

Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon Plan of Action (PDF of [MCHH OpPlan.pdf](#) - right click save as)

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Volunteer Information

To volunteer as an Amateur Radio Operator for the Marine Corp Marathon Historic Half Marathon the process is handled through the Marine Corps Marathon Office's Volunteer Portal. The link to that portal for the Half Marathon is <https://xactllc.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=96088>. Look for Sunday, May 18th and then "Amateur Radio Operator (Licensed Operators Only)". All information that I need to complete your assignment will be harvested from their database. If you have a preference for location put it in the "Additional Comments for Volunteer Coordinator or Component Lead i.e., Medical Lead" field.

Participants

- **KN4RPA - Scott Larimer, ECIC (540--604--3196)**
- AA2FD - Bob Kenny
- AF4JQ - John Quaderer
- K4INC - James Prokop
- K4KNA - Christopher Smith
- K4OSL - Brian Mausolf
- KA8CFM - Thomas Klimkowski

- KB8RTZ - Patrick Schwarz
- KC2YWF - Ross Caldwell
- KD2HRC - Andy Moy
- KD3AOI - Veena Kailad
- KF4UBE - Carl Cash
- KG4OJV - Frank Landymore
- KG4RSK - Edgar Morris
- KI4BXU - Erik Misavage
- KK4VR - Samuel Stello
- KK4WPR - Thomas Boergert
- KM4JMD - Shari Kenny
- KN4EXG - Tim Wagner
- KO4DCT - Larry Just
- KQ4EOL - Scott Houppermans
- KR4CNS - Justin Hall
- KT3I - Joseph Porcelli
- KV4TZ - David Perrussel
- KX4JTL - John Launius
- N1BED - Marc Spaziano
- N3MSC - Mark Cornick
- N4MEG - Megan Cheeks
- N4YMJ - Carroll Blake
- NO3B - David Garvin
- W4GDD - Henry Mausolf
- W4HAN - Alexander Sydnor
- WB4TYS - John Cross
- WC4J - Jack Cochran
- WW2RG - Raymond Geiger

If you don't see your name on the assignments list yet that is because you didn't request a specific position. I will be starting to assign everyone else this week (week of April 21).

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Assignments

2025 Marine Corps Historic Half						
Sunday 18 May 2025: Race Start 0600 Net Check in 0515						
Voice: Pri - MWH UHF Repeater 442.850 (+) PL 79.7 Alt - K4TS Repeater 147.015 (+) 79.7						
	Station Name	Location	Service	Call	Name	E-Mail/Cell Phone
1	Net Control	ROC - Fred Nats Stadium	Voice	KN4RPA	Scott Larimer	gsualum90@gmail.com /540-604-3196
2	Net Control		Voice	KN4EXG	Tim Wagner	
3	SF Command Shadow	Start/Finish Area	Voice	KQ4EOL	Scott Houpermans	
4	Contingency Command	Off Site - Location provided by KN4RPA	Voice	KF4UBE	Carl Cash	
5	Division 1 Shadow	Meeting location arranged with Division Commander	Voice	KX4JTL	John Lauris	
6	Division 2 Shadow	Meeting location arranged with Division Commander	Voice	KR4CNS	Justin Hall	
7	Aid Stn Start-Finish	Field in front of Wegmans at corner of Carl D Silver Pkwy & Gordon Shelton	Voice/Data Entry	KT3I	Joe Porcelli	
8			Voice/Data Entry	N3MSC	Mark Comick	
9	Start-Finish Line	Carl D Silver Pkwy & Gordon Shelton	Voice	K4KNA	Christopher Smith	
10	Mile 1 & Mile 12	Cowan Blvd at I-95 overpass	Voice	KG4QIV	Frank Landymore	
11	Water Point 1/6	Cowan Blvd near Hospital Dr	Voice	AA2FD	Bob Kenny	
12	Mile 2	Cowan Blvd by Hugh Mercer Elem.	Voice	KM4JMD	Shari Kenny	
13	Mile 3	Williams St just West of Rt 1	Voice	NO3B	David Garvin	
14			Voice	M4MEG	Megan Cheeks	
15	Aid Station 1	Williams St & Old Williams St	Voice/Data Entry	N4YMI	Carol Blake	
16		Williams St & Old Williams St	Voice/Data Entry	KI4BXU	Erik Misavage	
17	Mile 4/Water Point 2	William St & Sunken Rd.	Voice	KD2HRC	Andy Moy	
18	Mile 5	Sunken Rd & Madison St	Voice	K4BCFM	Thomas Klimkowski	
19			Voice	KK4VR	Samuel Stello	
20	Mile 6	Washington Ave between Mary Ball St & Pitt St	Voice	KD3AOI	Veena Kailad	
21	Aid Stn 2/Water 3	Washington Av Near Old Hospital	Voice/Data Entry	W4GDD	Henry Mausolf	
22			Voice/Data Entry	K4OSL	Brian Mausolf	
23	Mile 7	Fall Hill Ave & Canal Path	Voice	K4INC	James Prokop	
24	Food Stop 1	Caroline St & Charlotte St	Voice	AF4UQ	John Quaderer	
25	Mile 8	Caroline St & George St	Voice	K88RTZ	Patrick Schwarz	
26	Aid Stn 3/Water 4	Sophia St & Lewis St	Voice/Data Entry	KK4WPR	Tom Boergert	
27			Voice/Data Entry	KO4DCT	Larry Just	
28	Mile 9	Caroline St near entrance to Old Mill Park	Voice	KV4TZ	David Perrussel	
29	Mile 10	Fall Hill Ave between Hanson Ave & Woodford St	Voice	KC2YWF	Ross Caldwell	
30	Water Point 5	Mary Washington Blvd by Traffic Circle	Voice	W4HAN	Alexander Sydnor	
31	Mile 11	Hospital Dr & Park Hill Dr	Voice	KG4RSX	Edgar Morris	
32	Aid Stn 4	Hospital Dr in grass at circle	Voice/Data Entry	WB4TYS	John Cross	
33			Voice/Data Entry			
34	Water Point 7	Cowan Blvd by McDonalds	Voice	WCAJ	Jack Cochran	
35	Mile 13	Carl D Silver Pkwy by Sheetz	Voice	WW2RG	Raymond Geiger	
36	TailEnd Charlie Sweep	Mobile Sweep w/Driver	Driver/Voice	N1BED	Marc Spaziano	
37			Helper			
38	Rescue Squad	Mobile w/Rescue Squad. Meet point is usually in front of Wegmans	Voice			

[https://d.docs.live.net/e46409c99474e2d5/Documents/Event Coordination/2025/Marine Corps Marathon/Historic Half/2025 MCHH SignUp-Assignment Sheet - Working.xlsx](https://d.docs.live.net/e46409c99474e2d5/Documents/Event%20Coordination/2025/Marine%20Corps%20Marathon/Historic%20Half/2025%20MCHH%20SignUp-Assignment%20Sheet%20-%20Working.xlsx)

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Course Access

Access to the Race Course will be restricted. You will need a wrist band, parking pass (see parking later), and safety vests. The MCMO has some ARO vests and I have some additional ARO vest from my club. If you have a ANSI Class 2 ARES, CERT, or amateur radio club vest that will be acceptable. No vest with corporate or business logos or names will be allowed. I will be picking up the vests and wristbands from the MCM in early

May. You will need your parking pass, wristband, and vest the day of the event. All runners and volunteers have been told to look for our vests if there are issues that need to be communicated. **If you are not wearing the wristband, you will not be allowed on the course.** Below are the Current pick-up dates & time, locations, and talk-in repeater. If none of these work for you please contact me immediately so we can try to work something out. **IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO DISTRIBUTE VEST AND WRISTBANDS ON RACE DAY AS A NORMAL OCCURANCE!** For those coming from out of state or a significant distance in state, contact me I will make arrangements. King George folks, please let me know if you plan on picking up during the time I have scheduled in KG. If I haven't heard from you I may not stay the entire hour and may head back to work. **For those picking up in Prince William County prior to their ARES Training, please let me know in advance if that is where you intend to pick up your wristbands and if you need a vest.** I will not be there as that is the morning of the Semper Fred 5K. I need to give Dave Lane (PWC EC) the correct number.

MCHH Vest and Wristband Pick-up Times, Locations, and Talk-in			
Location	Date	Time	Talk-in
Front Corner Wegmans' Parking Lot 2281 Carl D. Silver Pkwy, Fredericksburg, VA 22401	Saturday, May 10	1300-1400	442.850+ PL79.7 AE4ML (Event Primary Repeater)
Lowe's in Southpoint 10101 Southpoint Pkwy, Fredericksburg, VA 22407	Saturday, May 10	1500-1600	147.015+ PL79.7 K4TS (Event Alt Repeater)
Walmart in King George 16375 Merchants Ln, King George, VA 22485	Wednesday, May 14	1130-1200	146.745- PL107.2 W4KGC
Prince William County ARES Monthly Training @ 3 County Complex Ct, Lake Ridge, VA 22192	Saturday, May 17	0830-0900	I will get them to Dave in advance of the training

Vest and Wristband Pickup - UPDATED

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Check-in

Some roads start to close as early as 0300. All course roads will be closed by 0530. Please see the linked [Road Closures.PDF](#). Your parking pass, wristband, and vest should get you through. **We expect all operators to be on station and setup at least 15 minutes prior to net check-in. Net check in is at 0515.** Please leave yourself plenty of time to get on station.

Due to the large number of road closures starting at 0300 and large area covered by the race, there will be no central rally and briefing in person. The briefing will take place on the air at check-in.

The race starts at 0600

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Mission

Our primary mission is eyes on the course to provide safety and back up the Marine Corps Marathon personnel. In the event of a downed runner, contact Net Control immediately. There will be an ambulance and medical personnel on site for the duration of the event under the command of *Top Doc*. When calling for medical assistance please use the [RVARC Medical Dispatch](#) (right click "Save As") form for the initial information to provide.

If you are at an Aid Station, Water Point, or Food Stop please relay any information requested through Net Control. Net Control may have information from the MCM Staff for you to relay to the staff at your location.

Aid Stations will have 2 operators at each location. We are there for voice operations this year. We are also there to provide tech support for the med tracking laptop and connection to the mi-fi. We are generally more tech savvy than your average bear. If you have issues you can always call me in the ROC.

Last year's online training meeting for the medical tracker was recorded for those that would like to watch it. There has been updates from last year. The training can be view at <https://youtu.be/UKCJ43aBUS4>

If you are at a **Mile Marker**, please relay the bib number of the first male and first female runner past your location for the Half Marathon and Duo and the time they past your location.

Division Shadows: I will contact you directly to provide you Division Commander's name, email, and phone number. Please contact them prior to race day to arrange a meeting location and time race morning. Your job will be to relay information from your Division Commander to net control and from other operators on the course in their area of operation to them. If they have information they want relayed to someone in their area of operation, you must go through net control to establish the direct communication.

There will only be the Historic Half Marathon this year.

The race is normally completed around lunch time.

All stations please report when the last runner and Tail End Charlie passes your location. Please asked to be relieved and receive confirmation from Net Control before leaving your station. Division Shadows, you can turn in your vest to Tail End Charlie and get your shirt, but please stay with your Division Commander until the race completes in their area of responsibility. Once they give you permission to be relieved, contact net control.

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Parking

All ARO volunteers will have a separate registration to get a parking pass. I will provide the registration link to provide you vehicle information in an email. **This registration must be completed by May 5th.** You will receive a personalized parking pass via email from the Marine Corps Marathon Program Office starting around May 9th. You must display this on your dash. **THIS DOES NOT GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO PARK ON THE COURSE.** This will help you get past **MOST** street closures to get to your location.

We have permission to access the course. You will need your parking pass, wrist band, and vest to be distributed later. **DO NOT** argue with police or MCM staff if they will not let you through. Radio Net Control. We are co-located with law enforcement and MCM staff. It is much more difficult to help you if you are in handcuff or the officer has already started to put pen to paper for a ticket. **When parking do no park on the actual road the runners will be running on (ie. the race course).** Please park on a near by street or lot. **Please also get to your location before the roads in your location close.** See the linked [Road Closure PDF](#).

There is a local towing company that will begin towing vehicles off the course around 0200. Please make sure you have your parking pass visibly displayed. Any issues with the towing company please radio net control. **DO NOT ARGUE WITH THE TOW TRUCK OPERATORS. THEY ARE UNDER DIRECTION OF THE POLICE TO CLEAR ALL VEHICLES FROM THE COURSE - NO EXCEPTIONS. YOU WILL BE TOWED.**

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Equipment

This course can easily be worked with an HT on 5 watts with a reasonably good antenna (no rubber ducks).

Set the timeout timer on you radio to no more than 2 minutes. 1 minute is preferred and will work for most stations.

In the past I've used 1 HT battery and been about half way through my 2nd by the end of the race. I was in a position where I was transmitting a good deal though. Hopefully, this helps.

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Operational Parameters

Our primary frequency will be the AE4ML UHF repeater 442.850(+) PL79.7. It has good coverage over the entire race course. Our backup alternate repeater is the K4TS VHF repeater 147.015(+) PL79.7. Please have both programmed into your radio in advance. If your radio allows you to monitor both frequencies at the same time, please do that. We had a situation where our primary comms failed and it took longer than we liked for everyone to switch over.

APRS tracking of the lead pace vehicle and Tail End Charlie can be done from your phone. I need to work out a few details. The information for tracking will be posted here before the race.

If all else fails I have everyone's cell phone number. Please have the cell phone number for the ECIC (Scott Larimer, KN4RPA ECIC (540--604--3196)) with you in your phone on race day

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Bibs

The bib designs are as follows for this year. You will be asked for the first male and first female runner with bib number for each race. **BIB IMAGES WILL BE UPDATED CLOSER TO RACE DAY. STILL TBD.**



ESPRIT DE CORPS CHALLENGE

Landing at New Providence,
3 March 1776
Colonel Charles H. Waterhouse, USMCR



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ESPRIT DE CORPS CHALLENGE

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stub/perf: ☐ no ☒ yes

backprint: ☐ no ☒ yes

QR code: ☐ no ☒ yes

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sequence(s)

[Marine Corps Esprit de Corp Challenge](#)

Marines To The Rigging
Colonel Charles H. Waterhouse, USMCR

MARINE CORPS
HISTORIC
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Today's NEW Country



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(LIMIT 1 PER COUPON)

MARINECORPS MARATHON
RUN SUSTAINABLY IN YOUR OFFICIAL EVENT SHIRT



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Colonel Charles H. Waterhouse, USMCR

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BEER COUPON
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MARINECORPS MARATHON
RUN SUSTAINABLY IN YOUR OFFICIAL EVENT SHIRT



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backprint: ☐ no ☒ yes

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Marines To The Rigging
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MARINE CORPS
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MARINECORPS MARATHON RUN SUSTAINABLY IN YOUR OFFICIAL EVENT SHIRT


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Marine Corps Historic Half - Duo

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[Duo Bib](#)



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[Coach's Bib](#)

Media Relations

Any questions asked by the public or the media, are to be directed to the Race Officials. If people ask you about amateur radio, do what we all do best and share our love and knowledge of our hobby. As long as it doesn't interfere with you primary duty of supporting the race.

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Maps

All Courses Google Earth with Ham Location KMZ

Below is a Google Earth KMZ file of the whole course. This file can be used with Google Earth on you computer or phone. It is a good reference on race day. By default I have turned of the layer for Course Marshals. You can turn this layer back on if you desire. Also, included in this map is the arps.fi track of the pace vehicle (KN4RPA) and sweep vehicle (N1BED). Right click and "Save Link As" to download.

[Google Earth 2025 mchh.kmz](#)

If you want just the pace and sweep tracking you can get that file here (***THIS FILE MAY BE UPDATED LATER***)

[Pace and Sweep ARPS Tracking.kmz](#)

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