

United States Naval Academy Marathon Team

Date: September 09th and 10th
Coach: Nate Nudelman
O-Rep: LCDR Casey Rayburg
Event: Lehigh Valley Network Via Marathon
Location: Allentown, PA
Participants: 4 midshipmen

Saturday, September 09th, 2017

The first Marathon of USNA Marathon Team's 2017 season was kicked off with a phenomenal start with the second fastest marathon in the United States, the Lehigh Valley Health Network Via Marathon in Allentown, Pennsylvania. This was the last marathon to qualify for Boston 2018, and the team took it upon themselves to register and compete in the race.

On Saturday, the team (Andrew Lee, Sara Jenkins, Mohamad Fitri, and Michael Wegner), proceeded from USNA to Pennsylvania and spent the night with the President of the South-East Pennsylvania Parent's Association, Christina Hoffman. Mrs. Hoffman is very involved in support of the Brigade, and organizes desert tailgates after all of Navy's home football games. She made us a wonderful dinner Saturday night and provided snacks and Gatorade to bring to the race. She wants the Brigade to know that we can count on the SE Pennsylvania Parent's Association for anything we might need.

Sunday, September 10th, 2017 – Race Day

At 5 in the morning on Sunday, the team departed Mrs. Hoffman's house and proceeded to the Start of the Marathon (and the Half Marathon for Mohamad). The tension was tangible as we mentally prepared for the race. For Andrew and Michael, this was their first Marathon. The weather was perfect for a marathon: high 50s and the course was nicely shaded the whole way.

The team performed well at the race with Michael Wegner taking 4th overall and Mohammad Fitri placing 2nd in Male 18-24 for the Half. Sara Jenkins finished 5th in Females 18-24, and Andrew Lee pushed through with a great time for his first Marathon.

After the race, the team returned to the Academy.

Results

(Name, Official Time, Notable Finish) ~ *Denotes first time participant*

Marathon (Male)

Michael Wegner~	2:42:55	4 th Overall, Boston Qualifying Time
Andrew Lee~	4:19:01	

Marathon (Female)

Sara Jenkins~	3:30:13	5 th in Age Group (Girls 18-24). Boston Qualifying Time
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Half-Marathon

Mohamad Fitri~	1:30:30	(2 nd in Age Group (18-24))
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Left to Right: Sara Jenkins, Andrew Lee, Mohamad Fitri, Michael Wegner

On the same day, in a different location – team members Conor Keating and Ray Gerrety took off from USNA and drove to Erie, PA to participate in the Erie Marathon. Conor Keating recorded a 2:57:17 PR time to qualify for Boston 2017.



2017 Allentown Marathon drafted by: MIDN 2/C Michael Wegner