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Defending Champion Races to Another Victory at Quantico 12K

Close to 900 Runners completed the 7.46 mile event

QUANTICO, VA (August 24, 2024) – Woodbridge, Va. resident, Jonathan Ladson, 33 years old, defended his title this morning aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico on the grounds of the Officer Candidate School as the Quantico 12K overall winner with a scorching time of 42:13 improving on his 2023 time of 43:11 by almost a minute. Ladson was the first of close to 900 runners who rose to the challenge and completed the 7.46 mile event.

“This time it was much better cause the course was not wet like last year and the temperatures helped.” expressed Ladson. “The hills are there and that is challenging, but I had a great time and told myself to push hard.”

Ladson continues his Marine Corps Marathon Organization (MCMO) event excellence, once again placing in the top two of events entered in 2024 much like the previous years; first place at the Marine Corps 17.75K in March and second place in the Marine Corps Historic Half.

He was followed by Grant Napierala of Newbury Park, Ca., age 23, and Ivan Lira of Quantico, Va., age 24. Their times were 44:14 and 44:23, respectively.

The top female was Grietje Boorsma a Quantico, Va., resident and native of the Netherlands, age 38, finishing with a time of 48:56. “I loved it. It was such a nice race early in the morning with the cooler temperatures,” said Boorsma. “It became challenging early on as I was in third place and had to chase the other women for the win.”

Coming in second among females was Hannah Montague, 29 years old, from Alexandria, Va. with a time of 50:19, followed by Elizabeth Rodriguez, 29 years old, from Allentown, Pa. in a third place time of 50:51. Rodriguez won the race in 2023.

This year, the inaugural Crossroads Cup competition, a team competition between Marine Corps Base Quantico Units and Tennant Commands, was held with the winning team earning installation wide bragging rights and \$500 in Unit Funds for their Marine Corps Ball.

The winning team was from the Officer Candidate School with a combined time of 3:17:59. The winning team consisted of Staff Sergeant Andre Velez, Captain Damon Susanke, and Gunnery Sergeant Brett Thompson and Captain Hannah Montague who was also the second overall female finisher.

Unofficial results are available at www.marinemarathon.com.

The Quantico 12K presented by Stafford County Tourism marks the third tier of the 2024 Distinguished Participant program. Runners took the first two steps in becoming distinguished earlier this year by finishing the live Marine Corps 17.75K and one of the live Marine Corps Historic Half events.

Runners may continue their commitment to running with the Marines by participating in the Turkey Trot 10K and Mile, also running aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico on November 23. There are also entries still available for the MCM Kids Run on October 26 in Arlington, Va. and the MCM, MCM10K and MCM50K in the nation’s capital on October 27. Registration is open at marinemarathon.com.



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