

SAN DIEGO, CA, September 22, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- The Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) will hold its 2013 Bootcamp Challenge, a popular and competitive athletic event taking place annually during San Diego's Fleet Week on Saturday, September 28.

The three mile run is part obstacle course, featuring the very same physical challenges that Marines Corps Recruits encounter during their training. In addition, more than 60 United States Marine Corps Drill Instructors will be on hand to encourage participants as they tackle the course.

The course will take place on paved roads and hard-packed dirt. Participants will face more than 40 obstacles, including hay jumps, tunnel crawls, log hurdles, six foot walls, trenches, cargo net walls and push up stations throughout the race. Awards will be handed out to the top three finishers in each of the 29 categories divided into different age groups, individual performances, and team performances.

Those interested in signing up for the Bootcamp Challenge may do so as an individual, a 3-person team, or a 5-person team. Pre-Registration for the event is \$39 per individual, \$117 per 3-person team, and \$195 per 5-person team. Registration is available online at <http://www.bootcampchallenge.com>. Pre-registration closes this week, but day of race registration will be available. All participants will receive official race t-shirts. Proceeds from the event will go to the Quality of Life programs for Marines and Sailor stations aboard the MCRD San Diego.

The 2013 Bootcamp Challenge begins at 9am on September 28. The Elite Division will be the first to begin, followed by individual men, individual women, 3-person teams and lastly, the 5-person teams. Day of race registration and t-shirt pickup begins at 6:30am. The event will be followed by a post-race party, featuring music, food, and drinks.