



# Press Release

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## **Marine Corps Marathon to Offer Guaranteed Entries on Tuesday, May 16 at Registration Rally**

*Registration Rally at Pentagon Row to be held May 16, one day prior to the start of online registration*

QUANTICO, VA – Local runners are invited to join the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) for a mid-day break on May 16, the day prior to the opening of online registration, to be among the first to secure an entry into the 31<sup>st</sup> MCM. 1,000 early entries and active duty discounts will be available at the MCM Registration Rally from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Pentagon Row in Arlington, VA. The rally features music from the Marine Corps Base Quantico Band, food and product sampling by Pentagon Row merchants, prize giveaways, MCM Brooks training gear, coupon savings and more.

“Pentagon Row is pleased to host the 2nd annual Marine Corps Marathon Registration Rally,” said Jill Powell, Marketing Manager for Pentagon Row. “The marathon is such a highly anticipated event in Arlington, we are thrilled that we are able to help with the kick-off.”

The MCM Registration Rally will offer entries to runners, 24 hours before online rolling registration opens on May 17! The 31<sup>st</sup> MCM, to be held on October 29, is limited to 34,000 runners and is expected to fill quickly. Online registration begins May 17 at noon eastern on the MCM website, [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com). Last year, registration filled in just 62 hours and 19 minutes. The 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary event is expected to fill even faster. Fortunately, local runners seeking an early jump on registration can sign up for the marathon at the Registration Rally. Would-be marathoners must be present to register and entries will not be accepted after 1 p.m. Military members taking advantage of the active duty discount are asked to bring a photocopy of their military ID.

Pentagon Row participating merchants include: A Visual Affair, Arlington Visitors Center, As Kindred Spirits, Bally Total Fitness, Banner Hallmark, Elizabeth Arden Red Door Salon and Spa, Gotta Run, Hudson Trail Outfitters, Lebanese Taverna, More Space Place, Post Pentagon Row, Ristorante Murali, Smoothie King and Sur La Table.

*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 will be held on October 29, 2006. Rolling Registration opens on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at noon EST. Visit [marinemarathon.com](http://marinemarathon.com) for more information.*

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31st Marine Corps Marathon – October 29, 2006 – [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com)