



31st Marine Corps Marathon • October 29, 2006 • www.marinemarathon.com

Press Release

For Immediate Release

March 7, 2006

Media Contact: Beth Cline 703 432 1165

Elizabeth.Cline@usmc.mil

Marine Corps Marathon Announces New MCM10K

Event Will Partner with Race Packet Grand Prix Race Series

QUANTICO, VA – The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) announced today a new 10K race to be held in conjunction with the annual 26.2-mile event on Sunday, October 29, 2006. The new 10K will utilize the same start and finish line as the MCM and replace the previous MCM 8K. Runners of all ages are invited to participate in the 6.2-mile race. Online registration opens at midnight eastern time (00:00:01) on April 1, 2006 at www.marinemarathon.com.

“A 10K is not a particularly unique distance for runners,” said Rick Nealis, MCM Race Director. “The new MCM10K breaks the mold because participants will experience the same wonderful amenities as the marathoners, tens of thousands of cheering spectators, great volunteer support and energy unmatched in any other 10K.”

The new MCM10K starts at 9:00 a.m., just minutes after marathon runners begin their race. The course winds its way from the Arlington Memorial Bridge start to the Pentagon parking lot, through the sights and sounds of Crystal City and returning to cross the legendary finish line at the Marine Corps War Memorial. Registration is \$45 and includes a single-use commemorative ChampionChip, goodie bag, race materials including bib and race program, and MCM10K mock neck shirt. Finishers will receive a medal and plenty of post-race replenishment in the hospitality tent. The new MCM10K is limited to a race field of 5,000, so sign up early to ensure a spot!

The new MCM10K will partner with the RacePacket Grand Prix Race Series to welcome local runners to the event. The RacePacket Grand Prix Series has been held each year since 1997 and consists of 12 selected races held in the Washington, DC area. Runners gain points based upon their relative finish in each of the races with recognition awarded to those runners with the highest point totals in the overall and age group categories.

“Being a part of a race series will attract top runners from the area to this important new race,” said Robert Platt, publisher of RacePacket magazine. “The Marines produce a quality event, and the Grand Prix Series is pleased to be a partner with the new MCM10K.”

For more information on the Grand Prix Series, visit www.racepacket.com Runners in the Grand Prix series must register for the new MCM10K on the MCM website.

Voted “Best marathon for Families” by Her Sports 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 31st Marine Corps Marathon will be held on October 29, 2006. Rolling Registration opens on May 17th, 2006 at noon EST. Visit marinemarathon.com for more information. For media information, contact Beth Cline, Marine Corps Marathon Public Relations Coordinator at (703) 432-1165, or Elizabeth.Cline@usmc.mil. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement implied.

###