

Turkey Trot Mile and 10K close out MCM Event Series

More than 200 runners recognized as Distinguished Participants

QUANTICO, VA (November 18, 2017) – On a breezy autumn morning on Marine Corps Base Quantico, 936 runners competed in the Turkey Trot 10K. Preceding the 6.2 mile run, more than 250 young runners and parents gobbled up a one-mile, untimed run. Participants arrived from 21 states and the District of Columbia dressed in turkey costumes and departed with a uniquely designed Thanksgiving-camo Turkey Trot shirt.



Among the field of finishers, 234 of them received “Distinguished Participant” medals for having participated in Marine Corps Historic Half and select MCM Event Series distances throughout this year. The specially designed medals were presented by VA Runner, a running specialty store with locations in Fredericksburg and Woodbridge, VA, and Always Advancing, world renowned manufacturer of awards.

Twelve-year-old running sensation Caleb Hymans of Annandale, VA, completed the Turkey Trot 10K in 35:34 to finish top among the male participants. The young runner recently finished seventh in the MCM10K, held in Arlington, VA on October 22. In 2016, he finished fourth in that event.

“The MCM10K is my favorite course,” Hymans said. “I enjoyed that event so much I came here to try out this course and to PR, which I did.”

Finishing in the same spots on the podium as last year were second-place finisher Adam Lowe, 35, of Mechanicsville, MD, who ran the event more than 30 seconds faster than last year (35:55), and third-place finisher Benjamin Harlow of Verona, VA, who completed the event nearly two minutes faster (36:55).

Jenny Fitzgerald, 38, of Woodbridge, VA, finished first among females with a 38:43, nearly full two minutes faster than her 2016 time at this event.

“The course was flat and fast,” said Fitzgerald, who was second overall at last year’s Turkey Trot. “Running by the water and seeing the leaves was really nice, and I enjoyed running on base.”

It was a photo finish for the second and third place women as Lindsey Carroll of Alexandria, VA nudged out Sara Gilliam of Stafford, VA, for the final podium positions.

“I’d been in front of Sara the first five miles of the event, and then she passed me,” said Carroll. “I knew I didn’t have the energy to race her the last mile, so I’d have to pass her at the finish line. I didn’t want to be third!”



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The Turkey Trot Mile saw two friends break the tape as Samuel Fuller, 15, of Manassas, VA, was a return winner for the males. Tirzah DeLorme, 9, of Woodbridge, VA, crossed the finish line first for the females.

“The best thing about running the Turkey Trot 10K is the feeling of accomplishment I have of finishing first,” said DeLorme, who also plays soccer. This was her first time running the event.

All of the top finishers and age-award winners received frozen turkeys and holiday pies, courtesy of Wegmans.

Today’s results are available at www.marinemarathon.com but remain unofficial.

For more information about the MCM Event Series, Marine Corps Historic Half, and Marine Corps Marathon, visit www.marinemarathon.com.

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