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## **Wounded Heroes, Supporters to Run Marine Corps Marathon** *Team Hope For The Warriors® charity partner of MCM 2011*

WASHINGTON, D.C, October 28, 2011 – Team Hope For The Warriors® will have their largest representation to date in the 2011 Marine Corps Marathon to take place on Sunday, October 30. The Team, consisting of both wounded service members and community runners, is sending a 130-member force to the event. Ten of our nation’s heroes wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan will hit the 26.2 course through Washington, D.C. Hope For The Warriors®, a national, nonprofit organization that supports wounded U.S. service members, their families, and families of the fallen.

The members of Team Hope For The Warriors® include both active duty and retired wounded service members from the Marine Corps, Army and Navy. Some will compete on foot, others will utilize custom-built handcycles. Many are racing in their first, post-injury marathon.

“So many of our service members were competitive athletes prior to their injuries and returning to that life is a key part of their rehabilitation,” Jenlene Nowak, Team Hope For The Warriors® Director said. “When these heroes join our Team and compete in these competitive events, they are defined by their achievements, not their injuries.”

The remaining runners are community members who have committed to raising funds for Hope For The Warriors® to make these warriors’ races possible. Monies raised benefit their combat wounded teammates as well as support other programs from Hope For The Warriors®. These programs offer a full cycle of support that includes Immediate Needs and financial assistance, and continue through Family Support Programs, A Warrior’s Wish®, Hope & Morale events, Above & Beyond Transitional Program, Spouse/Caregiver scholarships, and more.

“Hope For The Warriors® is extremely thankful to the members of our Team,” Robin Kelleher, Hope For The Warriors® President said. “Their fundraising efforts directly support military families across the country.”

The mission of Hope For The Warriors® ([www.hopeforthewarriors.org](http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org)) is to enhance quality of life for U.S. service members and their families nationwide who have been adversely affected by injuries or death in the line of duty. Hope For The Warriors® actively seeks to ensure that the sacrifices of wounded and fallen warriors and their families are never forgotten nor their needs unmet.

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