



# Press Release

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## Marine Corps Marathon and UPS Announce New Baggage Procedures

*New system includes drop off location in Runners' Village and pick-up at Finish Festival*

QUANTICO, VA- The Marine Corps Marathon announced today new procedures for UPS Baggage drop off and pick-up at the 31<sup>st</sup> MCM, to be held October 29, 2006 in Arlington, VA.

Runners participating in the MCM will receive an individually numbered UPS baggage sticker in the runner package provided at Packet Pick-up, part of the MCM Health and Fitness Expo. This sticker contains a number (1-40) corresponding to a runner's designated drop-off UPS truck. Runners are requested to securely affix the sticker to the clear, plastic Brooks goodie bag, also received at Packet Pick-up to allow for ease of storage and retrieval by UPS personnel.

On race morning, runners who wish to stow belongings can take Metro's Blue and Yellow lines to the Pentagon station for easy access to Runners' Village in the North Pentagon parking lot. The 40 brown UPS trucks will be parked in numerical sequence for ease of drop off.

Following the start of the MCM, the UPS trucks will caravan to the baggage retrieval location and park in sequence on Lynn Street from North Fairfax Drive to Wilson Boulevard in Rosslyn, VA. Runners will cross the finish, make their way through hospitality, enjoy the fun at the Finish Festival and pick-up their bags from the same numbered truck as drop off.

"UPS is the perfect package delivery company to accept the runners' personal bags because we safely deliver more than 14 million packages per day," said Chad Baker, District Retail Sales for UPS. "We load the runners' bags with the same care we use to load daily packages, and ensure runners bags are delivered back to them immediately upon finishing the race."

UPS is in its second year of sponsoring the MCM.

### **About UPS**

UPS is the world's largest package delivery company and a global leader in supply chain services, offering an extensive range of options for synchronizing the movement of goods, information and funds. Headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., UPS serves more than 200 countries and territories worldwide. UPS's stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange (UPS) and the company can be found on the Web at UPS.com. UPS . . . What can brown do for you?

### **About the Marine Corps Marathon**

Voted "Best Marathon for Families" by HerSports Magazine, the Marine Corps Marathon continues a combined tradition of dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism. Since its inception, over 300,000 civilian and military runners from all walks of life have participated, deservingly earning the event its nickname "The People's Marathon." The 31<sup>st</sup> Marine Corps Marathon to be held on October 29, 2006 in Arlington, VA is presented by USAA, Brooks Sports, Inc., and Cisco Systems. Visit [marinemarathon.com](http://marinemarathon.com) for more information.

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