



2016

Coast Guard Elite Female Athlete of the Year

SN Bennett is currently stationed aboard CGC EAGLE (WIX 327) in Baltimore, Maryland.

SN Bennett is a native of Georgia. She graduated from recruit training at Training Center Cape May, NJ in May 2015.

SN Bennett distinguished herself in the sport of basketball.

SN Bennett was selected to participate as a member of the 2016 All Navy basketball team. Her outstanding representation and effort as the only Coast Guard member of the team directly led to a Silver medal finish in the Armed forces Women's Basketball Championship. Her outstanding performance and positive attitude on and off the court led her to be chosen as starting point guard for the U.S. Armed Forces team at the 2nd Conseil International Du Sport Militaire (CISM) World Military Women's Basketball Championship in San Antonio, TX. This competition was a 5-game series during which a hand-picked group of elite, military basketball players competed against other military teams from around the world. Her play enabled Team USA to earn a Silver medal during the series.

SN Bennett also gave back to her community by dedicating many hours of charity work during her personal time, most notably visiting the Ronald McDonald house in Corpus Christi, TX.

SN Shaniqua Bennett





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Coast Guard Elite Male Athlete of the Year

LTJG Tiago Goncalves is currently serving as a Foreign Offshore Drilling Unit Examiner (FMUE) at Sector New Orleans.

LTJG Goncalves, a two time Elite Male Athlete of the Year winner distinguished himself in the sport of Judo. He won this Elite Male Athlete of the Year Award both as an enlisted member and an officer.

LTJG Goncalves was the first and only Coast Guard athlete to be selected as Team Captain for the US Judo team at the 2016 Russian Open in Yekaterinburg, Russia, which is one of the top tournaments in the world. LTJG Goncalves swept his division and captured Gold at the competition.

LTJG Goncalves also gave back to his community through his volunteerism during special events, such as Adopt a Family for Christmas and the Special Olympics program.

LTJG Tiago Goncalves

