



**BRITISH
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JOIN
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IN THE
RUNNING
OF THE
34TH US
MARINE
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MARATHON**

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE: On 25 October 2009, why not join the British Army Benevolent Fund America in raising funds for comrades in America's Capitol - Washington, D.C.

HOW? By being one of 20 more runners from all units to join the BABFA Team to run with us in partnership with the US Azalea Charities to benefit both British and American soldiers in the 34th running of the US Marine Corps Marathon (MCM). Our joint aim is \$150,000.

BRITS & YANKS TOGETHER: Azalea Charities has already been extraordinarily generous to the Army Benevolent Fund - of which BABFA is your US Chapter at www.babfa.org – and continues to be so by this invitation to join with them in the MCM. Please check out the very special partnership at: www.azaleacharities.com/events/marine.shtml

HISTORY: In the 33 years of its history, the MCM has not only made a name for itself in sheer size as the fourth largest US Marathon and eighth largest in the world, but stands as the largest marathon that doesn't offer prize money, earning the nickname, "The People's Marathon."

THE COURSE: The race runs through old Colonial Arlington, Virginia and the capital of the United States Washington DC, where you will find countless historic sites and museums and excellent shopping and nightlife. A minimum sponsorship of \$500 (around 300 Pounds) is required, and this does not include flights or accommodation. For fundraising in UK please contact Stephen Cain as below.

OUR PLEDGE. Brits and Yanks together again! That stated we shall aim to source and reserve accommodations ideal for cost and proximity to the Marathon itself. On Saturday 24th, all runners are invited to a Pasta lunch courtesy of our hosts in Azalea Charities in Central Washington. For those who struggle to raise the sponsorship, we shall try to assist with sponsors.

WHET YOUR APPETITE. Check out the MCM course at: <http://map.mapnetwork.com/event/marinecorpsmarathon/>

For further details please contact Stephen Cain, British Army Benevolent Fund America at stephencain@babfa.org or move directly to register with Azalea at <http://tinyurl.com/azaleaevent>