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New Course, New Record Set for Live Semper 5ive Event

Hosted in new location aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico

QUANTICO, VA (May 18, 2021) – More than 300 runners from 18 states attended the live Semper 5ive on Saturday, May 15 aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico. An additional 4,446 runners across the United States and 22 countries completed the virtual Semper 5ive, as well as the sold out Marine Corps Historic Half and Devil Dog Double events between April 24 and May 16.

Jonathan Ladson, 29, from Dale City, VA crossed the finish line first with a time of 26:03, setting a new course record for the Semper 5ive event. "My goal was to redeem myself from the 17.75K in March and then when I heard that the course record was 27:18, that became my secondary goal."

Rounding out the top male finishers are Samuel Yakulis, 17 from Stafford, VA with 27:30 and Montano Klingsporn, 22, from Clarksville, VA with 27:49, placing second and third respectively.

Leading the female finishers was Sarah Scully, 25, from Arlington, VA with a time of 33:14. Catherine Miller, 54, from Spotsylvania, VA earned second place for women in 33:52, followed closely by Elizabeth Kukla, 27, from Richmond, VA in third place with a time of 34:55.

Additional event highlights include:

- The youngest runner, Alyssa Deleon, 10, from King George, VA secured the award for the female 7-10 age division with a time of 1:14:05, while the oldest runner Jewell Martin-Grigsby, 89, from Stafford, VA finished in 1:22:41, also earning the age award for the female 70 & Over division.
- Three runners, including Caitlin Hodge, 27, from Washington, PA (58:51), Garett Covert, 12, from Fredericksburg, VA (55:52) and Joshua Summits, 39, from Stafford, VA (37:20) celebrated their birthday on event day
- Textron Systems was on site to display the new CottonmouthTM Advanced Reconnaissance Vehicle —a next-generation amphibious scout vehicle.

The 5-mile event is traditionally hosted in Fredericksburg, VA as part of the annual Marine Corps Historic Half Weekend events but relocated to Marine Corps Base Quantico this year.

Unofficial results are available at www.marinemarathon.com. Runners may continue their commitment to #RunWithTheMarines by participating in the Belleau Wood 8K and Crossroads Trail 15K in June or the Quantico 12K and Quantico Duathlon in August.

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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 Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Flickr. #RunWithTheMarines