

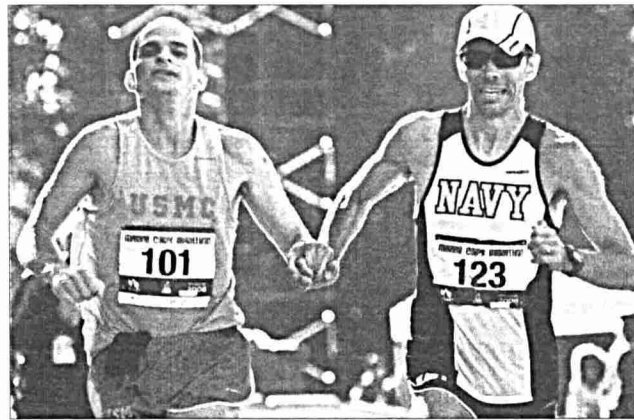
## NAVY SWEEPS MC MARATHON

Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Paul Hurley completed the 26.2 miles of the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., on a hand-cycle, coming full circle following the amputation of his lower right leg. He first completed the marathon on foot in seventh grade, he said, and was back after surviving an October 2005 car accident in Bahrain that killed another sailor, Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Roger Napper.

"I thought it was appropriate to come back," said Hurley, stationed at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. "Before this, the farthest I had ever gone on one of these [cycles] was five miles."

Hurley's perseverance was one of many athletic feats on display at the 33rd "People's Marathon." The Navy swept the gender categories in the armed forces division, with Airman Corey Duquette, 26, of Aviation Schools Command in Pensacola, Fla., finishing third overall at 2:24:40 and Lt. Abigail Stiles, 28, Naval Legal Services Office Southwest in San Diego, completing the course in 2:54:47, making her the first female service member to cross the finish line this year.

More than 1,000 current and former sailors and 126 Coasties ran the marathon, which began in Arlington, Va., and wound through the nation's capital before ending near the Marine Corps War Memorial outside Arlington National Cemetery.



LANCE CPL. BRYAN G. CARFREY

Cpl. Thomas Kunish, 28, and Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Fahey, 34, cross the finish line together at the 33rd Marine Corps Marathon in Arlington, Va. Kunish, the first Marine to finish, said he attributed part of his performance to Fahey for helping him "run the best race" of his life.

