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## MCM Organization Hosts Event to Celebrate “The Chosin Few”

*Commemorative event closes out the Marine Corps Marathon event calendar*

**QUANTICO, VA (December 16, 2020)** – In honor of the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, the Marine Corps Marathon Organization (MCMO) hosted the Frozen Chosin 7.0 Miler aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico on Saturday, Dec. 12. More than 200 runners and their families helped to celebrate the festive conclusion to the 2020 MCM Event Series.

An additional 945 runners completed the virtual version of the event between November 27 and December 13, 2020, the span of dates matching the historic battle.

Leading the finishers was Ryan Olson, a U.S. Marine from Fredericksburg, VA with a time of 47:02. The 35-year-old was followed closely by Clayton Stoil, 16, of Great Falls, VA who crossed the finish line only 16 seconds later with a time of 47:18. Rounding out the top three males with a time of 50:27 was Forrester Stafford, 38, from Culpeper, VA.

Megan McCarthy, 37, from Washington DC finished first among women in 53 minutes, followed by 34-year-old Yenny Peguero Jimenez with a time of 54:09. The Culpeper, VA resident joked that not only did she mistakenly train for a longer distance but she also didn't get lost on the trail, which helped with her time.

“The organization, the safety measures in place, the clearly marked route, everything was just really good,” said Jimenez. “I thought the route was 14 kilometers, but it was only 11, so my timing was great and I finished earlier than planned.”

The third place female finisher was Casey Simpson, 43, from Manassas, VA with a time of 57:27. Simpson also ran her first marathon earlier this fall when she participated in the virtual MCM, completing it in 4:50:16.

For Leanne Miyasaki, the event was a personal tribute to her father and his mentor. “I am running in honor of Sgt Regis Helch, who is the closest thing to a father-figure that my dad had and one of the “Chosin Few” who survived the Battle of Chosin Reservoir and passed away a few years ago.”

The 34-year-old Virginia Beach resident finished the Frozen Chosin 7.0 Miler with a time of 1:05:52. “I’ve done a couple virtual events this year, but this is my first live one and I’m so impressed with everything from the way they had the waves set up with the cones for distancing to the organization and flow. It was all really good.”

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 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. Event festivities also included a soup station at the finish line and free vintage MCMO shirts from past events.

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