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Guaranteed Entries for Marine Corps Historic Half and Marine Corps Marathon Available to Butler Relay Participants

Register for the Butler Relay online at www.marinemarathon.com

QUANTICO, VA – Runners who register and participate in the inaugural Butler Relay, part of the new Marine Corps Marathon Event Series, will be eligible to receive a guaranteed non-complimentary entry into either the 2008 Marine Corps Historic Half, or the 2008 Marine Corps Marathon. Runners will select and receive their entry at Packet Pick-Up for the Butler Relay on March 27-28.

“I wanted to thank those runners who are participating in the inaugural Butler Relay for their dedication to the Marine Corps Marathon organization and to the sport of running,” said Rick Nealis, Director. “What better way to show my appreciation than to offer an entry into the sold out Marine Corps Historic Half, or a highly coveted entry into the Marine Corps Marathon?”

The first event in the new MCM Event Series, the Butler Relay is a 10K two-person team race, to be held on March 29, beginning at 8:00 a.m., aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, in Quantico, VA. Registration for The Butler Relay is open to the general public and registration is available online at www.marinemarathon.com.

The Butler Relay starts and finishes at Quantico’s newly renovated Butler Stadium, featuring a state-of-the-art track. The race takes runners on a scenic tour of Marine Corps Base Quantico, including an off-road section of the USATF-certified course. Open to runners age 10 and up, the race field for the Butler Relay is limited to 1,000 runners. Runners may sign up individually or as teams. A \$36 registration fee includes a shirt, chip rental, event coin sponsored by Marine Federal Credit Union, hospitality and entertainment. Pre-registration is required.

Runners must pick up their bib and other race materials prior to the event. Packet Pick-up will be held on March 27 - 28, at the Marine Corps Marathon Building, located at 3399 Russell Road in Quantico, VA. All participants entering Marine Corps Base Quantico are required to show proper ID at the security checkpoints. For more on this, and additional details regarding the Butler Relay, visit www.marinemarathon.com and click on Event Series.

Runners who participate in any race in the 2008 MCM Event Series are eligible for Event Series awards. Runners will receive points for their placement within the open male and female categories, and within the master’s male and female categories. Age group awards will be presented for each event and will fall into the following increments: ages 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70 and older.

The new MCM Event Series invites runners and fitness enthusiasts to participate in a range of race experiences. The Event Series sponsored by Geico and Marine Federal Credit Union includes the Butler Relay, a 10K relay race; Run Amuck, a 5K course featuring a variety of obstacles; RunStock, a 5K race followed by a live concert; and the Turkey Trot, a traditional 10K race complete with a turkey for the winner.

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