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## **Marine Corps Marathon Offers 2016 VIP Packages to Gaylord National Resort** *VIP packages include entry into 41<sup>st</sup> MCM prior to lottery opening in March*

**QUANTICO, VA (Jan. 7, 2016)** – The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) is for the first time offering VIP packages that include guaranteed access to the October Marathon and weekend stay at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, the MCM's new headquarters hotel. The VIP packages are available prior to the MCM Lottery opening to the public on March 24.

In October 2016, MCM VIPs will receive guaranteed entry to the 41st MCM with option for a second entry to the MCM or MCM10K; two nights at the Gaylord National Resort located at the National Harbor and free access to MCM Weekend events. These events include the Carbo Dining In pasta dinner with private pre-event reception and the MCM Runners bRUNch, featuring a catered brunch, guest speaker and 5K run.

Additional MCM VIP amenities include a Fast Pass for Packet Pick-up at the Health & Fitness Expo on Oct. 28 and 29, exclusive shuttle service to the MCM start and access to the VIP tent at Runners Village on Marathon morning, Sunday, Oct. 30. The Expo will be held inside the Gaylord Resort, with greater ease for MCM participants staying at the MCM headquarters hotel.

The MCM VIP packages are \$1,500. Many packages have already been purchased. Limited spots remain available at [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com).

For those not participating in the VIP Registration program, reservations for the new headquarters hotel will be available through the MCM website beginning in February. Lottery registration for the 41<sup>st</sup> MCM will be open to the public from March 24 through March 30 at [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com).

The 41<sup>st</sup> MCM will start on Route 110 in Arlington and run throughout the nation's capital.

*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 41st MCM will be held in Arlington, VA and throughout the nation's capital on Oct. 30. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. #RunWithTheMarines.*

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