

United States Naval Academy Marathon Team

Date: Sunday, 22 April 2018, 0800 start time

Event: Gettysburg North-South Marathon and Half Marathon

Distance: 13.1 miles/26.2 miles

Location: Gettysburg, PA

Weather: Lots of sunshine, around 50 degrees Fahrenheit

Participants: 11 Runners (8 full marathon runners and 3 half marathon runners)
1 USNA Representatives – OREP- Major Covington

Summary:

The Navy Marathon team traveled to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in order to compete in the annual Gettysburg North-South Marathon and Half Marathon. The team met at 0445 on Sunday (22 APR 2018) to drive to Gettysburg, where the race was being held at the local movie theatre. The bus left at 0510 and the team arrived at the high school at 0710, where the team received their packets, stretched, and mentally prepared for the race ahead. The race took off at 0800, with eight midshipmen running the full marathon and three midshipmen running the half marathon. Major James Covington also participated in the full marathon. Following the conclusion of the races, the team ate, drank, and stretched as they listened to the awards ceremony. In the North-South competition, the North (blue side) won and received a commemorative glass with the event logo on the side. MIDN 4/C Zibby Harvey won her age group for the half marathon and 4/C Liz Farnan placed 2nd for her age group following Zibby. MIDN 4/C Rhett Robinson won his age group for the half marathon. MIDN 4/C Chloe Bryan won her age group for the full marathon. In an unfortunate turn of events, MIDN 2/C Cullen Harper and 1/C Dylan Jensen were running in the leading group for the full marathon, when they (along with several other top runners) were misdirected on the course. Both of them ended up running 30.58 miles; kudos for the perseverance! The team left to head back to USNA around 1400, stopped for Panera on the way, and arrived back at 1630.

Results:

Full Marathon Runners

Name(Last, First)	Gender	Time	Comments
Rhodes, Preston	Male	4:29:23	
Harper, Cullen	Male	4:43:48*	*Ran 30.58 miles

Jensen, Dylan	Male	4:43:48*	*Ran 30.58 miles
Kobylka, Adam	Male	DNF	
Jendrysik, Marie	Female	3:20:16	2019 Boston Qualifier, 2 nd overall woman, first marathon
Bryan, Chloe	Female	3:45:17	First in age group, 15 minute PR
LaVeck, Victoria	Female	4:08:59	First marathon
O'Neil, Maddie	Female	4:14:24	
Major James Covington	Male	5:04:24	

Half Marathon Runners

Name(Last, First)	Gender	Time	Comments
Robinson, Rhett	Male	1:27:51	First in age group
Harvey, Zibby	Female	1:39:10	First in age group, first half marathon
Farnan, Liz	Female	1:42:17	2nd in age group

Photos:



From left to right: 3/C LaVeck and 3/C O'Neil are excited to start their marathon!



From left to right: 4/C Bryan and 3/C Jendrysik move along at a speedy pace for the marathon.



From left to right: 2/C Harper and 1/C Jensen are glad to be finished with their 30.58 mile "marathon".



3/C Jendrysik finishes her first marathon by Boston qualifying!



From left to right: 4/C Farnan, 4/C Harvey, 4/C Bryan, and 4/C Robinson all celebrate their apple pie earnings for placing in their age group.



The team celebrates after the race with all the victories of the day!

Conclusion: Overall, the race was extremely successful with a three 1st place age group finishers, a Boston qualifier, and three midshipmen who completed their first full or half marathon.

After Action Report Prepared by: MIDN 3/C LaVeck

