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Marine Corps Marathon Event Series Winners Announced

Local Marine Jonathan Mbwiri, 21, Takes Overall Male Honors

QUANTICO, VA- Organizers of the 2008 Marine Corps Marathon Event Series, held aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, have announced the winners of the Overall Series Awards in four categories: overall male, overall female, masters male and masters female. The awards will be presented in a special ceremony on December 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the Marine Corps Marathon building, located at 3399 Russell Road in Quantico, VA.

Marine Corporal Jonathan Mbwiri, 21, of Quantico, Virginia was the first place winner in the overall male category with a total of 47 points. He was the second place finisher at Run Amuck, third place finisher at RunStock and received age category points for his finishes at Butler Relay and Turkey Trot.

Top honors in the overall female category were awarded to Ashley Landers, 27, of Quantico, Virginia. Landers was the first female finisher at RunStock and earned age group points at Turkey Trot to achieve her total of 31 points.

Marine Lieutenant Colonel Brad Shultis, 48, of Stafford, Virginia was the winner of the masters male category with a total of 28 points. He was the first place masters finisher in both Butler Relay and RunStock and was the second masters finisher at Run Amuck.

The category of top masters female was a tie between Sally Evans, 64, of Quantico, Virginia and Denise Adkins, 45, of Stafford, Virginia, both receiving 12 points. Evans earned age group points for her participation in RunStock and Turkey Trot. Adkins earned age group points for her participation in Butler Relay, RunStock and Turkey Trot.

Runners who participated in any of the MCM Event Series races were eligible for Event Series awards. The four races in the 2008 Event Series were: Butler Relay, held March 29; Run Amuck, held June 21; RunStock, held August 23; Turkey Trot, held November 15. Runners received points for their placement within the open male and female categories, and the master's male and female categories. Participants also received points within five year age group categories beginning with 10-14.

Complete results for all of the Event Series races are available at www.marinecorpshistorichalf.com.

The new MCM Event Series invites runners and fitness enthusiasts to participate in a range of race experiences. The Event Series is sponsored by GEICO and Marine Federal Credit Union.

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