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33rd Annual Army Ten-Miler road race changed to recreational run due to unsafe weather conditions

WASHINGTON – Sunday, the U.S. Army Military District of Washington downgraded the 33rd Army Ten-Miler road race to a recreational run at approximately 10:08 a.m., due to high temperature and humidity creating unsafe weather conditions.

“The safety of our runners is paramount. The Military District of Washington is committed to providing a world-class road race in a safe and secure environment,” said Jim Vandak, Army Ten-Miler race director. “The decision to downgrade the road race was made in coordination with medical, safety and race operations personnel.”

Individuals and teams that completed the competitive run prior to the run being declared a recreational run were presented their awards during the award ceremony.

The 100 meter K-3 youth run was cancelled at 11 a.m. for the same reason.

A joint military medical team partnered with Arlington County and Washington D.C. Fire and Rescue, worked tirelessly to ensure runners affected by exercise-related heat and stress injuries received immediate first-class care.

More than 35,000 military and civilian runners registered for the 33rd Annual Army Ten-Miler. The race started and finished at the Pentagon and the route passed through parts of Arlington, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

The race was re-routed at Independence Avenue and 14th Street shortening the race approximately 1 mile, in an effort mitigate heat related injuries.

For more information about the Army Ten-Miler visit www.armytenmiler.com, or call 202-685-4645.

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