

The 15th Marine Corps Historic Half Celebrates Return to Live Running

Three events hosted a combined total of nearly 4,000 finishers

QUANTICO, VA (May 22, 2022) – Almost 4,000 runners from 48 states and 7 countries conquered the streets of Fredericksburg, Virginia for the 2022 Marine Corps Historic Half Events, which encompasses the 13.1 mile Marine Corps Historic Half, the five mile Semper Five and the 18.1 mile Devil Dog Double.

The Historic Half had 2,895 total finishers, including 18 Duo athletes. The Semper Five had 644 finishers, while 367 people completed the combined distance of 18.1 in the Devil Dog Double.

The “Greatest Half in History” was won by U.S. Marine Captain Kyle King, 32, from Alexandria, Va. with a time of 1:13:24. King, a recent graduate of the Expeditionary Warfare School aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico and a member of the All-Marine Running Team, participated in the Marine Corps Historic Half before moving to Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms in California, “I felt pretty good. It was humid, but wasn’t too unbearably hot, so I was pleasantly surprised by that,” said King. “Started going for first place at about mile five, I was definitely hurting on the hills by the end.”

Coming in just under three minutes later was Ken Hampshire, 37, from Burke, Va. with a time of 1:16:05. Rounding out the top three males was Christopher Pirch, 42, from Spotsylvania, Va. coming in at a time with 1:16:17.

Natalie Daniels, 30, who moved to Fredericksburg, Va. in 2019, blazed in with a time of 1:22:02, finishing as the top female for the Historic Half, “I have wanted to do this race for a long time, and I wanted to race it really hard,” explained Daniels. “It’s such a fun thing to show off our city, and this is such a great way to do it as this (the event) is put on so well.” Daniels credited a lot of familiar faces cheering her on along the course for establishing a new personal record in her 10K, 10 mile and half marathon distances.

The second place female was Aubrey Wingert, 21, from King George, Va., followed by Annette Aho, 29, from Pittsburgh, Pa. coming in third. Their times were 1:30:15 and 1:31:51 respectfully.

Jonathan Ladsen, 33, from Dale City, Va. was the first to cross the finish line of the Devil Dog Double with at time of 1:44:53. “The day went pretty well, though the hills did kill me,” said Ladsen. “The Marine Corps always throws the hills in there, so no matter how fast you are or slow, you will feel it.” Ladsen previously placed second in the Marine Corps 17.75K in March earlier this year.

The overall female Devil Dog Double winner was Sarah McFarland, 32, from Alexandria, Va., completing the 18.1 mile distance in 2:16:42.

The Semper Five winners were Skylar Moon, 22, from Spotsylvania, Va. coming in at 30:14 and Grace Vandegrift, 29, from Valrico, Fla. crossing the finish line with a time of 34:02 as the male and female champions.

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Unofficial results are available at www.marinemarathon.com.

Additional event highlights include:

- U.S. Congressman Rob Wittman served as the ceremonial starter for the Marine Corps Historic Half and Devil Dog Double.
- Other officials in attendance include Colonel Michael L. Brooks, commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Quantico and Charlie L. Frye, Jr., vice-mayor of Fredericksburg.
- This year marked the first year the Devil Dog Double participants ran the 13.1 miles of the Historic Half before finishing the additional five miles. The change in course only required runners to conquer Hospital Hill once, but take on the elevation of Cowan Boulevard twice.
- Also new this year was the location of the Finish Festival inside Virginia Credit Union Stadium, home of the Fredericksburg Nationals.

This year marked the return of all three events to Fredericksburg. The Historic Half and Devil Dog Double ran virtually in 2020 and 2021. After also running virtually in 2020, the Semper 5ive ran live and in-person aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico in 2021.

Another almost 700 runners across the United States and world are also registered to complete one of the distances virtually. Participants in both the in-person and virtual events received a specially designed technical shirt, finisher medal and more.

Runners can #RunWithTheMarines next on June 25 in either the [Belleau Wood 8K](#) or the [Crossroads Trail 15K](#). Both events will run aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, and are a part of the 2022 [Distinguished Participant program](#), presented by [Fleet Feet](#). Interested runners can register [here](#).

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