



Northrop Grumman Supports Community, Airmen through US Air Force Marathon

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Company marks seventh year as presenting sponsor for service's premier running event

DAYTON, Ohio, Sept. 16, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Ask Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) why it remains the longest running presenting sponsor of the U.S. Air Force Marathon, and it will give you 15,000 reasons ... and then some.



That's the number of runners who will take part in the 18th annual Air Force Marathon events – 5K, 10K, half marathon and full marathon – planned for Sept. 19-20 on the grounds of Wright State University and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton.

"As a presenting sponsor, Northrop Grumman celebrates the innovation that made Dayton the birthplace of aviation, the brave men and women who protect our freedom, and the strong community that stands united behind them all," said Tom Vice, corporate vice president and president, Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems. "We salute and honor the Air Force for its mission, its ideals and its pursuit of excellence."

Northrop Grumman is the Air Force's prime contractor for the B-2 stealth bomber; the RQ-4 Global Hawk unmanned aircraft intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance system; and the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (Joint STARS) [battle management](#) and [command and control](#) aircraft.

Kevin Bell, corporate lead executive for Northrop Grumman in Dayton, said the company has been a sponsor of the Air Force Marathon events since 2007, the only year it was not a presenting sponsor. Since then, the company's participation in the events has grown steadily.

"In 2014, we're expecting approximately 70 Northrop Grumman employees and their family members to participate in the Air Force Marathon events," said Bell. "Many more of them will be manning aid stations or cheering the runners along the course."

The 2014 events will also feature appearances by the B-2 stealth bike, a custom-built motorcycle developed and produced by Orange County Choppers in 2009 to help Northrop Grumman celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first flight of the B-2 stealth bomber.

The B-2 bike will be on display at the Nutter Center Sept. 18-19 as part of the Air Force Marathon Runners' Expo. Dave Mazur, vice president and the company's B-2 program manager, will also treat runners to the throaty roar of the B-2 bike when he rides it as the lead pace vehicle for the half-marathon event.

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