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## Marine Corps 17.75K Kicks Off Live MCM Event Series for 2021

*Hosted in new location aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico*

**QUANTICO, VA (March 23, 2021)** – More than 400 runners from 24 states attended the live Marine Corps 17.75K on Saturday, March 20 aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico. An additional 2,220 runners across the United States and 17 countries completed the virtual version of the event between March 6 and March 20.

Michael Schueller, 33, from Bethel Park, PA claimed his first MCM Event Series win in 1:08:40. “I’m from Pennsylvania and the hills there are about the same, so it wasn’t too bad,” said Schueller, who was running the 17.75K for the first time. “It was a nice mix, switching from the roads to the trails, different than a normal road race.”

Following closely behind Schueller with a time of 1:09:20 was Tom Quinn, 38, an exchange officer from the United Kingdom and rounding out the top male finishers is Kenneth Parisi, 43, from Montclair, VA with a time of 1:12:25.

Leading the female finishers was Elizabeth Kukla, 27, from Richmond, VA with a time of 1:29:46. After recovering from the coronavirus in January, Kukla was looking forward to her first event since the start of the pandemic. “The hills were a little bit brutal, but it was good and I’m just glad I could do it.”

In a very close finish, Kate Scott, 37, from Falls Church, VA took second place only one second ahead of Richmond, VA resident Lauren Groppi, 42. Scott finished in 1:30:50 followed by Groppi in 1:30:51.

Additional event highlights include:

- The youngest runner Braxton Lee, 11, from Quinton, VA finished in 1:55:40, while the oldest runner John Stack, 77, from Woodbridge, VA finished in 3:11:24 after a successful bone marrow transplant last November. “I am recovering from bone cancer, so I thought I’d get out and start running again,” said Stack, who plans to run the upcoming Marine Corps Historic Half in May and the Marine Corps Marathon in October.
- Amy Stulman, 36, from Falls Church, VA celebrated her birthday on event day (1:33:40).
- Chaplain Steven Barstow blessed his final MCMO event offering the morning’s invocation before retiring.

The 11.03-mile event commemorating the founding of the United States Marine Corps in 1775 is traditionally hosted in Prince William Forest Park but relocated to Marine Corps Base Quantico this year.

All finishers received a branded MCMO face mask before collecting their pre-packaged post-event goodies. Participants in both the virtual and in-person events received a Tun Tavern-themed shirt, finisher medal and collectible bib.

Unofficial results are available at [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com). Runners may continue their commitment to #RunWithTheMarines by participating in the Historic Half Weekend events in May including the live Semper 5ive and the Belleau Wood 8K or Crossroads Trail 15K in June, also to be held in person.

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