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Virtual Registration Opens for Vietnam 196.7 Miler

MCM Organization adds new virtual event to commemorate co-founder

QUANTICO, VA (October 20, 2021) – Registration for the Vietnam 196.7 Miler [opened today](#). The new virtual event will run from February 1 to March 18, 2022. Individuals or teams of runners may complete the 196.7 miles during the same window of time, logging in the incremental distances.

The distance of 196.7 miles was specifically chosen to highlight the year of Operation Prairie II, the military operation commanded by Brigadier General Michael P. Ryan. Eight years later as a Major General, Ryan would co-found the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM), along with Colonel James L. Fowler, to promote the United States Marine Corps and serve as a recruitment tool.

The race will feature a map accessible through an app designed specifically for the Vietnam 196.7 Miler. The map will show runners traveling a portion of the distance from Quảng Trị to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City). For every four miles obtained, participants will receive historic Vietnam War facts. Ambitious runners are welcome to complete the total distance between the two cities for a total of 610 miles. Those who choose to continue past the 196.7 distance will receive facts every 25 miles.

Entries cost \$47 per individual and is open to runners ages 10 and up. There is no limit to the number of participants on a team. For instructions on how to register a full team, please visit [here](#). Participants will have until March 18 to complete the total mileage. Each participant will be mailed a long sleeve crew neck shirt and a coin.