

WHAT'S UP IN FMWR ?

Victory run for wounded soldier in New York City Marathon

The New York City Marathon is the place to be if you want to be part of something big. Firstly, it's New York City and you get to see a lot of it as the course passes through all five boroughs and shows off some fabulous skyline views along the way. The New York City Marathon is the largest marathon in the world.

The New York Marathon was first held in 1970. The route looped several times through Central Park and out of 127

entrants, only 55 crossed the finish line. Since then, the race has grown more and more interesting and now has runners participating from around the world. Today, the unique course and energetic atmosphere attracts more than 90,000 applicants every year. The race has a limit of 38,000 participants, most of whom are lucky runners selected in a



COL Vargas aids Reynaldo Torres, wounded Colombian soldier, in the 2009 New York City Marathon

random lottery drawing. However, you can attain guaranteed entry if you meet certain qualifying times, have been denied access the last three years or register through a charity program.

COL Luis E. Vargas, Colombian Foreign Liaison Officer attached to SOUTHCOM, was fortunate enough to participate in such an exciting race. COL Vargas, an

exceptional runner, volunteered to assist a Colombian soldier that was wounded in combat. Reynaldo Torres lost his sight and has limited movement of his right arm, but that did not stop him from completing in the New York Marathon, which has always been his dream. With the help of COL Vargas, he was able to finish one of the most famous marathons in the world! Bien hecho/Well done COL Vargas and Mr. Torres!

Looking for a running partner to stay in shape or train for an upcoming race, even the New York City Marathon? Join us for a morning or lunch jog. For more information contact Jill Hauser, FMWR Recreation Specialist, 305 437-1682.



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