



# Press Release

For Immediate Release

Media Contact: Tami Faram  
tami.faram@usmc.mil  
703.432.1840 (office)  
703.862.6957 (cell)

## **Long-Time Marine Corps Marathon Participants to Inspire New Generation of Runners** *MCM Runners Club Members Invited to 'Inspire a Miler' At Healthy Kids Fun Run*

**QUANTICO, VA (August 26, 2010)** – Over 700 runners will participate in the 35th Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) who have run five or more times in the event. As members of the MCM Runners Club, they receive a guaranteed entry for life to participate in “The People’s Marathon” and are being called upon to generate enthusiasm in the next generation of runners. All MCM Runners Club members registered for the October 31 MCM will be invited via email to Inspire A Miler on Saturday, October 30, the day prior to the 35<sup>th</sup> MCM.

At 9 a.m. in the Pentagon North parking lot, just before the start of the Healthy Kids Fun Run, an annual one-mile event for kids ages six to 13, MCM Runners Club members will run a 1.5 mile, untimed course demonstrating their love of running while inspiring the young runners as they prepare for the Healthy Kids Fun Run.

MCM Runners Club members will receive a special bib featuring the number of their most recently achieved five-year plateau.

“Inspire A Miler enhances the MCM’s mission to promote physical fitness and community goodwill while perpetuating the future of our sport,” says Rick Nealis, MCM race director. “When 3,000 Kids Run participants see the MCM Runners Club members in action, they will realize that this is a sport to be enjoyed throughout your life.”

MCM Runners Club members will be required to register for this event. The invitation email details the proper registration procedures.

Children from schools across the United States will participate in the Healthy Kids Fun Run while reaching their one-mile running goal alongside their classmates, siblings and friends. Online registration for the Healthy Kids Fun Run is available at [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com). The Healthy Kids Fun Run will include the Camp Miles free family fitness festival that will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Pentagon North Parking lot in Arlington, VA.

*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 as “The People’s Marathon.” The MCM is the fourth largest marathon in the United States and the eighth largest in the world. The 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary Marine Corps Marathon will be held on October 31, in Arlington, VA. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied.*

###

42:10