New Virtual Tandem Event Teams Runners and their Dogs

Marine Corps Marathon Organization Celebrates Four-Legged Marines

QUANTICO, VA (**February 24, 2021**) – The Marine Corps Marathon Organization (MCMO) announced a new virtual event for dogs and their owners to set their own pace and accumulate mileage from July 1 to July 5, 2021.

The new Devil Dog Tandem invites two- and four-legged runners to team up and run one day or all five days then upload daily results to receive milestone facts about famous dogs in Marine Corps history. It is the perfect way for dog owners to exercise with their pooch, have fun and earn swag both can enjoy.

"Marines I see as two breeds, Rottweilers or Dobermans, because Marines come in two varieties, big and mean, or skinny and mean," said RAdm. "Jay" R. Stark.

Famous Marine canines themes being celebrated as part of this event include Marine Corps mascot Chesty; Kurt, a Doberman who served at the Battle of Guam; MCM bulldog mascots Miles and Molly; and the Devil Dogs from the Battle of Belleau Wood. During registration, tandems will have the option to join the team of one of these five famous dogs and contribute to an overall mileage accumulation.

Tandems will receive a devil dog-themed beach towel, luggage tag and a specially designed dog tag.

Registration for the Devil Dog Tandem opens to the public at noon Eastern on Wednesday, March 10 at www.marinemarathon.com and costs \$40 per entry.

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The MCM Event Series, hosted by the Marine Corps Marathon Organization, features a variety of distances and fun challenges on or near Marine Corps Base Quantico. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. Connect with the Marine Corps Marathon on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>YouTube</u> and <u>Flickr</u>. #RunWithTheMarines