

38th Marine Corps Marathon Attracts 130,000 Spectators, Runners and Volunteers

Marathon Contributes Estimated \$100 Million to the Washington Metro Area Economy

ARLINGTON, Va. –The Marine Corps held its 38th Annual Marathon here on Oct. 27 with nearly 130,000 runners, spectators and volunteers participating. A new, gentler course through Rock Creek Parkway and ideal weather conditions helped nearly 23,500 people finish the race, the second largest number of marathon finishers in the contest's history. 7,576 completed the 10K contest.

The Marine Corps estimates the marathon and its related activities brought \$100 million to the Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia area economy. Many events are tied to the race, such as the Health and Fitness Expo which took place at the DC Armory and attracted 123,000 visitors.

The male winner, Girma Bedada, crossed the finish line with a time of 2 hours, 21 minutes, 31 seconds. Army Captain Kelly Calway won the female contest with a time of 2 hours, 42 minutes, 15 seconds.

Despite shortened time to prepare for the event due to the recent government shutdown and furloughs, the greater level of security this year was a big success. New precautions included more coordination and visible increases in security personnel and other assets. The extra safety measures were instituted in response to the Boston Marathon attack earlier this year.

Registration for the 39th Marine Corps Marathon will be held by lottery on March 19, 2014. Please go to: www.marinemarathon.com for details on how to enter.

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