Live Version of Semper 5ive to be Hosted on Marine Corps Base Quantico

Marine Corps Historic Half and Devil Dog Double events remain virtual-only

QUANTICO, VA (March 03, 2021) – The Marine Corps Marathon Organization (MCMO) has confirmed the status of the 2021 Marine Corps Historic Half Weekend events. The 13.1-mile Historic Half marathon and the 18.1-mile Devil Dog Double will be conducted as virtual-only events, while the five-mile Semper 5ive event will be held live on Saturday, May 15 in a new location, aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico.

Traditionally, the Marine Corps Historic Half Weekend has been hosted in historic downtown Fredericksburg, VA. Considered "The Greatest Half in History," the event boasts a course featuring landmarks dating back to the nation's beginnings and the early homes of Presidents George Washington and James Monroe.

Runners who deferred from the 2020 Semper 5ive event will receive an email invitation to activate their deferment and enter the live event. Runners currently registered for the virtual Semper 5ive may transfer into the live version at no additional cost.

General registration for the live Semper 5ive is \$45 and is now open at www.marinemarathon.com. Each entry includes a participant shirt, spinner finisher medal and collectible bib.

The field of 1,000 participants will be divided into two social-distanced, separate start times.

Ambitious runners can also sign up for the very limited Distinguished Participant Medal, which symbolizes a year-long commitment to running with the Marines. To earn the coveted medal, runners should plan to #RunWithTheMarines in four of the five tiers, either in person or virtual. Only one event from a tier may count as a Distinguished Participant qualifier:

- Tier One: Quantico Crucible
- Tier Two: Historic Half events (13.1, Semper 5ive or Devil Dog Double);
- Tier Three: Belleau Wood 8K or Crossroads Trail 15K;
- Tier Four: Quantico Duathlon or Quantico 12K;
- Tier Five: Turkey Trot 10K or Semper Fun Mile

The MCMO and Hospital Hill look forward to welcoming runners back to Fredericksburg in future years.

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The Marine Corps Historic Half Weekend hosted annually in Fredericksburg, VA, includes thousands of participants and spectators from all over the United States and the world to partake in the Historic Half Marathon, Semper 5ive and the Devil Dog Double which encompasses both distances. 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