

Well this year I finally became an official veteran of the Houston marathon. 10 or more Houston marathons & you are classified as a veteran. I submitted my application & received an email from Jack Lippincott from the veteran group that all my times have been verified & welcoming me to the club. Hopefully I will get to order a veteran shirt soon. Anything for a shirt!! The race started off good , I figured at my fitness level this year I could hang between 3:45 & 3:50. Everything was great all the way till mile 23 when it felt like someone stabbed both my calves with a hot knife. Ouch!!! I was stopped in my tracks and had to resort to a mix of running & walking all the way in. Oh well all was good & finished with a 3:59, I'll take it!!!! Congrats to my awesome wife-Rachel who despite a severe hamstring injury leading up the race managed to complete the half-marathon in her trail shoes as she forgot her running shoes. Tough!!!! Also congrats to my high school friend Terry for A PR on the half-marathon!! Thanks also to Randy & Frank for the company all the way up till mile 20. Sorry I fell off! Congrats to all & it was great seeing all the Corpus Christi runners out there.

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