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## Leidos Honors Armed Forces As New Presenting Sponsor of Marine Corps Marathon

*Partnership enables science and tech leader to reinforce commitment to military community*

**QUANTICO, VA (Aug. 30, 2017)** – The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) has traditionally been recognized for the enthusiastic dedication and steadfast patriotism demonstrated by the 30,000 runners navigating the historic 26.2-mile journey. This year, the grand and inspirational showcase will feature a new presenting sponsor, [Leidos](#), a FORTUNE 500® science and technology leader.

“From our commitment to veteran hiring, to our strong support and outreach to the military and their families, Leidos is honored to show our gratitude to the servicemen and women who protect our nation every day,” says Leidos Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Roger Krone. “The Marine Corps Marathon is emblematic of the strength and determination exhibited by our troops, and we proudly stand by all participants as they complete this exciting journey.”

The sponsorship of “The People’s Marathon” is consistent with the Leidos corporate philosophy to support people and enrich communities. With a 20 percent military veteran workforce, Leidos is committed to [recruiting and retaining veterans](#), as demonstrated by the company's [Operation MVP program](#). The company also supports active-duty and veteran service members and their families through organizations in the community including Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Tragedy Assistance Programs for Survivors and the USO. This is the third year Leidos has supported the MCM, and its first year as presenting sponsor.

“The MCM is proud to recognize Leidos as a presenting sponsor,” says Rick Nealis, director of the Marine Corps Marathon Organization. “Leidos’ support of our armed forces and their families starts with Chairman and CEO Roger Krone, a marathoner himself, and extends to the company’s 32,000 employees. We’re proud Leidos chose ‘The People’s Marathon’ as its next step in that support.”

Team [Leidos](#), comprised of more than 100 Leidos employees and executives, will participate in the [MCM](#) and the [MCM10K](#) on Sunday, Oct. 22. At the Marathon start, these proud employees will join thousands of runners and spectators gazing skyward over Route 110 in Arlington, VA as Leidos-branded purple parachutes drop 6,000 feet to deliver a 400-square foot American Flag. The professional skydive will be timed to the performance of the National Anthem by former Marine Sgt. Rachel Bartlett.

Runners will be able to interact with Leidos at the MCM Health & Fitness Expo, Oct. 20-21, at the Gaylord National Resort at National Harbor, MD, and on Marathon Day in the MCM Finish Festival in Rosslyn, VA.

*About Marine Corps Marathon Organization: Honoring the dedication, sportsmanship, and patriotism of its participants, the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM), known as “The People’s Marathon,” includes runners from all walks of life. The 42nd MCM, coordinated by the Marine Corps Marathon Organization (MCMO) and United States Marine Corps, will be held Oct. 22, 2017 in Arlington, VA. The MCM is presented by Arlington County, Brooks and Leidos and sponsored by GEICO Military and MedStar Sports Medicine. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. #RunWithTheMarines*

*About Leidos: Leidos is a Fortune 500® science and technology solutions and services leader working to solve the world’s toughest challenges in the defense, intelligence, homeland security, civil and health markets. The company’s 32,000 employees support vital missions for government and commercial customers. Headquartered in Reston, VA, Leidos reported annual revenues of approximately \$7.04 billion for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2016. For more information, visit [www.Leidos.com](#).*

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