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**R**unning can sometimes be considered an extremely solitary pastime. . .but not the annual Air Force Marathon. This year's marathon is scheduled to kick off Saturday, September 17 2022 at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH.

"Our entire event is fun and family-friendly," enthuses Brandon Hough, director of the Air Force Marathon since 2018. "Simply put, there are no aspects of our event that would not be inclusive for all members of a family.

"I think notably, though, there are a few things that stand out," Hough continues. "First is the pasta dinner that we hold at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. It's arguably the best pasta dinner in

the running industry; set right in the middle of a hangar surrounded by planes. Guests are free to walk around and enjoy themselves; meanwhile, we bring in guest speakers and senior air force leadership to speak. It's a wonderful event.

"Additionally, it should be noted that our event offers a plethora of race distances so all levels can compete," he adds. "We have a 1K, 5K, 10K, half marathon, full marathon, marathon relay (perfect for families and friends), and two challenge events. On top of this, we have very generous time allowances. Our 10K and half marathon allow for a participant to take seven hours. After the event, we have a wonderful 'after party' at the local outdoor mall, The Greene, complete with a parachute demonstration and the plane reveal for the following year."

Other special social functions include a "Breakfast of Champions,"

