



MEDIA ALERT

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MCM Press Conference to Feature Olympian Billy Mills and Robotic Leg Participant *Press Conference on Oct. 28 to detail MCM transportation plan for runners, spectators*

QUANTICO, VA (Oct. 26, 2016) – U.S. Marine and 1964 Olympian Billy Mills, who will be inducted into the Marine Corps Marathon Hall of Fame this weekend, is a featured speaker at the MCM Press Conference along with a paralyzed MCM10K participant who will complete the 6.2-mile event wearing robotic legs. The MCM Press Conference will be held on Friday, Oct. 28 at the Sunset Room by Wolfgang Puck, National Harbor, MD.

Adam Gorlitsky of Mount Pleasant, SC will participate in the MCM10K using the ReWalk Exoskeleton system. Gorlitsky obtained his own ReWalk system last December after qualifying as an eligible user for the exoskeleton technology, a machine that has enabled him to stand and walk again for the first time in a decade. Gorlitsky was paralyzed at age 19 while in a car accident. He now is on a quest to complete the MCM10K while showcasing the ReWalk system to paralyzed military service members.

During the press conference, the MCM will introduce other featured participants such as the Groundpounders who have completed every Marine Corps Marathon over the past four decades, and runners whose family members will be honored in an emotional tribute on the Marathon course known as the wear blue Mile.

The MCM Press Conference beginning at 1 p.m. will include the MCM's robust transportation plan for Marathon Day, Sunday, Oct. 30, with thousands of runners and spectators arriving to the event.

A presentation also will be made of the gold wreath from the City of Marathon, Greece, which will be awarded to the top male and female marathon finishers.

Media can pick up MCM Weekend credentials immediately following the press conference.

What: Marine Corps Marathon Press Conference

Where: Sunset Room by Wolfgang Puck

137 National Plaza Suite #200, National Harbor, Oxon Hill MD

When: Doors open 12:30 p.m.

To obtain MCM credentials, media must submit the [Media Credential Request form](#), on the Media Inquiries page of the website at www.marinemarathon.com. Media must be credentialed to cover events throughout MCM Weekend from Oct. 28 through Marathon Day on Sunday, Oct. 30.

For more information about media credentials, contact Tami Faram, Marine Corps Marathon Public Relations Coordinator at 703-432-1840 or tami.faram@usmc-mccs.org. Further information about the 41st MCM is available at www.marinemarathon.com.

The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM), voted "Best Marathon in the Mid Atlantic," the "Best Marathon for Charities" and the "Best Spectator Event, honors the dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism of its participants. Known as "The People's Marathon," runners from all walks of life participate in the MCM, which is the largest marathon not to offer prize money. The 41st MCM on Sunday, October 30, is sponsored by Arlington County, Brooks, Aetna, Hyundai and GEICO. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. #RunWithTheMarines

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