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Marine Corps 17.75K Offers ‘Access Granted’ to 42nd MCM

Register Feb. 17 to run the 17.75K for guaranteed spot in “The People’s Marathon”

QUANTICO, VA (February 15, 2017) – Runners wanting to secure their spot in the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) this October can run the Marine Corps 17.75K on March 25 in Prince William County, VA. The [Marine Corps 17.75K](#) is the annual kickoff to the MCM season that offers finishers “access granted” to “The People’s Marathon.”



Online registration for the Marine Corps 17.75K opens to the public at 11 a.m. Eastern, on Friday, Feb. 17 at www.marinemarathon.com.

Runners will want to register quickly for the Marine Corps 17.75K as the event typically sells out with participants eager to obtain the coveted MCM entry.

“What better way to kick off the running season than to ‘run with the Marines’ in this unique event that celebrates Marine Corps history within the setting of this stunning national park,” says Rick Nealis MCM Director.

The Marine Corps 17.75K salutes the 1775 founding of the Corps and equates to an 11.03-mile distance. It is a challenging run as the course moves along the winding roads and gravel pathways in the dense woods of Prince William Forest Park, located in Prince William County, VA.

Registration for the Marine Corps 17.75K is open to ages eight and above but MCM access will only be granted to finishers age 14 and above, as 14 is the youngest age eligible to run the 42nd MCM.

Each Access Granted card will include a code to register for the 42nd MCM on Sunday, Oct. 22, in Arlington, VA and the nation’s capital. Access Granted registration must be completed by noon Eastern on Tuesday, March 28 to officially register for “The People’s Marathon.”

Marine Corps 17.75K participants will receive a commemorative runner’s bib and specially designed military green sublimated technical T-shirt with a shadow image of the historic flag raising during the Battle of Iwo Jima. The back of the shirt includes the Eagle, Globe and Anchor with the footsteps of Marines along its sides. In addition, runners will receive a spectacular leaf-shaped finisher’s medal.

The Marine Corps 17.75K begins at 7 a.m. along Dumfries Road/Route 234 in Prince William County. Free [shuttle service](#) is available from area parking lots to the 17.75K start on event morning, March 25.

The Marine Corps 17.75K is part of the MCM Event Series, hosted March through November. More information about the Marine Corps 17.75K and the 42nd MCM is available at www.marinemarathon.com.

The 2017 MCM Event Series is organized by the Marine Corps Marathon Organization and sponsored by Brooks, GEICO Military, National University, Navy Federal Credit Union, Discover Prince William County/Manassas, Sentara Healthcare and Wegmans. No Federal or Marine Corps endorsement implied. #RunWithTheMarines

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