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FROM THE RACE DIRECTOR

March 1, 2015

To: All Runners, Spectators, and Friends

From: Ed Bandas, Race Director, The Army Marathon

On behalf of our Board, Volunteers, and our Advisor Team, we welcome you to The Army Marathon! We are incredibly proud to have had one of the largest debut marathons in Texas right here in Bell County last year! We are even prouder to host The Army Marathon III this year! The fact that we all benefit our men and women who served or are serving their country makes it even more special.

While you visit Central Texas, please say "Thank You" to all of the folks who help carry out this great event. Without the support of folks like The Cities of Killeen, Harker Heights, Belton, and Temple, law enforcement agencies including these city's Police/Fire/EMS services, Bell County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Department of Transportation and medical services like Scott & White, and all of the volunteers that you will meet along the way on the marathon route, we would not have been able to pull this off. We hope that you have a moment to enjoy our beautiful county while you run through all of the communities that support Fort Hood, "The Great Place."

We are especially grateful to the sponsors this year. These Inaugural Sponsors not only had the faith to return again this year even stronger than last year, they also truly carry the banner on support for our military heroes. We are honored that they choose to join us in honoring our active duty members, our National Guardsmen, and our veterans. Please visit them and thank them for stepping up!

Don't forget to visit Texas Brazos Trail Region at www.texas-brazostrail.com to see all the wonderful sites that Central Texas has to offer! This event is only better because of the tireless assistance of their members including Temple Convention and Visitors Bureau, Belton Chamber of Commerce, Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce, and Killeen Civic and Conference Center and their other great members!

So go out there and RUN WITH HEROES!!!

Very Respectfully,
Ed Bandas

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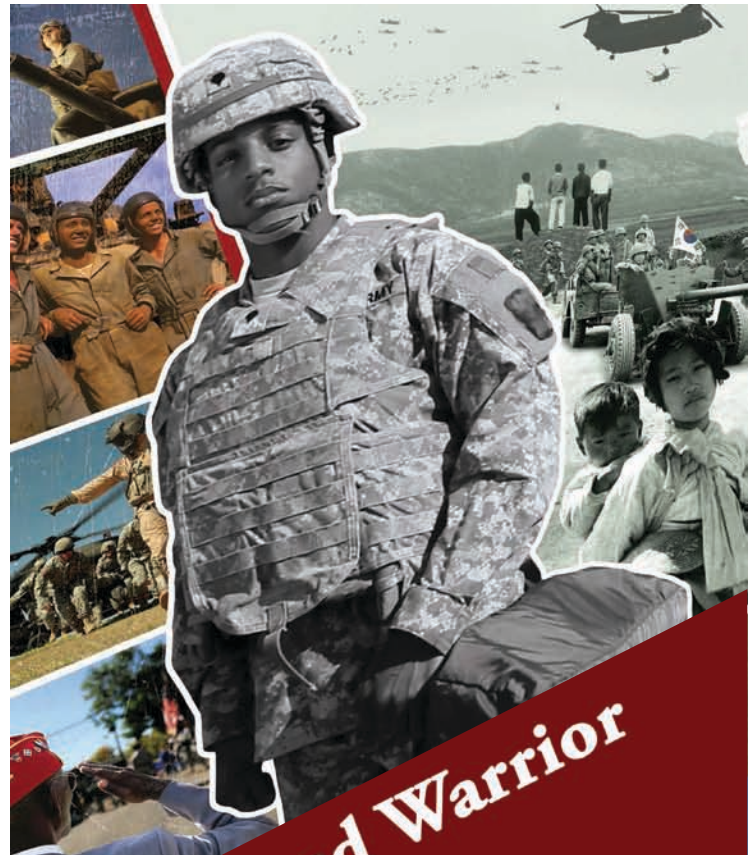
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About **BELL COUNTY**



Bell County is centrally located along the I-35 corridor. Bell County is serviced by two major railroads and offers state-of-the-art medical facilities, several excellent colleges, and a large regional airport, all of which make it a great choice to call home. Bell County is home to Fort Hood. With a capacity of 50,000 troops, it is the largest military installation in the free world. The 2010 Census put Bell County's population at 310,325 - the 16th largest of Texas' 254 counties. Bell County grew by 30.4% from 2000 to 2010. The 2012 population is estimated to be over 315,000, and it continues to grow, fueling a strong and stable economy.

BELL COUNTY HISTORY

Bell County was created from Milam County just five years after Texas entered the Union. County Commissioners chose a county seat on the banks of Nolan Creek and named it Nolanville. Two years later, January 12, 1852, the town's name became Belton and it was incorporated.

Belton's first settlers built houses, stores, saloons, and a hotel and prospered until the Civil War when they lined up behind the South. When things went bad for the South, Belton also experienced tough times. By the 1880s, Belton had recovered from the war and began to flourish once again. It was the largest town in Bell County and had a brisk economy. Belton would have become a boom town if it had a railroad, but it only reached its doorstep as the Santa Fe Railroad crossed the county line on the eastern edge near Rogers.

During the mid to late 1860s, the Chisholm Trail cut through central Bell County along a route between the present-day cities of Belton and Salado. The 1860's also saw the establishment of the female religious commune known as the True Church Colony which flourished until about 1900.

Between 1877 and 1915, ten railroads considered placing tracks through Bell County, but only two companies actually came to the area. At a time when railroads made and broke rural communities, the acquisition of a railroad was important. The Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad, known as the Katy, went through Belton, while the Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe Railroad, known as the Santa Fe, established a new town just north of Belton, known as Temple.

To provide the railroad employees with health care, Santa Fe hospital became the city's first hospital in 1891. Then in 1896, King's Daughters Hospital was established. Temple Sanitarium began in 1897 and later evolved into Scott & White. In 1983, Santa Fe combined with Scott & White.

The first woman elected as governor in the United States was Miriam Amanda Wallace Ferguson. Ms. Ferguson was born near Little River and she served from 1925-1927 and 1933-1935. Her husband, James Edward Ferguson was born near Salado and elected as governor from 1915-1917.



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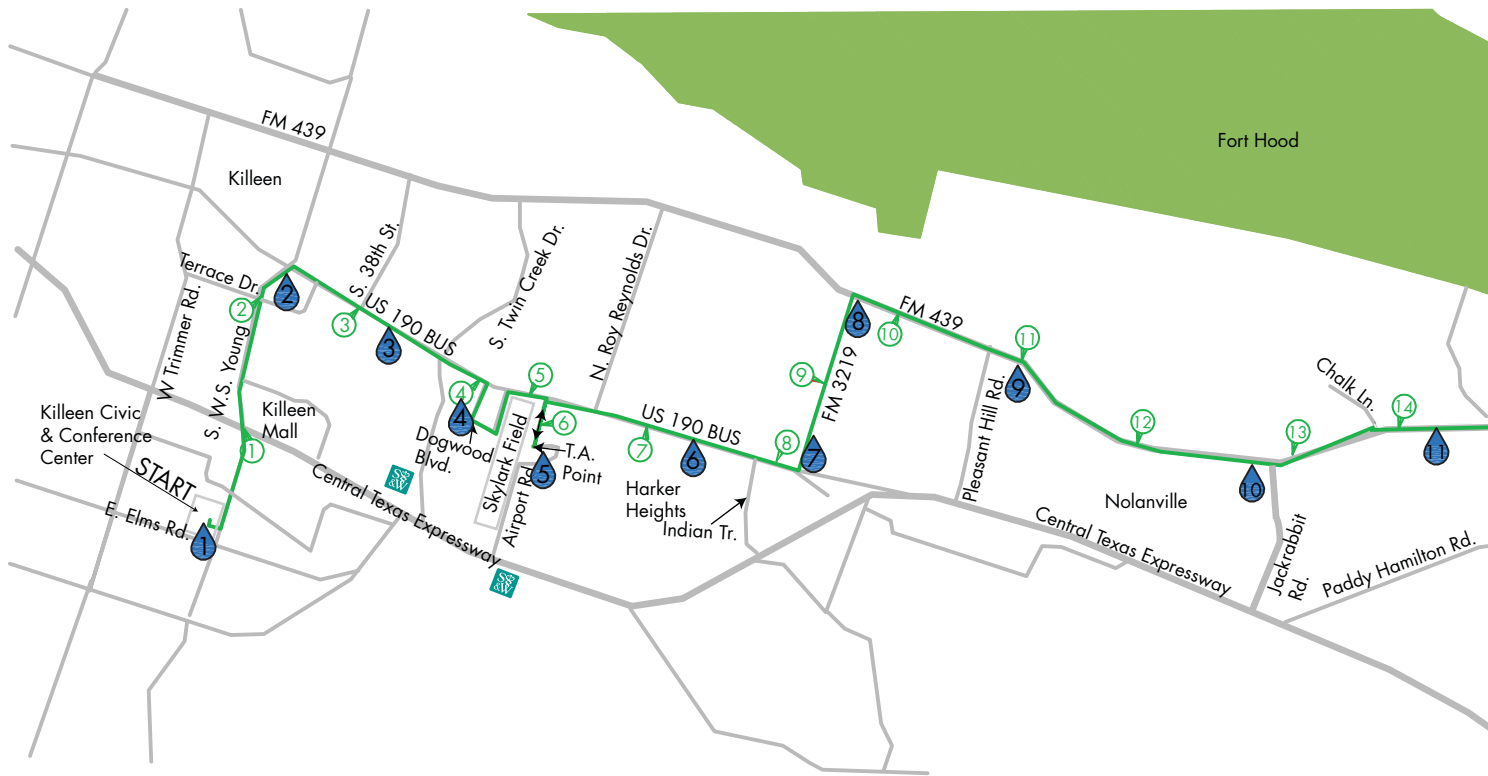








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-  Marathon Mile Marker (Approx. Location)
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TheArmyMarathon.com

Date: Sunday, March 1, 2015

Marathon Start Time: 0700hrs

Start Location: Killeen Civic and Conference Center

End Location: Hilliard Rd., Temple, TX

Half Marathon Start Time: 0700hrs

5 Klicks Start Time: 0730hrs

Start & Finish Location: Hilliard Rd., Temple, TX

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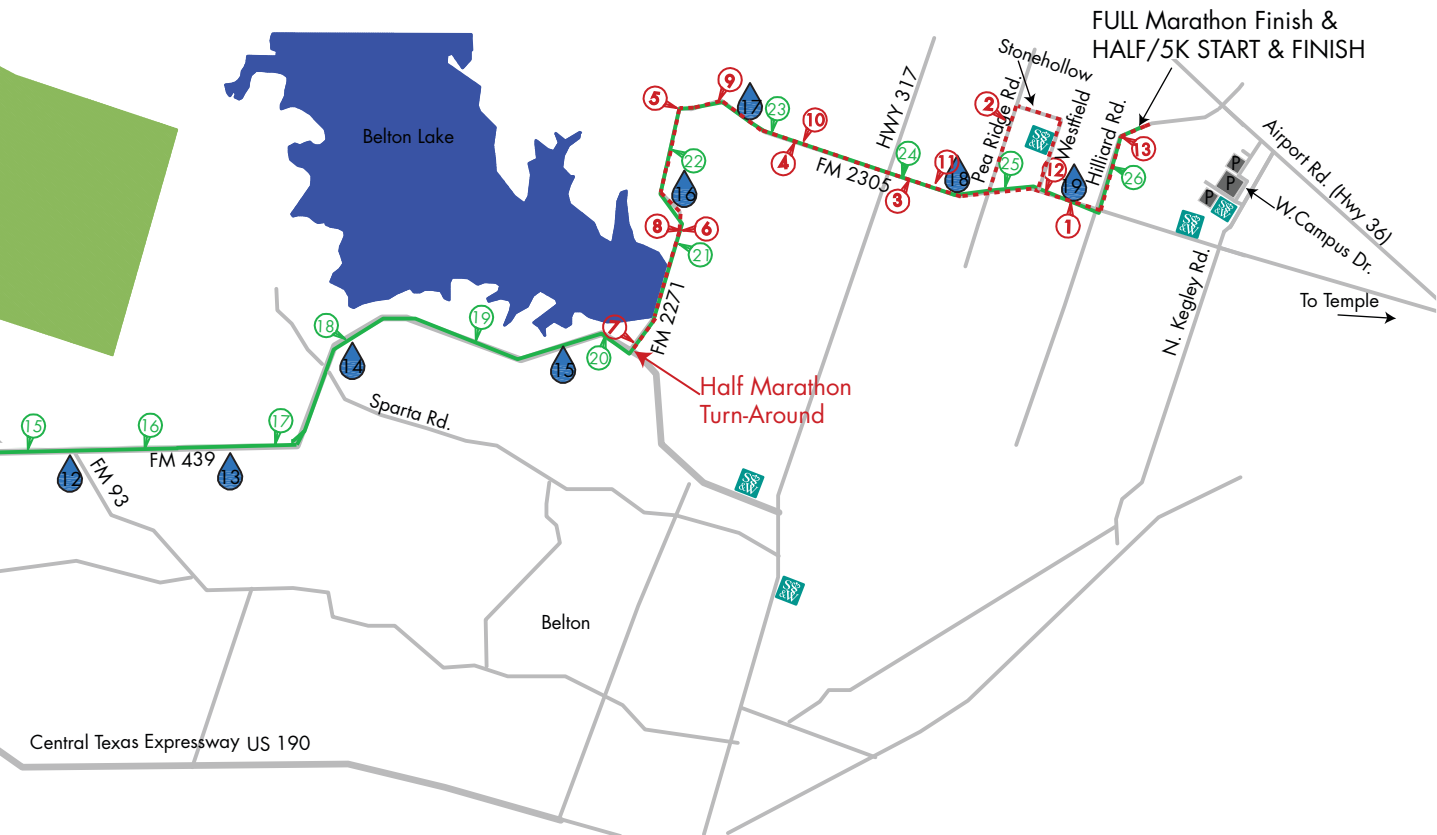


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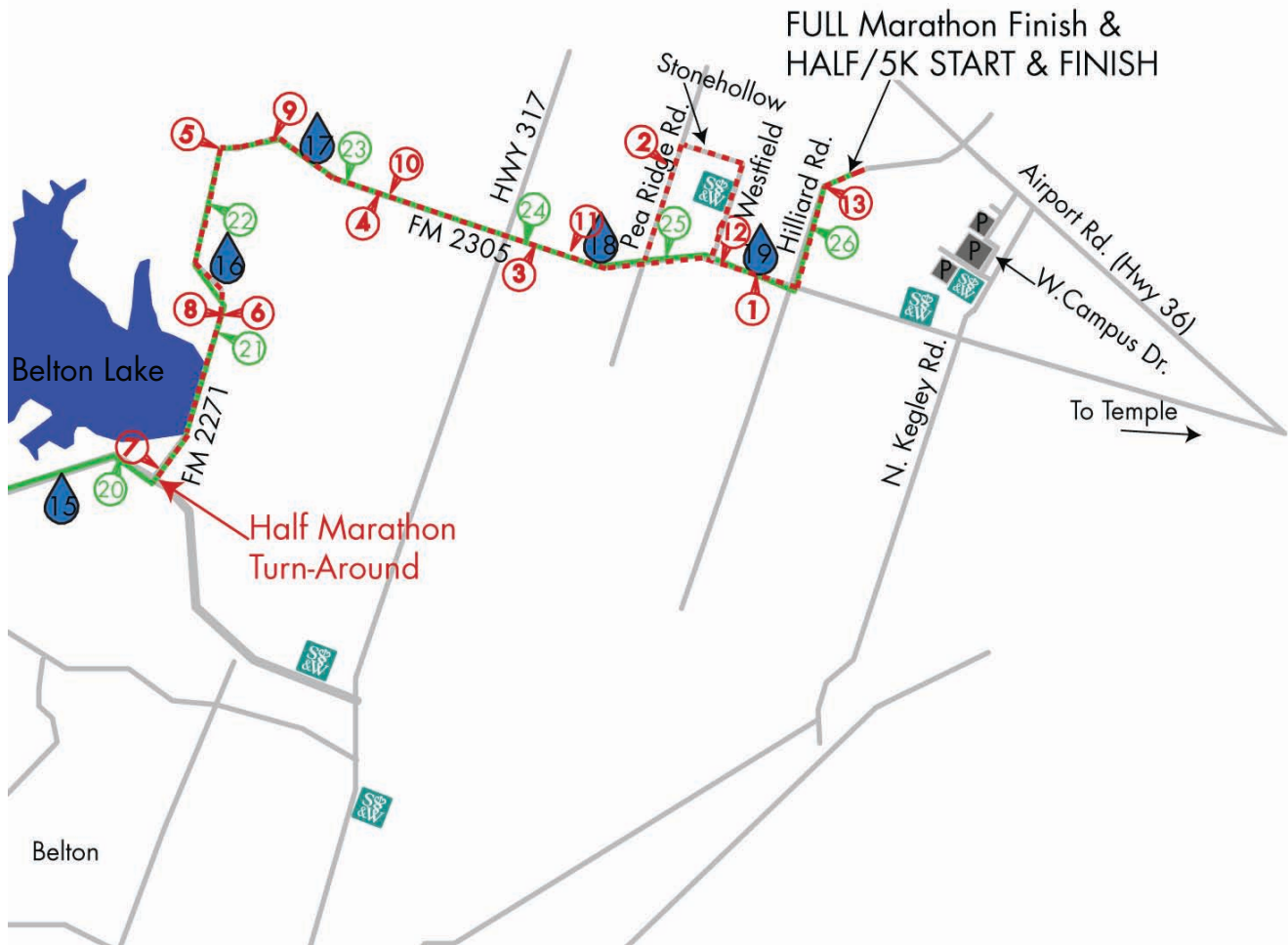
The Army Marathon begins at the Killeen Convention Center at 0700 hrs, on South WS Young in Killeen. The course heads north on WS Young Drive through Killeen, home to Fort Hood, the largest military post in the free world.

The closing miles of the route continue on FM 2305 to Hilliard Rd and then north on Hilliard Road to the finish line just south of Highway 36. Hilliard Road is the site of the developing Temple Bioscience Center and home to the Army Marathon Finish Line and Post-Race Festival.

The point-to-point route is generally rolling with a net downhill, with a net elevation loss of 273' or approximately 10.5' per mile. The highest point on the course comes at approximately 1.70 miles into the route, near the intersection of WS Young and Zephyr Road. The lowest point on the course comes at approximately mile 16.70 on FM 439 between Sparta Road and the Belton Lake Dam.

There are 19 water stations located throughout the course, approximately every 1.0 – 1.5 miles. Each water stop will feature an electrolyte replacement drink followed by water stops and Scott & White Medical personnel. Each water stop will also offer portable restrooms.

Runners should bring their own energy gels if they have a preference but ClifShots will be available at two water stations along the course.



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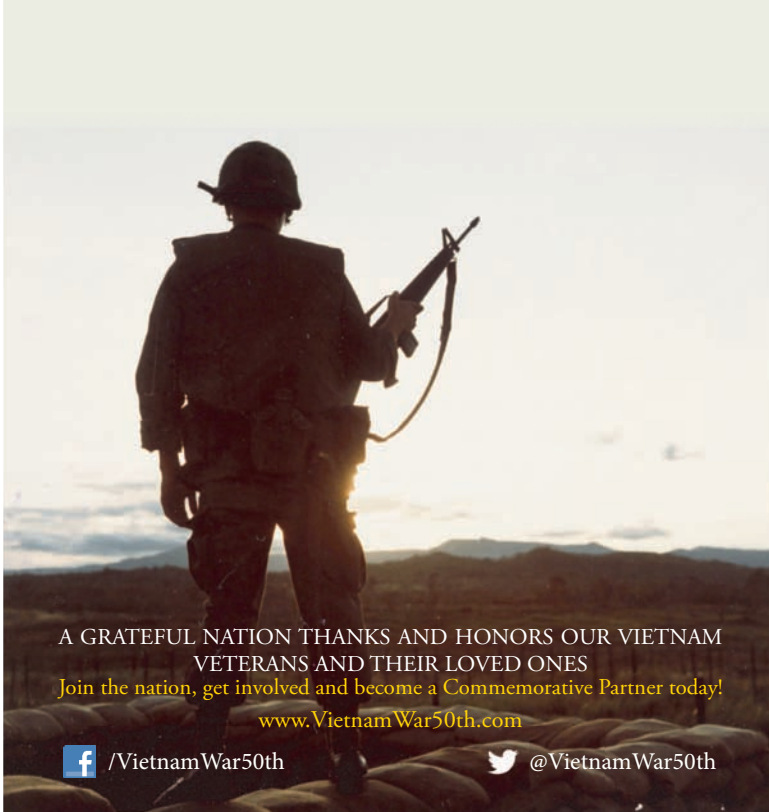
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