



# Press Release

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## **Marine Corps Marathon to Offer Limited Number of Guaranteed Entries at 26.2 with Donna Marathon**

*26.2 with Donna Health and Fitness Expo to be held February 13-14 in Jacksonville, FL*

**QUANTICO, VA-** A limited number of guaranteed entries to the 2009 Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) will be available to runners and guests at the 26.2 with Donna Marathon Health and Fitness Expo. The Jacksonville, Florida event is part of a series of special guaranteed registration events for the MCM that will be held across the country and around the world this winter.

Would-be marathoners should visit the Marine Corps Marathon booth at the 26.2 with Donna Marathon Health and Fitness Expo on Friday, February 13 between 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. or Saturday, February 14 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The Expo will be held at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel, 225 East Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Visitors to the MCM booth will receive an entry code, redeemable online at [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com). A limited number of entry codes are available at each event and are expected to go quickly!

“The special registration events offer runners a unique chance to get into the MCM before it opens to the general public,” said Rick Nealis, Director. “This is the MCM’s way of thanking runners for their dedication not only to the Marine Corps Marathon but to the sport of running.”

The 2009 MCM will be held on October 25 in Washington, DC. Online registration begins at noon eastern on April 1 at [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com) and is open to runners ages 14 and older on a first come, first served basis. The race field is limited to 30,000 runners and in 2008 sold out in just five days.

MCM weekend includes the Health and Fitness Expo, held at the Washington Convention Center October 23-24, MCM10K, Healthy Kids Fun Run, pasta party and more!

*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, deservedly earning the nickname “The People’s Marathon.” The 34th Marine Corps Marathon to be held on October 25, 2009 is presented by USAA, Brooks Sports, Inc., and CVS Caremark. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement implied.*

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