



MEDIA ALERT

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Marine Corps Marathon to Announce Significant Change for 2016

Press Conference on Oct. 23 at National Press Club to include Groundpounder, Marine tribute

QUANTICO, VA (Oct. 19, 2015) – Media are invited to attend the 40th Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) Press Conference on Friday, Oct. 23 to hear the MCM make a significant announcement regarding the future of the event. Doors open for the event at 1 p.m., with the MCM Press Conference beginning at 1:30 p.m. The National Press Club is located on the 13th floor at 529 14th Street NW in Washington, D.C.

During the press conference, the MCM will introduce Groundpounder Al Richmond of Arlington, VA, who is about to make his 40th consecutive run this Sunday, Oct. 25. The MCM Press Conference will include Col. Joseph M. Murray, Commander, Marine Corps Installations National Capital Region-Marine Corps Base Quantico who will talk about U.S. Marine support and the robust coordination with local law enforcement for the MCM, MCM10K and MCM Kids Run held on Saturday, Oct. 24 and Sunday, Oct. 25.

Also at the MCM Press Conference, Christos Panagopoulos, Ambassador of Greece USA will join Dimitri Kyriakides, presenter of the gold, silver and bronze wreaths to the MCM from the City of Marathon, Greece. The wreaths will be awarded to the male and female winners of the 40th MCM at 11:10 a.m. on MCM day.

A father of a U.S. Marine killed during the attack on the Naval Operational Support Center, Chattanooga, TN will speak at the press conference recalling his 2011 MCM run with his son, Marine Staff Sgt. David Allen Wyatt. On July 16, Wyatt and four of his fellow service members were killed during the tragic shooting. Media can pick up credentials for MCM Weekend at the press conference, and the [2015 Media Guide](#), which is currently available online.

To obtain MCM credentials, media must submit the [Media Credential Request form](#), located on the [Media Services page](#) of the MCM website at www.marinemarathon.com. Media must be credentialed to cover events throughout MCM Weekend from Oct. 23 through Marathon Day on Sunday, Oct. 25.

For more information about media credentials, contact Tami Faram, Marine Corps Marathon Public Relations Coordinator at 703-432-1840 or tami.faram@usmc.mil. Further information about the 40th MCM is available at www.marinemarathon.com.

The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) is voted "Best Marathon" and "Best Marathon for Spectators." The 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, on October 25, 2015 in Arlington, VA, is sponsored by Arlington County, Brooks, GEICO and Hyundai. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. #RunWithTheMarines

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