

B-2 Spirit Featured Aircraft at 2012 Marathon

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – The B-2 Spirit stealth bomber will be the featured aircraft for the 2012 Air Force Marathon.

The iconic batwing shaped aircraft will be prominently displayed on all official Marathon gear, including the highly coveted finisher's medal racers receive after crossing the long 26.2-mile road to the finish line.

“It is really exciting to have such an amazing featured aircraft” said Molly Louden, Marathon director. “There just isn’t any other aircraft like the B-2.”

Aircraft flyovers during all the races is just one of the many unique aspects of the Air Force Marathon. Year after year, runners cite it as a key source of inspiration.

Registration for the 2012 Marathon begins at 12 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2012 with a special one-day rate. The 2011 race sold out in record time and officials are bracing for an early rush on registration.

“I’m telling everyone to please register early. We had so many people that missed out last year due to the early sellout and I just want everyone to have the opportunity to experience this amazing race,” Ms. Louden said.

Although an additional 1,500 spots were added bringing the potential 2012 field to 15,000 runners, race officials fully expect to sell out based on the rate of recent growth.

More information on the Air Force Marathon is available on the web: www.usafmarathon.com

The Air Force Marathon, presented by Northrop Grumman, USAA and Boeing, will be held Sept. 15 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Participants start and finish at the National Air Force Museum, and spectators are welcome at the museum or in downtown Fairborn. Other events include a half marathon and 10K to be held on the 15th. The Air Force 5K hosted by Wright State University will be run on Sept. 14 at the Wright State University Nutter Center. The Sports and Fitness Expo will also be held at the Nutter Center on Sept. 13-14.