

MCM Marks 45 Years of Running with the Marines

Special finishers medal and reduced pricing fuel excitement for 45th MCM

QUANTICO, VA (Oct 30, 2019) – To celebrate the 45th Marine Corps Marathon, the fee to register for the event has been reduced by 4.5% over the 2019 cost from \$180 to \$171.90. Active Duty military registrants will receive an additional 10% discount during the Active Duty registration period. The MCM50K, MCM10K and Kids Race cost will remain the same as 2019 prices.

Breaking with tradition, race director Rick Nealis announced details about next year's finisher's medal that will have Marines from the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli lining up to enter the event. It was announced that actual volcanic ash, often referred to as black sand from the island of Iwo Jima, will be contained inside next year's medal to commemorate the illustrious tradition of the "The Peoples Marathon" leading to the 45th anniversary.

Mark your calendars for these important registration dates:

- MCM Four Star – Open Now
- Semper Fi Challenge – Open November 1 – 10
- MCM50K – Open February 23
- MCM Runners Club, Deferment and Active Duty – Open March 2 – 13
- MCM Lottery – Open March 18-31
- Lottery Announcement – April 1
- 10K and Kids Run – Open April 13

Additional Information:

- The **MCM Four Star Registration** Package offers a stellar bundle of benefits starting with guaranteed entries to the 2020 MCM. This incredible comprehensive bundle includes entries, hotel nights, hospitality, transportation and more! Choose from packages based on length of stay, days of the week and one or two runners. All packages include a guaranteed MCM or MCM50K entry. Two runner package options offer a second entry for any of the MCM Weekend events.
- The **Semper Fi Challenge** is a new registration path that guarantees MCM entry for up to 4,000 runners when they sign up for the two-event challenge that includes entry into both the Marine Corps Historic Half marathon hosted in Fredericksburg, Virginia and the Marine Corps Marathon. Entrants can register for either the Historic Half or the Devil Dog Double on May 17, 2020 and for the MCM or the MCM50K on October 25, 2020.
 - Registration opens on Nov. 1, and closes on Nov. 11 or when all entries are purchased.
- Runners who have successfully completed at least five Marine Corps Marathons are eligible to join the **MCM Runners Club**. This exclusive group of motivated marathoners receives guaranteed annual access to MCM registration, during a designated period, eliminating any Lottery uncertainty for these frequent runners.
 - Newly eligible runners, who recently earned their fifth MCM finish, can [join](#) once MCM official results are published in November. Only those runners who join before February 21 are eligible for access to the 2020 MCM.



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About the Marine Corps Marathon:

The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM), known as “The People’s Marathon,” promotes physical fitness and generates community goodwill while showcasing the high standards and discipline of the United States Marine Corps. Annually ranked as one of the largest marathons in the US and the world, the MCM welcomes runners from all 50 states and more than 60 countries. The MCM is presented by Arlington County, Brooks, Cigna and Leidos. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. Connect with the Marine Corps Marathon on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#).
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