

# 1998 Coast Guard Elite Athletes of the Year



**SK1 Stacey A. Dolly**



**BM1** Anthony T. Leiato, Coast Guard Male Athlete of the Year, is currently assigned to the Marine Safety Office, Honolulu, Hawaii. He has distinguished himself by winning the U.S. Powerlifting Championships at Denver, Colorado in the 273-pound class. He lifted a combined weight of 2,121 pounds. This won him a spot on the National Powerlifting Team. After being selected to the Coast Guard Elite Athlete of the Year, he competed in the World Powerlifting

Championships in Cherkasy, Ukraine. He won a gold medal in the bench press, and placed Fourth Overall by lifting a combined weight of 2,066.81 pounds. In drug free powerlifting, Petty Officer Leiato holds powerlifting records at the state, national and world levels. He holds seven state titles in Hawaii. His best competitive lifts include a 832 pound Squat, a 605 pound Bench Press and 722 pound Deadlift. He was the first man under 300 pounds to bench press over 600 pounds in a national meet.

**SK1** Stacey A. Dolly, Coast Guard Female Athlete of the Year, is currently assigned as a Recruit Company Commander at Coast Guard Training Center Cape May. Because of her outstanding performance in the Walt Disney Marathon, she was selected to run on the Navy Cross Country Team. She distinguished herself as an integral member of the 1998 Armed Forces Cross Country Team that competed in the 46th Military World Championships in Curragh, Ireland. The team finished 4th out of 26 national

teams. Petty Officer Dolly maintained her elite physical conditioning while stationed at one of the Coast Guard's busiest air stations, prior to relocating to Cape May. She also competed in nine other races where she placed First Overall in four races, and no lower than Third in all other races. Finally Petty Officer Dolly successfully defended her title as the "strongest woman" in the Fifth Annual Military Bench Press competition sponsored by the Coast Guard Communications Station Miami.



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