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13 teams from Hampton Roads compete in 2011 All-Military Wilderness Challenge

YORKTOWN –Thirteen teams from Hampton Roads military commands will compete in the Mid-Atlantic Region, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department's annual all-military Wilderness Challenge, October 6–8, in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains and on the New and the Gauley Rivers in West Virginia.

More than 300 military personnel representing the armed forces will be participating in this extreme outdoor competition. The challenge contains a series of five outdoor adventure races in a team format designed to bring camaraderie, competition and team spirit between all five branches of the Armed Forces. Teams participating in this year's challenge will compete in an 8K mountain run, a 14-mile mountain bike race, a 14-mile forced hike through the mountains, a 13-mile whitewater raft race on the Gauley River and a 7-mile kayak race on the New River.

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“The MWR Wilderness Challenge continues to bring together the best athletes in the armed forces and puts them to the test,” said Michael Bond, event coordinator. “The competition gets tougher and tougher every year as more teams battle for the title.”

Teams must be comprised of four active duty military, one of which must be female. Of the 13 teams competing from Hampton Roads, they include:

- Team “We Deliver” from Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group (NAVELSG), Naval Weapons Station Yorktown-Cheatham Annex, Williamsburg, Va.
- Team “Boondogglers” from U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, Yorktown, Va.
- Team “Dirty Techs” from Naval Special Warfare Group TWO (NSWG 2), Naval Air Station Oceana-Dam Neck Annex, Virginia Beach, Va.
- Team “Copper Collar” from NAVSEA Dive Detachment Norfolk, Naval Station Norfolk, Norfolk, Va.
- Team “Mighty Ducks” from Navy Cyber Forces, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Virginia Beach, Va.
- Team “Dead Last” and “Lost in the Woods” from the Wounded Warrior Program at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Portsmouth, Va.
- Three teams from Joint Task Force-Civil Support at Fort Eustis, Va.

Last year’s winner was Team “Amphibia” from the Office of the Chief of Navy Reserve, Washington, D.C. For more information on the 2011 Wilderness Challenge, visit www.wildernesschallenge.net.