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## Special Marines-Only 24-Hour Registration for 45<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Marathon

*Marines and families can register for the 2020 MCM on February 19*

**QUANTICO, VA (February 10, 2020)** – On Wednesday, Feb. 19, the Marine Corps Marathon Organization (MCMO) will be launching a special registration for those who have served or are currently serving in the United States Marine Corps and their families.

For one day only, all Marines (active, retired, reserve and former) and their families can register for the 45<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) taking place on Oct. 25 in Arlington, VA and the nation's capital.

The 24-hour registration will be available from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. on Feb. 19, which marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of U.S. Marines first landing on the island of Iwo Jima during World War II. To remember and honor the Marines that fought and gave their lives during the historic battle, this year's finisher's medal will feature the island's volcanic ash, often referred to as black sand.

To commemorate the 45<sup>th</sup> MCM, the registration fee has been reduced by 4.5% over the 2019 cost from \$180 to \$171.90. All Marines will receive the additional military discount during the registration process.

Registration for the 45<sup>th</sup> MCM opens to the public on Wednesday, March 18 at noon Eastern at [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com) via online lottery and will remain open through March 31 at noon.

Runners can also gain access to the MCM through the following programs:

- MCM Four Star – Open Now
- MCM50K – Open February 23
- MCM Runners Club, Deferment and Active Duty – Open March 2 – 13
- Charity Partners – Open April 1
- MCM10K and Kids Run – Open April 13

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### **About the Marine Corps Marathon:**

*The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM), known as “The People’s Marathon,” promotes physical fitness and generates community goodwill while showcasing the high standards and discipline of the United States Marine Corps.*

*Annually ranked as one of the largest marathons in the US and the world, the MCM welcomes runners from all 50 states and more than 60 countries. The MCM is presented by Arlington County, Brooks, Cigna and Leidos. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. Connect with the Marine Corps Marathon on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#). #RunWithTheMarines*