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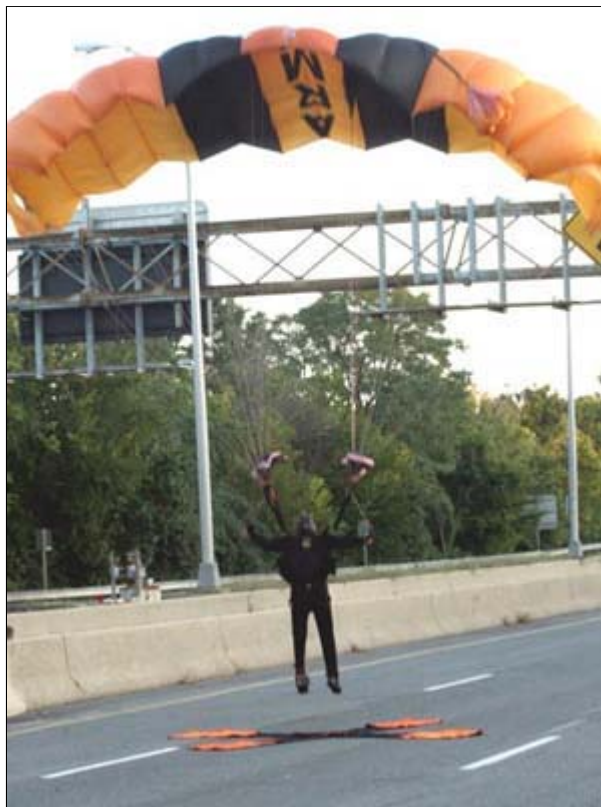


A member of the Canadian SkyHawks glides toward the starting area, with the new Air Force Memorial in the background.



The U.S. Army Golden Knights fill the sky with smoke and parachutes before the race.





A Golden Knights parachutist makes his landing right on target.



Two Golden Knights land simultaneously.



The Golden Knights pack up their chutes after the jump.





The Missing (Parts) in Action team starts the race.



The field in the 22nd Army Ten-Miler starts the race.





The eventual top three finishers take the early lead, with the Pentagon in the background. From left to right are Richard Ondimu (43) who finished third; Belay Kassa (42), second; and Jared Nyamboki (59), who won in a time of 48:24.



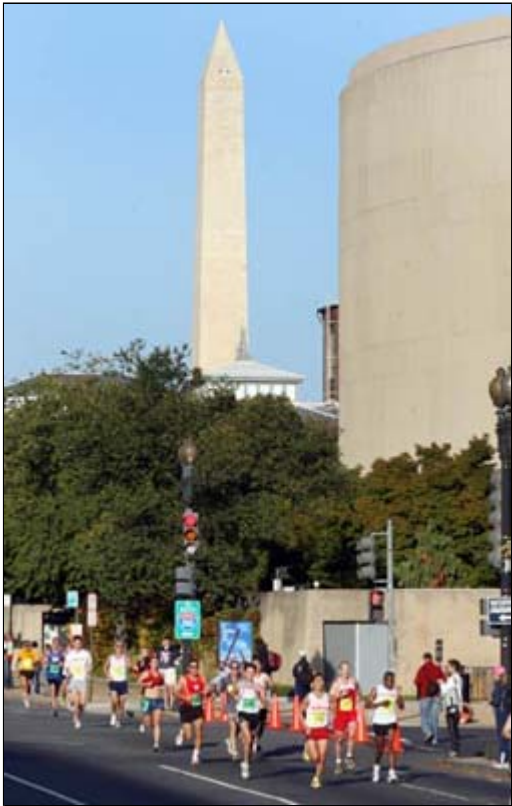
Among the runners on the Missing (Parts) in Action team was Derek McGinnis, left, of the U.S. Navy, who was wounded in an IED attack in Fallujah, Iraq.



Eventual race winner Jared Nyamboki pulls away from the pack near the three-mile mark.



Runners move past the Smithsonian, 5½ miles into the race.





Jared Nyamboki is all alone as he races down Independence Ave., approaching the 8-mile mark.



Jared Nyamboki crosses the finish line.

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Second-place finisher Belay Teka-Kassa of Ethiopia crosses the finish line.



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Three-time (1987, 1998 and 1991) Army Ten-Miler winner Darrell General crosses the line in 47th place.



Alisa Harvey of Manassas, Va., wins her fourth Army Ten-Miler, in a time of 59:00. Harvey also won in 1998, 1999 and 2003.



Emily Brzozowski of Fort Carson, Colo., takes second in the women's division in a time of 59:26.



Donald Holdridge, 49, of Clarks Summit, Pa., struggles toward the finish line. His effort, shown in the following photos, gave the spectators an example of determination.



Holdridge is assisted by finish-line personnel as he collapses just short of his goal.



His eyes still on the line, Holdridge tries to stay on his feet.



Holdridge falls to the pavement ...



... where finish-line workers are ready to assist him ...



... but he gets up and continues the race.

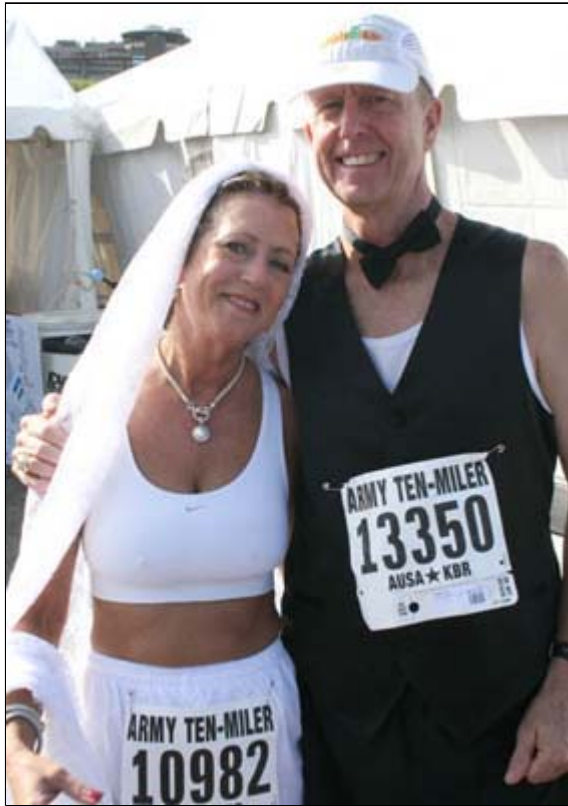


Holdridge lunges across the line to finish 150th in a time of 1:01:02, 12th in his division.





Maj. Rich Stitzer, who ran his third Army Ten-Miler, holds a photo of Pvt. Allen Miller, a Gulf War veteran who died last year in a VA hospital. "He left behind a wife and two boys," Stitzer said. "I wanted to dedicate this race to him, and say to his boys that their father was weighed, measured and found worthy ... to keep going and never look back."



Col. (Dr.) Cherry Gaffney and Col. Louis Smith ran the race in wedding garb, then went back to Alexandria, Va., a couple of hours later and got married. Gaffney is command surgeon of the Army Materiel Command, and Smith is commander of the U.S. Army Health Clinic at Fort Myer, Va.







At the U.S. Army-Europe's tent, there was plenty of good food and conversation after the race.





Some young runners in the crowd at the Pentagon parking lot after the race.

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