

2013 Coast Guard Elite Female Athlete of the Year



LTJG Jessica Anderson

LTJG Anderson is currently stationed at Coast Guard Sector Miami as the Facilities and Container Branch Chief.

A native of Michigan, LTJG Anderson was a multi-sports letter winner in both high school and at the Coast Guard Academy where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Marine and Environmental Science.

LTJG Anderson distinguished herself in the sports of marathon and triathlon competitions.

LTJG Anderson maintained a grueling schedule, participating in over 19 events and placing in the top 10 in 17 of those events in her age group. LTJG Anderson is ranked 68 out of 7,972 athletes by USA Triathlon in the 20-24 year age group. Her abilities qualified her to represent Team USA at the Spring World Championships and the Long Course World Championships in 2014.

LTJG Anderson also gave back to her community by volunteering at a local hospital and with the local Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

2013 Coast Guard Elite Male Athlete of the Year



LT Christopher Branning

LT Branning is currently stationed at Coast Guard Air Station Miami as a MH-65D helicopter pilot.

LT Branning is a native of Sarasota, Florida. He is a graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy in 2009 with a degree in Logistics in Intermodal Transportation.

LT Branning distinguished himself in the sport of sailing.

In 2013, he competed in six open water events with four first place finishes, one second place finish and one third place finish. One of these races was a 656 nautical mile ocean race from Hong Kong to Nha Trang, Vietnam.

LT Branning also gave back to his community by building a relationship with Shake-a-Leg Miami, a community sailing center for disabled and underprivileged children.