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Registration for 35th Marine Corps Marathon Opens Online Beginning April 7

Fourth Largest U.S. Marathon to Register 30,000 Runners on www.marinemarathon.com

QUANTICO, VA (March 30, 2010) – Runners from across the country and around the world are invited to register for the landmark 35th Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) on Oct. 31, 2010. Online registration opens at noon Eastern on Wednesday, April 7 at www.marinemarathon.com.

The MCM is limited to 30,000 participants and is expected to fill up quickly. Registration costs \$90 and includes runner's bib with B-Tag timing device for ten split locations, live results, free text messages, medical tracking, individual finisher web pages, online finisher certificate, e-newsletters, mock-neck commemorative shirt, goodie bag, race program, complimentary shuttle services, free race day parking and on-course/post-race hospitality.

During registration, runners will have the opportunity to purchase limited edition MCM training apparel by Brooks Sports, Inc., a subscription to the new MCM Online Trainer service and tickets to the pre-marathon pasta dinner known as the *Carbo Dining-In*, held on Saturday, October 30 at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. At the completion of registration, runners will immediately receive an email confirming entry to the event. The email will contain a link to the online MCM Hotel/Travel Desk. Runners are encouraged to book their hotel stay early and take advantage of savings as large as 28 percent exclusively offered through the MCM Hotel/Travel Desk.

All runners ages 14 and above can register for the MCM, known as "The People's Marathon" – an event that hosts runners of all skill levels and athletic abilities. The MCM is the largest marathon in the world not offering prize money. Annually, runners participate from all 50 states and more than 40 countries. The MCM starts in Arlington, VA, and guides runners through a tour of the nation's capital culminating at the spectacular finish line at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Rosslyn, VA.

MCM Weekend events include the Health and Fitness Expo at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C., on Friday, Oct. 29 and Saturday Oct. 30; the Healthy Kids Fun Run a one-mile run for children ages 6 to 13 in Arlington, VA, on Saturday, Oct. 30; and the MCM10K on Sunday, Oct. 31. The MCM 10K (6.2 mile) race starts on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., and shares its finish with the iconic MCM. Online registration for the Healthy Kids Fun Run and MCM10K starts May 5 at www.marinemarathon.com.

For media information regarding the Marine Corps Marathon and other weekend events, contact Tami Faram, Marine Corps Marathon Public Relations Coordinator at 703-432-1840 or tami.faram@usmc.mil.

Voted the best marathon for families, the Marine Corps Marathon honors the dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism of its participants. Runners from all walks of life participate in the largest marathon not to offer prize money, earning the nickname, "The People's Marathon." The MCM is the fourth largest marathon in the United States and the eighth largest in the world. The 35th Marine Corps Marathon will be held on October 31, in Arlington, VA. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied.

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