

United States Naval Academy Marathon Team

Date: Sunday, October 22, 2017

Event: The 42nd Anniversary of the Marine Corps Marathon

Distance: 26.2 miles / 42.2 kilometers

Location: Washington, DC

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 77°F and a low of 56°F

Participants: 14 runners, 2 Officer Representatives (LCDR Casey Rayburg and LCDR Martin Fajardo), 1 Coach (Mr. Nathan Nudelman)

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The much anticipated finish line! This landmark is also known as the determiner of fates, motivator of sprints, and arch of ultimate triumph.

Summary:

Before dawn on Sunday, 22 October 2017, the United States Naval Academy (USNA) Marathon Team mustered at Bill the Goat. We boarded the bus with all 14 runners and LCDR to begin our trek to our great Nation's Capital. Once on the bus, bibs and T-shirts from the race packets were distributed accordingly. The bus dropped us off at the Kiss and Ride location by the Pentagon's North Parking Lot at 0600.



As the team mentally prepared to take on the challenge ahead of them, a group photo was taken with the banner, because after all, if there aren't pictures did it really happen?



The Team casually rests their legs for the motivational journey that awaits them! Chloe Bryan demonstrates that it is always a good time to hydrate!



The team anxiously awaits their chance to beat Oprah Winfrey and Sarah Palin who both ran the race in previous years with times of 4:30 and 3:59 respectively. They announced this statistic before the race started, and the team took to heart the idea that if Oprah can do it, they can too!

While waiting for the start time, the team relaxed by the baggage drop off point. Once the race time got close, we gathered around the starting line, casually admiring the view of the DC skyline. The race began and the USNA Marathon team ran off into the distance to a chorus of “oorah’s” and “yut’s”. It was an extremely hilly course, which gave our Team many opportunities to take the hill. It was also very hot towards the end of the race, but this heat was nothing compared to their burning desire to succeed.



Pictured (left to right): Jamie McGuire, Chloe Bryan, and Kyra Johnson each enjoy showing off their new bling!



Coach Nudelman and LCDR Rayburg sport their post-race bling while demonstrating proper running nutrition!



Theresa Erbach “dabs” in celebration of completing the race! Great job Theresa!

After the race was over, the team enjoyed a nice reception with snacks at the finish line. Everyone was very happy to have conquered their goals, especially Rhett Robinson, who placed in the top 300 out of over 20,000 runners! The team then mustered at the Chipotle on K Street, had some burritos, and then eagerly returned to USNA with many tales of their adventures. The team departed DC at 1500, and arrived back home at 1600.



The team tries to make up for the 5000 calories they burned doing this race.

Results:

Men

Last Name	First Name	Final Time	Notes/Achievements	Placing out of 20,122 Runners
Robinson	Rhett	3:13:42	Placed 4 th in Age Group, Beat Oprah	297
Hudspeth	Drew	3:42:52	17 th in Age Group, Beat Oprah	1360
Porter	Michael	4:40:09	55 TH in Age Group	7308
Allen	Dakota	4:42:14	307 th in Age Group	7573
Perez	Sal	4:42:15	308 th in Age Group	7576
Lee	Andrew	4:50:31	334 th in Age Group	8626

Women

Last Name	First Name	Final Time	Notes/Achievements	Placing out of 20,122 Runners
Johnson	Kyra	3:55:56	Placed 5 th in Age Group, Beat Oprah, First Marathon	2342
McGuire	Jamie	3:55:56	66 th in Age Group, Beat Oprah, First Marathon	2343
Bryan	Chloe	4:06:30	9 TH in Age Group, Beat Oprah, First Marathon	3364
Trotter	Lauren	4:23:04	307 th in Age Group, Beat Oprah, First Marathon	5098
Pollin	Mary	4:25:26	204 th in Age Group, Beat Oprah, First Marathon	5371
Castaneda	Kat	4:33:06	73 th in Age Group, First Marathon	6390
Naldo	Sarah	4:33:06	248 th in Age Group, First Marathon	6388
Erbach	Theresa	4:42:18	289 th in Age Group, First Marathon	7580

Coach and Officer-Rep

Last Name	First Name	Final Time	Notes/Achievements	Placing out of 20,122 Runners
Rayburg	Casey	3:14:04	Placed 51 st in Age Group, Beat Oprah	306
Nudelman	Nate	4:55:04	Placed 923 rd in Age Group	9223

Conclusion:

Overall, the event went smoothly. We had 8 first marathons, 2 top runners in their age group, 7 runners beat Oprah Winfrey's time from her race in 1994, and 14 runners who had a great time running together.