

## Marine Corps Historic Half Weekend Cancelled Due to COVID-19

*MCMO Provides Runners with Alternative Options*

QUANTICO, VA (April 1, 2020) – On Monday, the Governor of Virginia, Ralph Northam issued a statewide Stay at Home order until June 10 to protect the health and safety of Virginians and mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Following the guidance of government and health officials, the Marine Corps Marathon Organization (MCMO) has announced that 2020 Marine Corps Historic Half Weekend events, scheduled for Friday, May 15 through Sunday, May 17 have been cancelled to support the wellbeing of the running community, residents, Marines and partners.

A refund on registration fees will not be provided. The MCMO has prioritized rewarding the loyalty of registered runners while offering alternative solutions for runners to participate in Historic Half Weekend.

### Registered Runners

Beginning **April 3**, those currently registered for **Historic Half Weekend** can:

- **Defer entry** into next year's Historic Half Weekend on May 16, 2021 with no additional fees. Runners who defer to 2021 are eligible to re-register for the 2020 virtual event (at fees detailed below).
- **Transfer to virtual option.** Complete a run of the distance of your choosing (5 miles, 13.1 miles or 18.1 miles) and receive participant shirt, finisher medal and certificate, as well as the new Motigo Historic Half Audio Experience.

The deadline to defer and register for virtual participation is **May 16, 2020**. Further instructions will be sent to the e-mail address provided by participants during registration within the next 48 hours.

**All currently registered runners** will receive a 30% LOYALTY discount on registration for any new and remaining 2020 MCM Event Series date, including the MCHH Virtual Run, the MCM10K or the MCM Kids Run during MCM Weekend in October. Registered runners who defer to 2021 may apply this discount to the new Historic Half virtual option. Discount codes will be sent directly via e-mail.

### New Virtual Option

On **April 3**, a new registration for the Historic Half Weekend Virtual Open will be available to ANYONE motivated to complete the Half, Semper5ive or Devil Dog Double. Virtual entry fee is \$28 for Historic Half and Semper 5ive; \$35 for Devil Dog Double; and includes the shipping and handling of the participant shirt, finisher medal and certificate and the Motigo Historic Half Audio Experience.

The MCMO appreciates the support of our global running community through this rapidly evolving situation. All registration questions may be directed to [MCMCustomerService@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:MCMCustomerService@usmc-mccs.org).

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*The Marine Corps Historic Half Weekend hosted annually in Fredericksburg, VA, includes thousands of participants and spectators from all over the United States and the world to partake in the Historic Half Marathon, Semper 5ive and the Devil Dog Double which encompasses both distances. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. Connect with the Marine Corps Marathon on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#). #RunWithTheMarines*