2011 Coast Guard Elite Female Athlete of the Year





LT Nicole Auth

LT Nicole Auth is stationed at the Seventeenth Coast Guard District, in Juneau Alaska, serving in the Prevention Department where she works with commercial vessel inspection and marine casualty investigation policy.

LT Auth distinguished herself in the sport of Sailing.

LT Auth was selected to participate in the Fifth Military World Games (MWG) held in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil where she helped the United States women's fleet sailing team earn the bronze medal in the sport of Sailing. This is the first time the United States won a medal in international military sailing competition.

LT Auth has also shared her passion for the sport of sailing with her communities. She volunteered her time teaching sailing to high school students as an active instructor with the sea scout youth sailing program in Hawaii .

2011 Coast Guard Elite Male Athlete of the Year





MST3 Tiago Goncalves

Marine Science Technician Third Class Goncalves is stationed at Sector Houston-Galveston, serving as a Waterfront Facility Inspector in the nation's number one ranked foreign waterborne and inport tonnage port.

MST3 Goncalves distinguished himself in the sport of Judo.

He was selected to participate in the Fifth Military World Games (MWG) held in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil where he helped the United States military team place eighth in the sport of Judo competition, the highest finish of any previous United States team. He was selected to participate in the 2011 Armed Forces Soccer Team, but was unable to compete due to injury.

MST3 Goncalves gives back to his community through his volunteerism with the Head Start program and through mentoring area students in the Coast Guard roles and missions.