



# Media Alert

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## 34<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Marathon Sells Out in 16 Days

*Limited Entries Remain Available Through Charity Partners*

QUANTICO, VA (April 17, 2009) - The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) today announced that registration for the Sunday, October 25 event officially closed at 11:53 a.m. In just under 16 days, the MCM registered runners from all 50 states to fill the 30,000 spots in the 34<sup>th</sup> running of "The People's Marathon." The MCM is the fifth largest marathon in the United States and tenth in the world.

"The quick closing of MCM registration is quite an endorsement for the value individuals place on running despite an environment of economic uncertainty," said Rick Nealis, Race Director. "The return on investment is measured in terms of health, self confidence and personal achievement."

Nearly 5,500 runners registered in the first hour when registration opened on April 1. Suzanne Barron of Washington, DC was the first runner to register online.

For those runners who missed online registration, a limited number of entries remain available through the MCM charity partner program. More than 70 different organizations have secured entries to the marathon to generate visibility and funds for their cause. Additional information is available on the MCM charity partner page of [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com).

The 34th MCM Weekend includes the Health and Fitness Expo at the Washington Convention Center, the Healthy Kids Fun Run, the All New MCM10K, Crystal Run, the MCM Finish Festival and more exciting events still to be announced. Registration for the MCM10K presented by Aetna and the Healthy Kids Fun Run opens online at [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com) beginning May 13.

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