

Winning marathons gave Greek runner Stylianos Kyriakides a taste of fame, which he used to save lives.



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After Stylianos Kyriakides crossed the finish line as the victor of the 1946 Boston Marathon, he embarked on a quest for aid for his war-torn country.

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Two years ago, when the Summer Olympics returned to their roots in Athens, John Tanionos was sitting in his apartment in East Sandwich on a Friday evening watching the Opening Ceremony.

A rabid sports fan, the Games have always held a special appeal for him - "The ultimate celebration of sports," he says - and as a proud

Greek-American, this celebration was extra special.

Tanionos could feel the emotion bubbling inside him as he watched and listened to the NBC television coverage hosted by Bob Costas.

One of the signature moments in the ceremony occurred when an arrow of fire was symbolically shot from Olympia, site of the ancient games, to the new stadium in Athens, depicting

the journey from then to now. A pool of fire ignited into the five Olympic rings.

"The Olympics are most definitely home," Costas intoned.

Tanionos sprung from his chair, filled with pride. Right then and there, he, too, knew he was going home. Three days later he was in Athens and, unwittingly, became

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