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Back-to-Back Wins for Fredericksburg's Young at Marine Corps Historic Half

Field of more than 5,000 runners participates in second annual event

FREDERICKSBURG, VA (May 17, 2009) – For the second consecutive year, Tim Young of Fredericksburg, VA was the top finisher at the Marine Corps Historic Half marathon. Young, 22, improved by two minutes over his 2008 winning time of 1:08:51 by finishing at 1:06:57 to lead the field of 5,007 runners. Taking a lead within mile one that was never challenged, Young finished more than three minutes ahead of the second place finisher, Aaron Church of South Riding, VA. Periods of strong rain and wind did not prevent 4,923 runners from completing the run through historic Fredericksburg.

Kristen Herring, 30, of Elizabeth City, NC, led all female finishers with a time of 1:28:33.

The Semper Fred 5K race held in conjunction with the Historic Half boasted 509 finishers including Fredericksburg native James Parry, the top male finisher, and Robin Vanneman of Stafford, VA, who was the top female finisher.

A complete listing of results is available on the Marine Corps Historic Half website, www.marinecorpshistorichalf.com. Age group awards winners will receive their awards by mail a few weeks after the event.

Historic Half Marathon Top Male Finishers:

1. Timothy Young, age 22, Fredericksburg, VA- 1:06:57
2. Aaron Church, age 33, South Riding, VA- 1:10:05
3. Billy Vanvianen, age 28, Camp Lejeune, NC- 1:15:49

Historic Half Marathon Top Female Finishers:

1. Kristen Herring, age 30, Elizabeth City, NC- 1:28:33
2. Molly Roohi, age 28, King George, VA- 1:29:26
3. Dolores Ware, age 39, Dumfries, VA-1:29:46

Historic Half Marathon Top Male Masters Finisher:

1. Douglas Marocco, age 45, Arlington, VA- 1:21:59

Historic Half Marathon Top Female Masters Finisher:

1. Debbie Jockin, age 43, Fredericksburg, VA- 1:36:52

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Semper Fred 5K Top Male Finisher:

1. James Parry, age 18, Fredericksburg, VA- 17:33

Semper Fred 5K Top Female Finisher:

1. Robin Vanneman, age 20, Stafford, VA- 19:37

Semper Fred 5K Top Male Masters Finisher:

1. Michael Cuttright, age 43, Fredericksburg, VA-18:52

Semper Fred 5K Top Female Masters Finisher:

1. Betsy Henderson, age 56, Roanoke, VA- 26:13

The Marine Corps Historic Half marathon is held annually in Fredericksburg, VA. Organized by the Marine Corps Marathon staff, the Historic Half mission is to generate community goodwill, promote physical fitness and showcase the organizational skills of the Marine Corps. The Historic Half is sponsored by GEICO, Marine Federal Credit Union and New Balance. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement implied.

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