

U.S. Marine Corporal Takes First Place at Irish Sprint 10K

714 Finishers Participate in Opening Run of 2011 MCM Event Series

QUANTICO, VA (March 26, 2011) – Lucky gold finisher coins, festive Irish entertainment and green beer attracted 714 finishers from 21 states to complete the Irish Sprint 10K on March 26 on Marine Corps Base Quantico. A U.S. Marine Corporal led the pack completing the 6.2 mile event in just 35:20. Cpl. Craig Clark, a 24-year-old native of Hamden, CT, won the Irish Sprint 10K, the first run in the 2011 MCM Event Series organized by the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM).

“It was pretty cold at the start this morning and it was pretty flat with no hills until Mile 4, then it was straight up hill ... and that was definitely the biggest challenge for me,” said Clark after winning his first place award. “The Irish Sprint was definitely a good experience.”

Clark also was the top military finisher running 1:20:27 at the 2010 Marine Corps Historic Half marathon and he finished the 35th MCM in 3:03:28.

Genevieve Studer of Dumfries, VA agreed that the hill was her biggest challenge at the Irish Sprint but still finished as the first woman with a time of 42:58. Studer, 25, said she was pleased to have exceeded her own finishing time expectations at the Irish Sprint and is looking forward to her longer distance run at the Marine Corps Historic Half in Fredericksburg, VA on May 15.

Gregory Kammerer, 48, of Washington, D.C. was the first male masters runner to finish with a time of 40:27, while Melissa Boitnott, 41, of Fredericksburg, VA topped the women masters finishing in 48:54.

In addition, more than 50 kids participated in the Luck O’ the Leatherneck one mile event that immediately followed the Irish Sprint. The kids received commemorative T-shirts and spun “the lucky wheel” to receive prizes at the finish.

The unofficial Age Group Award Winners for the Irish Sprint 10K are:

10-14

Men:	Jeremy Mills	14	Beaverdam, VA	43:56
Women:	Delaney Galbraith	11	Stafford, VA	53:54

15-19

Men:	Evan Huvane	16	Bristol, TN	39:08
Women:	Victoria Cannon	19	Annapolis, MD	50:00

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20-24				
Men:	Jason Murphy	23	Fredericksburg, VA	41:50
Women:	Mary Jane Egan	22	Washington, DC	44:41
25-29				
Men:	Brian Costello	25	Arlington, VA	41:30
Women:	Amy Ritter	29	Raleigh, NC	45:38
30-34				
Men:	Michael Drzewucki	30	Woodbridge, VA	41:55
Women:	Katarina Whelan	34	Stafford, VA	43:28
35-39				
Men:	E.J. O'Malley	36	Stafford, VA	38:01
Women:	Jennifer Shafer	37	Triangle, VA	44:08
40-44				
Men:	James Matthews	43	Sperryville, VA	44:11
Women:	Heidi Berg	42	Alexandria, VA	49:22
45-49				
Men:	Jack Tade	46	Falls Church, VA	43:20
Women:	Heidi Cox	46	Stafford, VA	50:52
50-54				
Men:	Terry Basham	52	Dumfries, VA	41:36
Women:	Bethanne Mills	52	Alexandria, VA	53:00
55-59				
Men:	Jon Breakey	57	Hamstead, MD	51:38
Women:	Elsa Baughman	55	Stafford, VA	54:49
60-99				
Men:	Christopher Arey	60	Stafford, VA	43:57
Women:	Laurel Clement	62	Haymarket, VA	53:28

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