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7.0-Mile Event to Commemorate 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Chosin Reservoir

MCM Organization adds new virtual and live running event to celebrate "The Chosin Few"

QUANTICO, VA (September 8, 2020) – The Battle of Chosin Reservoir has been recognized as the most brutal in modern warfare by violence, casualty rate and weather conditions. Over the course of 14 days in 1950, 17 Medals of Honor were awarded. On November 14, 1950, a cold front from Siberia descended over the Chosin Reservoir, and the temperature plunged as low as –36 °F. Between November 27 and December 13, approximately 30,000 United Nations Command troops including those from the US (later nicknamed "The Chosin Few") were encircled and attacked by about 120,000 Chinese troops. The UN forces were nevertheless able to break out of the encirclement.

In honor of the 70th anniversary of this historic battle, the Marine Corps Marathon Organization (MCMO) will host the ***Frozen Chosin 7.0 Miler*** on Saturday, December 12 aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico. Additionally, a virtual version of the event will be available as runners ages seven and up will have the opportunity to complete 7.0 miles between November 27 and December 13, 2020, a span of dates matching the battle.

Registration opened on September 2 at www.marinemarathon.com and is limited to 1,200 participants: 800 for the virtual option, 400 in the live event. For \$40, participants receive official results, a digital keepsake bib and a specially designed backpack featuring stunning embroidery of the Republic of Korea War Service Military Ribbon to recognize the accomplishment of finishing this special commemorative event.

Late in the battle, the Chinese troops were ordered to blow up a bridge vital to the path of the United Nations troops. With their exit path blocked, the US dropped by parachute eight, two ton portable bridge sections that were successfully reassembled into a replacement bridge by Marine Corps combat engineers. This incredible feat enabled UN forces to cross the bridge to safety.

Virtual runners are encouraged to find a day with cold temperatures within the participation window to honor those who fought during this defining battle from which came the Chesty Puller quote, "We're surrounded. Good, that simplifies the problem."

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The Frozen Chosin 7.0 Miler is part of the MCM Event Series hosted by the Marine Corps Marathon Organization. The MCM Event Series feature a variety of distances and fun challenges on or near Marine Corps Base Quantico. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. Connect with the Marine Corps Marathon on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#). #RunWithTheMarines