

Marine Corps Historic Half to Introduce Devil Dog Double in 2017

New event to occur during tenth anniversary of Historic Half in Fredericksburg, VA

QUANTICO, VA (Sept. 28, 2016) – The Marine Corps Historic Half will celebrate its tenth anniversary on Sunday, May 21 in Fredericksburg, VA by introducing an entirely new challenge – the [Devil Dog Double](#).

Runners participating in the Devil Dog Double will run the [Semper Five](#) and after completing that five-mile event, will run another 13.1 miles to complete the [Marine Corps Historic Half](#), making it the Devil Dog Double.

Online registration for the Devil Dog Double, including both events, opens Wednesday, Oct. 19, just prior to the 41st Marine Corps Marathon at www.marinemarathon.com. Registration costs \$85.

The Devil Dog Double will spur runners to charge the infamous Hospital Hill not once, but twice. Hospital Hill is the challenging 200-foot steady incline on the Mary Washington Healthcare campus, famed for its location adjacent to the hospital's emergency room entrance.

For their accomplishment, runners will get not one, not two, but three stunning finisher medals after completing the Devil Dog Double.

“Over the past 10 years, the Marine Corps Historic Half has earned its reputation as one of the best half marathons in history,” says Rick Nealis, Marine Corps Marathon Director. “Now many can enjoy the challenge of the new Devil Dog Double and another opportunity to ‘run with the Marines’ this spring.”

Runners must complete the Semper Five and cross the finish line by 7:45 a.m. on Historic Half morning, before immediately turning around to begin running the Historic Half. The Historic Half course will remain open until 11 a.m., but a maximum pace of nine minutes-per-mile for the Semper Five portion of the challenge is required to participate.

To register for individual events, including the Marine Corps Historic Half and the Semper Five, visit www.marinemarathon.com.

The Marine Corps Historic Half annually is organized by the MCM and the U.S. Marine Corps.

The Marine Corps Historic Half, established in 2008, is held annually in Fredericksburg, VA hosts 10,000 runners participating in half marathon and five-mile distance events. Considered “the greatest half marathon in history,” the event boasts a course featuring landmarks dating back to our nation’s beginnings and the early homes of Presidents George Washington and James Monroe.

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