

United States Naval Academy

Marathon Team

Date: February 18, 2018, 1000

Event: George Washington Birthday Marathon

Distance: 26.2 Miles

Location: National Capital Area - Greenbelt, MD

Participants:

1 USNA OREP- LCDR Casey Rayburg
3 Male Midshipmen
2 Female Midshipmen

Summary:

This race had 193 finishers. The course followed the National Capital Area in Greenbelt, MD with runners finishing at the Greenbelt Youth Center. The Movement Order began at 0730 at the United States Naval Academy. Racing bibs were picked up at 0815. The runners arrived at the start area at 0845 with plenty of time to prepare and take a team picture before the race began at 1000. All members of the team finished running by 1400, and the team enjoyed some time relaxing at the finish before packing up and departing for the yard. MIDN Jayelen Knowles finished 1st in the female 19 and under age category while MIDN Preston Rhodes took 1st in the male 19 and under age category. In the 20-29 age categories, MIDN Svelta Walsh took 2nd with a time of 3:33:00, qualifying for the 2019 Boston Marathon. MIDN Michael Wegner and Joseph Guggenberger took 2nd and third on the men's side with the times 2:56:37 and 2:59:18, both qualifying for the 2019 Boston Marathon. Every MIDN who participated was an age group winner and three out of the five, MIDN Guggenberger, MIDN Knowles, and MIDN Rhodes completed their first marathon.

Photos:



This is the map of the trail where the race took place.



The elevation changes throughout the George Washington Birthday Marathon.



Photo of the Naval Academy Marathon Team before the start of the race.



Photo of MIDN Rhodes, MIDN Knowles, and MIDN Walsh were satisfied with their times at the finish.



MIDN Wegner is recognized for his 2nd place age group finish.



MIDN Guggenberger places 3rd in his age group and completes his first Marathon.

Results:

Men's Team Participants

Last Name	First Name	Time	Awards
Wegner	Michael	2:56:37	2nd place age group winner (20-29)
Guggenberger	Joe	2:59:18	3rd place age group winner (20-29)
Rhodes	Preston	3:46:59	1st place age group winner (19 and under)

Women's Team Participants

Last Name	First Name	Time	Awards
Walsh	Svetla	3:33:00	2nd place age group winner (20-29)
Knowles	Jayelen	3:39:09	1st place age group winner (19 and under)

Other Participants

Rayburg	Casey	LCDR	3:05:56
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Conclusion:

Overall, the race was extremely successful with all 5 midshipmen placing in their age groups and MIDN Wegner, MIDN Walsh, and MIDN Guggenberger qualifying for Boston 2019. The team enjoyed getting outside and spending a beautiful day on the streets of our Capital area.

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