

## New Virtual Interactive Event for Half Marathon Runners

*Runners can now get “Mission Ready” for Historic Half Weekend*

**QUANTICO, VA (February 22, 2021)** – The Marine Corps Marathon Organization is introducing Mission Ready: Historic Half. The virtual interactive event spans the six weeks prior to Historic Half Weekend and offers three tiers of registration options based on the training miles runners will accumulate before their Historic Half event.

Each tier is associated with the number of training miles the runner commits to complete between March 21- May 1, 2021, as they prepare for the Historic Half, Devil Dog Double or any other spring long-distance event. Registration opens on Monday, March 1 for Mission Ready: Historic Half. Tiers include Bronze at \$25, Silver at \$30 and Gold at \$35.

Runners will accumulate and log training miles as they complete them on the way to the ambitious total. An interactive Historic Half course map will track the runner’s progress and unlock motivation messages and interesting facts along the way. After logging all required miles, participants will receive recognition pieces according to their registered tier:

- Bronze will receive a uniquely designed dog tag-shaped coin
- Silver will receive dog tag coin and silver lapel pin
- Gold will receive dog tag coin, silver and gold lapel pins.

The dog tag and pins may be affixed to the finisher medal for the Historic Half to demonstrate the decorated runner’s mission preparation and then mission accomplishment.

Ambitious runners can also sign up for the Semper Fi Challenge, returning for its second year. The two-event challenge includes either the Historic Half or the Devil Dog Double in May 2021 and the MCM or the MCM50K in October 2021. Runners must finish both events to earn the special medal.

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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*