

CANADA ARMY RUN

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On September 21st, 2008 our nation's capital was host to a truly spectacular event – the inaugural Canada Army Run. This event hosted both military and civilian athletes competing in either a half marathon (21.1 km) or a 5 km race. The aim of this event was to show support for past and present soldiers wounded in action as well as giving everyone a platform in which to show their support for the Canadian Forces. All proceeds from the event will go to support the Military Families Fund and injured soldiers

The first event kicked off at 0800 and saw 3779 competitors in the Army 5 km run. The second event was the Army Half Marathon which saw 3223 competitors flash out of the gate at 0900. With 7002 participants in both events combined this is truly an amazing show of support in the first year of this event. Approximately 35 percent of the participants were military with participants representing every major army base as well as a large portion of other Canadian Forces establishments. Among the competitors was a healthy showing of military engineers. The top finishing Engineers for the Canada Army Run were:

Half Marathon

Male: MCpl Steve Skinner 1h27m43s
(CFSME) (96th Overall)

Female: Sgt Karen Kaizer 1h29m36s
(CFSME) (130th Overall)

5 km

Male: Cpl Robert McKinnon 21m36s
(EET Wainwright) (184th Overall)

Female: Cpl Melissa Dunnett 32m38s
(33 CER) (1982nd Overall)



Deserving special mention is Cpl McKinnon. Not only was he the top finishing engineer in the 5 km race but he also ran the half marathon in 1h37m05s which was good for 355th overall.

Congratulations to all competitors and see you next year.

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For complete results as well as team results for both races see <http://www.sportstats.ca/>