

2005 Coast Guard Elite Athletes of the Year



LTJG Catharine Johann

LTJG Catharine Johann, who is stationed at the Naval Air Station Pensacola, is the Coast Guard Elite Female Athlete of the Year. LTJG Johann was the starting outside hitter for the 2005 All-Navy women's volleyball team that won the Armed Forces Women's Volleyball Tournament at Ft. Carson, CO. Due to her outstanding play during the tournament, she was selected to represent the United States as the only Coast Guard member of the All-Armed Forces Team. On the combined Services team, LTJG Johann was the starting outside hitter and major contributor to the team's success at the U.S. National Volleyball Championships held in Denver, CO.

The Armed Forces Team finished first out of 60 teams from across the United States. As a result of her performance, LTJG was named to the 6-person All-Star Team. This All-Star team was chosen from the 720 players competing in her division at the U. S. Nationals. Additionally, LTJG Johann has been very active in the community. She volunteered for the 2005 Easter Seals fundraising campaign and assisted elementary school teachers with summer reading programs as a volunteer in Hawaii's "No Student Left Behind" initiative.



LTJG Micah Bonner, who is stationed at the U. S. Coast Guard Sector Mobile, is the Coast Guard Elite Male Athlete of the Year. LTJG Bonner has distinguished himself in the sport of basketball. LTJG Bonner was the starting point guard on the All-Navy Basketball Team. He led the Navy to a gold medal in the 2005 Armed Forces Men's Basketball Championships, the Navy's first basketball gold medal since 1996. As part of the All-Armed Forces basketball team, LTJG Bonner competed in the 42nd Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) Basketball Tournament held in Mons, Belgium.

This United States team finished in third place behind Latvia and Lithuania. Giving back to the community when he is not on duty, LTJG Bonner drives three hours to Tuscaloosa, AL, on weekends to speak to underprivileged children on the benefits of working hard to succeed in basketball and life. He also volunteers to assist the Salvation Army and other organizations passing out supplies to those who are less fortunate.



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