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Military Rec: 10K race will put runners to test

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Registration is open for one of the most challenging off-road foot races in the area, the Joint Special Operations 10k.

This year's race is Nov. 9, with a start time of 8 a.m.

This is the 17th annual running of the JSO 10k. The race is the flagship fundraiser for the Special Operations Communicators Association, which supports military service members who have served with any part of the Joint Communications Unit in the armed forces.

The run is along a 6.2-mile cross-country route that starts and ends near McKellar's Lodge on Fort Bragg.

The race has developed a reputation as a rugged, muddy affair over dirt, gravel and sand.

It attracts hundreds of runners and walkers each year. Last year's race included not only runners from across the state but participants from as far as Canada and Italy.

More than 450 runners clocked in to finish last year's race, which does not include the hundreds of walkers who sign up for the 5k route and are not provided a timing chip for the USA Track and Field-certified 10k course.

The race is open to anyone. Off-road strollers are welcome, but be advised that the conditions can be challenging. Do not even think about attempting this race with a street stroller.

Folks interested in participating have plenty of options to sign up. Online registration is available through [active.com](#) by searching for Joint Special Operations 10k. Mail-in registration forms can be printed from the Special Operations Communicators Association website, [thesoca.org](#).

Walk-in registration will be at Sports USA on Oct. 23 and 30 between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and again from 4 to 6 p.m. The Fort Bragg Mini-Mall will hold registration Oct. 28 through Nov. 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registration is \$25 through Nov. 1. Late registration is \$30.

Questions about the race should be emailed to events@thesoca.org.