

Twenty minutes and fifty three seconds is not the fastest time ever for running a 5K but on Dec. 8 it was enough to finish first in a field of more than one hundred participants during the Camp Parks Cancer Awareness Run. The man who ran it was Marcus Ng of Hayward California and regretfully he said he should have ran it faster.

His triumph however was more about opportunities to educate and bring awareness to the fact that Cancer, in all its forms, needs to be eradicated. To run, walk and simply participating brings us closer to finding a cure. Someday we will be asked to donate, or give something of ourselves to help find a cure and this event will trigger a positive response and become a catalyst for our involvement.

The inspiring moment came with the singing of the National Anthem by Maggie Hurtado, who is a breast cancer survivor. She stepped forward, sang the simple tune and reminded us through her singing, the purpose of the run. The time was quite, everyone turned to the flagpole and Soldiers rendered a salute. It was at that moment that the run, the community involvement and efforts of the Camp Parks Morale Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) became more that what was planned. The small gathering embodied community in its purest form; working together for a common cause.

The moment was made possible by the efforts of a small group of dedicated people in FMWR.

Loraine Thorson and Chris Pahia were the driving force that planned, organized and ran the event. From planning the route, organizing volunteers and ensuring its safe conduct they spent countless hours ensuring it's successful outcome.

"I want to thank everyone for their participation", said Thorson, "especially Matt Troiano of The Dublin Knights of Columbus Chapter 7987 who provided us with course roads guards. They were invaluable and their generous efforts was what made our event a success."

Other volunteers included, Austin Hosmer and Josiah Railes for course set up and assistance during the event.



5K CANCER AWARENESS RUN

Youth Walker:
Tommy Jones
16:19 (1.5 Miles)

Youth Runner:
Wyatt Yingst
Time: 28:39

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Marcus NG
Time 20:53