

United States Naval Academy Marathon Team

Date: 18 September 2016 0710- Half Marathon; 0745 - 5 Miler

Coach: Nate Nudelman

O-Rep: LCDR Casey Rayburg

Event: Navy/Air Force Half Marathon and Navy 5-Miler

Location: Washington, D.C.

Weather: Start of race - cloudy, low 80s; by the end, sunny, high 80s.

Participants: 34 Midshipmen, 1 Coach, 1 Officer Representative

Race Info:

Race Background and Course

Information:

This year was the 5th annual Navy-Air Force Half Marathon and 13th Annual Navy 5 Miler. Around 12,000 runners, both civilian and military affiliated, participated in the event. The races began near the base of the Washington Monument and travelled by many DC memorials, through the East and West Potomac parks, and through Rock Creek Parkway. To the right is the official course map. The team participates in this event every year as part of its training plan to prepare for this year's Steamtown Marathon mid-October.



Day's Events:

The team mustered in the morning at 0500 to then take a bus to Washington D.C. Upon arrival to Washington D.C., the team exited the bus and headed over to the start line. Many fellow runners could be seen posing with the Naval Academy bus for pictures.



Team departs bus to go to the starting line

On a cool and beautiful morning, the team was ready for the race to start in historic Washington DC. The race was especially meaningful because it is the race associated with the Navy - what better way to start the day than running your service's race in the nation's capital. Many people came up to the team members, thanking them for their service to the country. The team was humbled by the support and also the opportunity to meet other active duty service members, veterans, and wounded warriors.



Team picture in front of the Washington Monument before the start.

At 0710, the team sent 12 runners to begin the half marathon. The 5-Miler began at 0745.



Scenes from the starting line



Navy Marathon Team Runners
starting off strong



2/C Conor Keating smiles
during the Navy 5-Miler

Results

5-Miler

Men:

10 total participants; 9 in Men's 20-24, 1 in Men's 15-19

Last Name	First Name	Race	Time	Overall Place	Notes
Zepeda	Kurt	5	29:56	5	3rd place Men's 20-24
Jensen	Dylan	5	31:21	12	6th place Men's 20-24
Keating	Conor	5	32:16	17	7th place Men's 20-24
Gaspar	Jack	5	32:39	20	8th place Men's 20-24
Wachlin	Noah	5	32:41	21	9th place Men's 20-24
Gerrety	Raymond	5	33:32	28	1st place Men's 15-19
Henson	Thomas	5	33:56	32	10th place Men's 20-24
Sullivan	Luke	5	36:07	53	
Peng	George	5	38:47	110	3rd place Men's 15-19
Karn	Trevor	5	44:11	288	

Women:

10 total participants; 7 in Women's 20-24, 3 in Women's 15-19

Last Name	First Name	Race	Time	Overall Place	Notes
Dooley	Cassandra	5	31:22	16	2nd Woman overall; 1st place Women's 15-19
Jenkins	Sara	5	36:25	62	4th place Women's 20-24
Lois	Ashley	5	37:13	73	5th place Women's 20-24
Opferman	Alexis	5	37:14	75	6th place Women's 20-24
Sandler	Holly	5	37:58	88	7th place Women's 20-24
Frantz	Kelly	5	38:02	89	8th place Women's 20-24
Gooding	Katherine	5	38:58	113	2nd place Women's 15-19
Eckhardt	Claire	5	39:13	119	3rd place Women's 15-19
Daitz	Kylee	5	44:10	285	
Yutakom	Netdao	5	50:10	626	

Coach/OREP:

Last Name	First Name	Race	Time	Overall Place	Notes
Nudelman	Nate	5	33:44	30	4th place Men's 40-44
Rayburg	Casey	5	31:38	14	1st place Men's 35-39

Half- Marathon:**Men**

5 total participants; 3 in Men's 20-24, 2 in Men's 15-19

Last Name	First Name	Race	Time	Overall Place	Notes
Palladino	Christopher	half	1:19:50	25	1st place Men's 15-19
Perez	Salvador	half	1:35:23	172	
Allen	Dakota	half	1:36:36	191	2nd place Men's 15-19
Ward	Stephen	half	1:38:01	224	
Moore	Drew	half	1:46:31	523	

Women:

7 total participants; 6 in Women's 20-24, 1 in Women's 15-19

Last Name	First Name	Race	Time	Overall Place	Notes
Good	Kendal	half	1:51:35	754	
Dods	Maggie	half	1:52:11	796	
Donner	Carly	half	1:54:51	958	
Whyte	Alissa	half	2:03:04	1523	
Schilder	Elizabeth	half	2:22:31	3069	
McDonough	Meghan	half	2:23:43	3172	
Schenck	Ashley	half	2:23:43	3173	

Team Awards:

The team Military Challenge is a competition between teams with all active duty military members from the same branch of service with at least one female and any mix of age. Each team had a minimum of 4 members and maximum of 8 members, so we divided our team up to meet the requirements. The top 4 times were combined to determine team time and placement. We swept the challenge. The C team won first place in the team Military Challenge. This team included Conor Keating, Dylan Jensen, Luke Sullivan, Cassandra Dooley, Katherine Gooding, Nene Yutakom, and LCDR Casey Rayburg. The A team won second place in the team Military Challenge. This team included Raymond Gerrety, Trevor Karn, Jack Gasper, Ashley Lois, and Sara Jenkins. The B team won third place in the team Military Challenge. This team included Thomas Henson, Kurt Zepeda, Claire Eckhardt, Holly Sandler, Kelly Frantz, and Alexis Opferman.



The Team awards won by the Navy Marathon Team on Race Day



Several USNA and Navy Marathon Team alumni were in attendance Sunday morning. These included (from left to right), Ali Maher, '13, Jordan Trof, '14, Mike McMonagle, '12, and Kara Yingling '12, who are all currently on active duty.

The race director has already invited the team to the Navy/Air Force Half Marathon and Navy Five Miler next year, set for September 17, 2017

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