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All Marine Athletes of Year Announced

HQMC (MR), MCB QUANTICO, Virginia – Captain Sean Barrett and First

Lieutenant Kaitlin Koplin have been selected as the U.S. Marine Corps Male and Female Athletes of the Year for 2010.

The pair will be honored at the Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Clubs at Quantico in Quantico, Va., on August 26, 2010, at 11 a.m.

Captain Barrett, a native of San Diego, CA, is an intelligence officer currently assigned to the National Intelligence University at the Defense Intelligence Agency for a Masters of Science Program in Strategic Intelligence. Barrett distinguished himself as an athlete in 2010 by winning the silver medal at the Armed Forces Marathon Championship with a finishing time of 2:24:28, and third place overall in the Marine Corps Marathon. This was Barrett's first ever marathon. Barrett accomplished this extraordinary feat after just returning from Iraq where he was deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Barrett, a graduate of Harvard College, also raced during the 2010 season in the ING Philadelphia Half-Marathon with a time of 67:49, the Plymouth Half-Marathon with a time of 70:32, and numerous other smaller races.

First Lieutenant Kaitlin Koplin, a native of Youngstown, Ohio is an adjutant currently serving as an Information Management Officer at the Command, Control,

Communications and Computers Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps. Koplin was the Marine Corps Female Cross Country Champion and a member of the U.S. Armed Forces team that competed in the 2010 Conseille International du Sport Militaire Cross Country Championship in Ostend, Belgium. A graduate of the Naval Academy, Koplin also competed during the 2010 season in the Plymouth Half-Marathon with a finish time of 1:26:01, the Annapolis Ten miler, which she won with a finish time of 1:02:16, the Marine Corps Marathon with a time of 3:10:11 and numerous other smaller races.

For more information about the Athletes of the Year program or the Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame, please contact Maj. G. Canedo, HQMC Semper Fit, 703-784-3898, or email: canedog@usmc-mccs.org.

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Pictures follow



Washington, DC, Sunday, October 31, 2010 -- Captain Sean Barrett (wearing #90) crosses the start line at the beginning of the 35th running of the Marine Corps Marathon. Barrett would finish the race, his first marathon ever, as the second military finisher and third overall with an impressive time of 2:24:28



Washington, DC, Sunday, October 31, 2010 -- First Lieutenant Kaitlin Koplin runs through the historic Georgetown neighborhood near mile-marker four during the 35th Marine Corps Marathon. Koplin finished the race in 3:10:11