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Kristin Herring Successfully Defends Marine Corps Historic Half Title *Arlington's Steve Hammel Tops All 5,425 Finishers*

FREDERICKSBURG, VA (May 16, 2010) -- The top female finisher from 2009 returned to the Marine Corps Historic Half to successfully defend her title and surpass her time by over two minutes. Kristin Herring of Elizabeth City, NC, wearing bib number 1, finished the race in 1:26:26 leading all female participants. Steve Hammel of Arlington, VA was the first overall runner to finish the Marine Corps Historic Half with a time of 1:14:40. The event organized by the Marine Corps Marathon hosted 5,425 half marathoners and 664 runners in the Semper Fred 5K.

The top military runners to cross the mats are both stationed at Marine Corps Base Quantico. Marine Cpl. Craig Clark ran the Historic Half in 1:20:27, while Navy Lt. Cmdr. Fiona Halbritter finished the race in 1:35:50.

The Semper Fred 5K immediately followed the Half with Omari Daughtridge of Fort Washington, MD, finishing with an impressive time of 15:59, and Fredericksburg's-own Debra Durocher leading all female runners with a finish time of 21:24.

The City of Fredericksburg can boast about its runners, as city residents were the top male and female masters winners for both the Historic Half and Semper Fred 5K. Forty-year-old Matt Boyd finished the Historic Half at 1:19:54, while Susan Jensen, 45, finished at 1:34:48. Scott Mersiowski, 44, finished the Semper Fred with a time of 17:49, with Crista Fore, 40, finishing the event in 23:16.

The Age Group Award Winners for the Marine Corps Historic Half marathon are as follows:

10-14

Men:	Alex Galatro	14	Stafford, VA	1:31:44
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15-19

Men:	Mark Turner	17	Fredericksburg, VA	1:19:48
Women:	Diana Budreika	19	Haymarket, VA	1:35:36

20-24

Men:	Andrew Lee	22	Vancouver, WA	1:17:50
Female:	Ashley Graybill	22	Wilmington, NC	1:35:22

25-29

Men:	Bert Jacoby	27	Fredericksburg, VA	1:17:25
Women:	Megan Winstead	29	Kill Devil Hills, NC	1:32:08

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30-34					
Men:	Christopher Pirch	30	Fredericksburg, VA	1:22:29	
Women:	Christina Gallagher	32	Manassas, VA	1:35:06	
35-39					
Men:	Jeffrey Schudder	38	Alexandria, VA	1:24:49	
Women:	Gwen Demand	35	Toms River, NJ	1:36:13	
40-44					
Men:	Brett Chappell	42	Fredericksburg, VA	1:29:30	
Women:	Julie Haase	41	Durham, NC	1:37:38	
45-49					
Men:	Richard Kuhl	47	Fairfax Station, VA	1:21:15	
50-54					
Men:	Jack Morrison	50	Fredericksburg, VA	1:26:36	
55-59					
Men:	Richard Cummings	55	Fairfax, VA	1:31:51	
60+					
Men:	Robert Goodall	60	Stafford, VA	1:37:52	

Conveniently located on I-95 between Washington, D.C. and Richmond, the Marine Corps Historic Half marathon boasts scenic riverside views, a charming Old Town and colonial and Civil War landmarks. The Historic Half is coordinated by organizers of the Marine Corps Marathon. The Marine Corps Historic Half is sponsored by Geico, Marine Federal Credit Union and New Balance. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement implied.

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