

2014 Coast Guard Elite Female Athlete of the Year



ME1 Emily Ernst

ME1 Ernst is currently stationed at Coast Guard Maritime Safety Unit Savannah, GA in law enforcement.

ME1 Ernst is a native of Tennessee. She graduated from recruit training at Training Center Cape May, NJ in November 2001. She started her running career while attending QM A School at TRACEN Yorktown to help reduce stress and stay in shape. After nine years as a QM, she lateraled to the Maritime Enforcement rating.

ME1 Ernst distinguished herself in the sport of long distance running.

ME1 Ernst maintained a grueling schedule, participating in multiple events in 2014 to include two 50Ks, one half marathon, two full marathons, two 2Ks, and one 10K. ME1 Ernst dedication and perseverance has allowed her to qualify for the 2015 Boston Marathon.

ME1 Ernst also gave back to her community by volunteering with the Partners in Education program and also with the Savannah Feed the Hungry organization.

2014 Coast Guard Elite Male Athlete of the Year



AET3 Jose Iglesia

AET3 Iglesia is currently stationed at Coast Guard Aviation Training Center Mobile AL, working on the HH-65 Dolphin airframe.

AET3 Iglesia is a native of the Dominican Republic. He is a graduate of Hunter College with a degree in Political Science. AET3 Iglesia graduated from recruit training at the Training Center Cape May, NJ in March of 2012.

AET3 Iglesia distinguished himself in the sport of Karate.

In 2014, he competed in the US National Karate Championship in Reno, NV where he won a gold medal . He also competed in the 2014 World Karate Championships in Bremen, Germany where he made it into the second round of competition.

AET3 Iglesia also gave back to his community by reading to children in the local library and volunteering at the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Shelter.