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## **Marine Corps 17.75K Crowns New Champion**

*Over 1,700 runners took advantage of special 'Access Granted' to gain entry into 49th and 50th MCM despite the wet weather*

**QUANTICO, VA (March 23, 2024)** – For the third year in a row, the top two Marine Corps 17.75K finishers were once again Jonathan Ladson, age 32, from Woodbridge, Va. and Alex Trouteaud, age 44, from Barnesville, Md., with Ladson finally overtaking Trouteaud on Saturday, March 23 at Prince William Forest Park in Dumfries, Va. In 2022 and 2023, Trouteaud outlasted Ladson down the stretch to cross the finish line first. With a time of 1:06:26, Ladson blazed to the win besting Trouteaud's time of 1:07:55.

Though it wasn't the warmer weather Ladson typically thrives in, the cold and wet didn't stop him from pushing through and finally winning on his tenth attempt. At the start of 2024, Ladson stated multiple running goals to include taking the 17.75K title. "This was number one," expressed Ladson.

Rounding out the top three male finishers was Brian Reider, age 38, from Bridgeport, WV. coming in at 1:09:25.

Leading the female finishers was Elizabeth Rodriguez, age 28, from Allentown, Pa. with a time of 1:19:20. "It went really well today," said Rodriguez. "It was definitely challenging but I thrive on the challenge, so it was super fun. There were lots of hills with a lot of ups and downs, but I really enjoyed it." Active duty in the Air Force, Rodriguez travels in to participate at multiple MCMO events a year. She is the current Quantico 12K Female Champion.

Coming in as the second place female was Andrea Rodman, age 41, from Bealeton, Va. followed by Alexandra Pena, age 29, from Richmond, Va. Their times were 1:25:27 and 1:26:04, respectfully.

The 1,722 finishers also earned guaranteed entry into the 49<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Marathon (MCM). Known as "Access Granted," finishers also received guaranteed entry into the much anticipated 50<sup>th</sup> MCM.

Unofficial results are available at [marinemarathon.com](http://marinemarathon.com).

The 11.03 mile event, which commemorates the founding year of the United States Marine Corps, is a qualifying event of the 2024 Semper Fidelis Challenge. This challenge is a multi-event combination pushing runners to complete today's distance, the Marine Corps Historic Half on May 19 in Fredericksburg, Va. and finishing with the Marine Corps Marathon on October 27 in Arlington, Va. The Marine Corps 17.75K is also the first tier of the 2024 Distinguished Participant Program, motivating runners to complete a live event from each of MCMO's 2024 race weekends.

Runners across the United States are also registered to complete the 17.75K distance virtually. Participants in both the in-person and virtual events received a specially designed technical shirt,



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finisher medal and more.

Runners have the opportunity to #RunWithTheMarines again on May 19 as part of the Marine Corps Historic Half Weekend in Fredericksburg, Va. Entries are still available online.

All event information can be found at [marinemarathon.com](http://marinemarathon.com).

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