



# Press Release

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## **Only 14 Days Needed to Close Registration for 32<sup>nd</sup> Marine Corps Marathon**

*Charity Partners Hold Remaining Registration Opportunities*

**QUANTICO, VA-** The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) sold out on May 23 at 3:00 p.m. eastern time with 30,000 participants for the October 28 event. Thousands of runners hit the MCM website, [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com), as registration opened on May 9 at noon eastern to ensure a spot on the Arlington, VA start line. A previous MCM finisher, Michael Goldstein of Washington, DC, was the first runner to register online. Goldstein was one of 4,614 runners, or more than 1 runner per second, registered in the first hour of rolling registration.

“Would-be marathoners are more excited than ever about participating in the MCM,” said Rick Nealis, Race Director. “Their enthusiasm drove registration to close a week earlier than in 2006 and reach the second fastest close out the MCM has ever experienced!”

For those runners who missed online registration, a limited number of entries remain available through the MCM charity partner program. Visit the MCM charity partner page on [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com) for more information.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> MCM weekend includes the two-day Health and Fitness Expo at the DC Armory, the Healthy Kids Fun Run, the MCM10K, Crystal Run presented by the Crystal City Business Improvement District, MCM Finish Festival and more exciting events still to be announced.

*Voted “Best Marathon for Families”, the Marine Corps Marathon continues a combined tradition of dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism. Runners from all walks of life have participated in the world’s largest marathon to not offer prize money, deservingly earning the nickname “The People’s Marathon.” The 32<sup>nd</sup> Marine Corps Marathon to be held on October 28, 2007 in Arlington, VA is presented by USAA, Brooks Sports, Inc., and Caremark.*

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