

Team DTA places 10th at the Army Ten Miler

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The 26th annual Army Ten miler in Washington DC is one of the premier running events in the world and this year, the US Army Garrison Detroit Arsenal (DTA) Family & Morale, Welfare & Recreation (FMWR) sports and fitness division sponsored a co-ed team to participate.

On the morning of October 24th, the temperature was perfect for any running event 10 miler. Almost 22,000 runners converged on a marked 10 mile path snaking around some of the nation's greatest monuments and famous structures.

The Army 10 Miler Qualifier was new to the installation and was coupled with the 2nd Annual 5K Robot Trot 5K, which took place at Selfridge Air National Guard Base (SANGB). Approximately 40 participants competed for spots on the team. The top 2 men and top 2 women finishers would advance to the DTA team to compete.

The top qualifying DTA female finishers were Ms. Dawn Vanhulle and Ms. Melissa Hannum who are friends and train together. Melissa stated "Dawn and I love running. It helps to push us to get to our individual goals and keeps it fun."

The fastest finishers for the DTA men were Mr. Devin Kliebert and Mr. Mark Kossak. Devin Kliebert, who is relatively new to running, started only a few years ago. Mark is a veteran runner, running since he was a teenager. Coincidentally, Devin started his running career by way of Melissa, who introduced him to distance running.

Team DTA ran well with Mark finishing in 1:02:29, Dawn in 1:28:45 and Melissa in 1:28:46. Devin finished in with a personal best of 1:05:30 and an overall 524th out of nearly 22,000 competitors.

Team DTA did not just go to soak up this once in a lifetime event but competed to win by finishing in 05:10:28 which earned 10th place out of 116 teams in the division.

