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Marine Corps Marathon Announces Race Day Transportation Options

Marathoners are Encouraged to Take Metro for the Easiest Access to the Start

QUANTICO, VA (October 16, 2009) - The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) today announced recommended transportation options for the October 25 event. Runners, their support crews and spectators are encouraged to take Metro for easiest access to the start line. The MCM is opening Metro two hours early on race day beginning at 5 a.m. and has added additional blue line service during the afternoon to facilitate the event's large crowds exiting the finish area in Rosslyn.

Marathon runners are advised to take Metro to the Pentagon Station (blue and yellow lines). This location offers easy access to essential pre-race services like UPS Baggage Drop-off in Runners Village prior to arriving at the start area on Route 110 in Arlington. Spectators can take Metro to the Arlington Cemetery Station (blue line) to view the start, or the Rosslyn Station (blue and orange lines) to view the finish. The MCM10K start is convenient to the Smithsonian Station (blue and orange lines). Metro maps and one-day passes are available online at www.wmata.com.

Limited free parking is available at Crystal Drive and 23rd Street in Crystal City, VA. This parking is convenient to the Crystal City Metro Station, only two stops from the start. Those parking in this area can also take the free MCM Shuttle from Crystal Drive and 23rd Street to Runners Village in the Pentagon North Parking Lot from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. This service is available to marathon runners and spectators. There is no shuttle service for the MCM10K.

Post race shuttles will run from the Finish Festival in Rosslyn on the corner of Lynn Street and 19th Street to return runners and spectators to 23rd & Crystal Drive in Crystal City (blue and yellow Metro lines) from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Additionally, a fleet of taxis will be available.

Transportation at a Glance

Pentagon Station...Best for runners to access pre-race Runners Village.

Arlington Cemetery Station...Best for guests and spectators to access the start area.

Rosslyn Station...Best for guests and spectators to access the finish area. Primary post-race station.

Smithsonian Station...Best for MCM10K start.

Pre-race Shuttle...Begins at 5:00 a.m. from Crystal Drive & 23rd Street to Runners Village.

Post-race Shuttle...Begins at 10:00 a.m. from Lynn and 19th Streets to Crystal Drive & 23rd Street.

Vote "Best Marathon for Families," the Marine Corps Marathon continues a combined tradition of dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism. Currently ranked as the fifth largest marathon in the United States and ninth in the world, "The People's Marathon" boasts a course featuring the iconic landmarks of Washington, DC and Arlington, Virginia. Organized proudly by the men and women of the United States Marine Corps, the 34th MCM will be held on October 25, 2009 in Arlington, Va. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement applied. For media information, contact Marc Goldman, Marine Corps Marathon Sponsorship and Marketing Manager at (703) 784-2113 or marc.goldman@usmc.mil.