon Organization (MCMO).

That being said, all registrants **will still earn "Access Granted" for a guaranteed spot in the 45th Marine Corps Marathon** (MCM) in October. Registration with the Guaranteed Access code must be completed by Tuesday, March 17 at 11:59 p.m.

All runners and guests who purchased a ticket to the 17.75K Motivational Dinner will receive a \$20 credit for any tickets purchased. This credit may be used toward the purchase of any other MCMO event registration in 2020.

We are also offering the following options to all registered participants at no additional cost:

- Defer your entry into next year's Marine Corps 17.75K.
- Switch your participant category to "Virtual Run" and receive your participant shirt and finisher medal.
- Transfer your entry to the Belleau Wood 8K in June or the Quantico 12K in August.

Runners have until Tuesday, March 17 at 11:59 p.m. to choose one of the abovementioned options. Further instructions will be sent to the e-mail address provided by participants during registration within the next 24 hours.

We appreciate the support of our running community through this rapidly evolving situation. All registration questions may be directed to MCMCustomerService@usmc-mccs.org.

The unique distance of the Marine Corps 17.75K commemorates the founding of the U.S. Marine Corps in 1775 and is just one of the many ways runners can enter the MCM. The MCM Lottery is open from March 18-31; and the all-inclusive MCM Four Star registration includes a hotel room, event entries, hospitality and shuttle transportation is currently available.

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Marine Corps 17.75K is part of the MCM Event Series hosted by the Marine Corps Marathon Organization. The MCM Event Series feature a variety of distances and fun challenges on or near Marine Corps Base Quantico. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. Connect with the Marine Corps Marathon on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#). #RunWithTheMarines