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Over 20,000 Finishers Run the 42nd Marine Corps Marathon

Local participants capture records in the MCM10K and wheeled division

Arlington, VA (Oct. 22, 2017) – The 42nd Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) resulted in record-breaking finishes today for Virginia participants in both the MCM10K, with 7,061 total finishers, and in the Marathon's wheeled division.

Local runner Bethany Sachtleben, 25, of Alexandria, VA set a new course record for the MCM10K with a blazing time of 34:07. Sachtleben finished 36 seconds faster than the record of 34:43 set in 2010 by Alemtsehey Misganaw of Ellicott City, MD.

“Everyone in the water stations and people on the course were really supportive and they cheered which was really fun and made it a lot easier when it was feeling kind of hard,” she said after her record-breaking win. First-place MCM10K male finisher, Denzel Ramirez, 34, of Arlington, VA, also made great strides earning the second- fastest course record with a time of 32:17.

“It was a great event you all had really good resources,” Ramirez said after completing the MCM10K. “I’m really very thankful for everything you all did today.”

Freddie De Los Santos, 48, of New York, made his record-setting moment at the MCM today finishing first among hand cyclists, with a time of 1:10:29. Santos beat the MCM hand cycle record of 1:11:29, set in 2014.

Winning the 42nd Marine Corps Marathon, while leading 20,304 runners, was Desto Beriso Morkama, 32, of Arlington, VA, who finished in 2:25:14. Second and third-place MCM finishers were Wesley Turner, 31, of Danville, VA, finishing in 2:27:35, while Kieran O’Connor, 30, of Arlington, VA, completed the MCM course in 2:28:07.

Women marathoners were led by Sarah Bishop, 35, of Fairfax, VA, who finished in 2:45:07. Returning MCM champion U.S. Army Capt. Meghan Curran, 31, of Fort Carson, CO, finished second among women marathoners with a time of 2:50:24. Curran won the 39th MCM among women runners in 2014. Placing third was Suzanne Hutchins, 30, Gastonia, N.C. with a marathon finish time of 2:53:36.

The start was delayed 10 minutes so law enforcement could investigate the report of a suspicious package while ensuring a safe and successful event.

Also finishing today among the cheering crowd of spectators was Arlington resident Al Richmond who has now completed every MCM in the event’s 42-year history. Richmond is the MCM’s celebrated “Groundpounder.” All results are available at www.marinemarathon.com but remain unofficial.

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