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Marine Corps Marathon to Award 500,000th Finisher

DC Runner claims status during his first marathon run on October 26

QUANTICO, VA (Dec. 8, 2014) – While completing his first marathon at the 39th Marine Corps Marathon (MCM), Washington, D.C. runner Joshua Moscow, 23, made an enduring mark on the event, becoming the 500,000th finisher in MCM history. Moscow was the 7,320th runner to cross the finish line at the Marine Corps War Memorial on Sunday, Oct. 26.

“I really wanted to do my first marathon at the MCM, it’s such a great event and so well organized, but I’m really surprised to be the 500,000th finisher,” says Moscow. He completed the MCM in 4:31:34.

The native from Lexington, KY is a Capitol Hill staffer who joined coworkers training for the MCM near the US Capitol and along the National Mall. “I enjoyed running with the people I work with ... and being able to train along the actual course really helped me finish my first marathon,” says Moscow.

On Tuesday, Dec. 9, Moscow will receive the one-of-a-kind steel cut 500,000th finisher award artfully emblazoned with the MCM logo on a hand-finished wooden base. The MCM Awards Ceremony will begin at 5 p.m. at the U.S. Navy Memorial’s Naval Heritage Center, at 701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC.

In addition to the 500,000th finisher award, MCM runners, ages 14 to 74 from the District, Maryland and Virginia, will accept awards for being the fastest finishers in their age categories.

“The MCM celebrates its participants in special ways, including the award ceremonies where we highlight runners’ achievements among families and friends,” says MCM Director Rick Nealis. “Moscow’s run to the ‘half million mark’ is significant for the MCM as an enduring event and further proof that ‘The People’s Marathon’ is the event of choice for many first-time marathoners.”

The MCM celebrated its first 100,000th finisher in 1990. Then in 1998, the 200,000th finisher crossed the mat. In 2004, the 300,000th finisher completed the MCM. The 400,000th finisher was marked in 2009.

In addition to the MCM awards, MCM10K finishers will receive their age group awards during a separate ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 11. The MCM10K awards ceremony will be hosted at City Sports in Georgetown, located at 3338 M Street. The event for MCM10K runners and their families begins at 5 p.m.

Media interested in covering the MCM and MCM10K awards ceremonies should contact Tami Faram, MCM Public Relations Coordinator at tami.faram@usmc.mil or 703-432-1840.

Voted the “Best Marathon in the Mid Atlantic” and “Best Marathon for Spectators,” the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) honors the dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism of its participants. Also known as “The People’s Marathon,” runners from all walks of life participate in the MCM, the largest marathon not to offer prize money. The 40th MCM will be hosted in Arlington, VA on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. #RunWithTheMarines.



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