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Two Races on the same Day – The Inaugural Crossroads Trail 15K and the Belleau Wood 8K

13-Year-Old Earns Top Finisher for a second time on Marine Corps Base Quantico

QUANTICO, VA (June 19, 2021) – 376 runners listened to their inner Devil Dog and ran and conquered the hills of Quantico. It was a challenging run aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico for the 374 finishers in the Crossroads Trail 15K and the Belleau Wood 8K on Saturday, June 19, 2021. Izrael Diaz, 13, from Springfield, VA, met the challenge earning the title top finisher in 34:24. Spencer Elmore, 31, from Waldorf MD earned the top finisher title for the Crossroads Trail 15K at 1:05:46 .

Diaz who won first place in the Crucible in April said, “It was fun to run the steep hills and I liked mile 4 the best” said Diaz. Spencer Elmore, Active Duty U.S. Army, stated “I loved the course and I always share my finish line banana with my dog as a tradition of running”.

Stephanie Hill, 30, from Alexandria, VA, finished at 1:13:11 and captured first place in the Crossroads Trail 15K. Melissa Varcoe, 32, from Port Jervis, NY, crushed the Belleau Wood 8K course with a 43.58 finish. Hill works on Marine Corps Base Quantico. She said, “I love to run and work on Quantico. The hills are challenging and Director’s Hill is my favorite.”

The Crossroads Trail 15K had its debut on Saturday and fulfilled all promises. The race pays homage to the countless career and education paths this base has paved. Crisscrossing 9.2 miles of wooded trails established on Quantico, the challenging course tested the mettle of even the best of athletes.

The field of participants included 110 Marines (active, retired, reserve and former) and runners from 21 states, as well as the District of Columbia and Canada. The youngest runner in the Belleau Wood 8K was Izrael Diaz, age 13, Springfield, VA, winning the race with a finish of 34:24. The oldest runner in the Belleau Wood 8K was Dennis McCoy, age 70, Vienna, VA, with a finish of 49:19. In the Crossroads Trail 15K, the youngest runner was Clayton Stoil, 16, Great Falls, VA with a finish of 1:11:37. The oldest participant in the Crossroads Trail 15K was Robert Stocker, 77, Okemos, MI with a finish time of 2:58:15.

All participants received the official event shirt, collectible bib, and a stunning finisher medal.

Unofficial results are available at www.marinemarathon.com. Runners may continue their commitment to #RunWithTheMarines by participating in the Quantico 12K live and virtual Duathlon in August. Additionally, all MCM Weekend event registrations are open including the virtual MCM, MCM50K and MCM10K.

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