



Summer 2022 Newsletter

Hello everyone and welcome to the Coast Guard Rugby Foundation Newsletter! Summer is here and that means the Men's and Women's Armed Forces Championships are fast approaching. By the time this is published the Women's team will be finalizing their preparations for the 2022 Armed Forces Championships (24-26 June 2022). The Men's event will take place later this summer (19-21 August 2022). Both sides are optimistic about their chances in this year's event and could use your support.

Coast Guard Women selected for the Armed Forces Championships

The Coast Guard Women's team will compete in the 2022 Armed Forces Championships in Wilmington, North Carolina during the annual Cape Fear 7's Tournament. The Women's Armed Forces Championships will headline the tournament. The Cape Fear 7's is one of the Nation's largest 7's rugby tournaments, and has been in existence for almost 50 years. Head Coach Donnie Harbert will assemble the team June 17th for pre-tournament preparation culminating in the Championships which will be held June 24th - 26th. The competition will be held at the Cape Fear Regional Soccer Park located in Wilmington, North Carolina. Twenty women were selected for the team with final roster cuts to twelve athletes to be made prior to the

tournament. Good luck to the Coast Guard Women!



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RUGBY
2022 Women's Armed Forces Rugby Tournament Camp Roster

BM2 Malerie Bell	ENS Ariyanna Jurkowski
AMT2 Savanna Brewer	ENS Morgan Lusk
YN3 Ra'Shaun Coker	FN Leah Maholmes
EM2 Simone Colas	YN1 Dawna Moriarty
OS2 Jordan Day	LT Alex Mostrom
LT Maile Dreier	IS3 Olivia Pierce
AMT3 Amber Flores	LTJG Hollis Roush
LTJG Courtney Gamache	ENS Jordan Russell
GM2 Kalli Gilmore	BM3 Taylor Tracy
LT Sloane Hecimovich	CS3 Eden Wilkinson

Manager
LT Abigail Bishop

Cape Fear 7s
Wilmington, NC

Coach
Donnie Harbert

Jun 17—27, 2022

Coast Guard Men to compete in 2022 Armed Forces Championships

The 2022 Armed Forces Championships will once again be held in Glendale, Colorado, August 19th - 21st. Training Camp for the event will be held August 12th -18th, with 12 athletes being selected to represent the team. The Championships are run in conjunction with the Rugby Town 7's International tournament which includes some of the best rugby teams from around the world. The Coast Guard Rugby Foundation's annual meeting is scheduled to coincide with the event and many of the Board will be in attendance. Come meet some of the Board members and watch some great rugby!



Coast Guard Men's Rugby competes in Interservice Match

On May 27th this year, Interservice 15's Rugby was showcased as the curtain raiser for the Seattle SeaWolves/Houston Sabercats Major League Rugby match. A combined Army/Air Force side, nicknamed the "Flying Tigers" defeated the "Old Salts", a combined Navy/Marine/Coast Guard team in a hard fought match. Fourteen Coast Guardsmen, and Coast Guard Men's coach Ronnie Suarez competed for the team. The Coast Guard Rugby Foundation supported the event by providing funding and jerseys for the team.



Coast Guard Academy Women's Rugby dominates the Spring

The Coast Guard Academy Women's 7's squad had an outstanding Spring Season. The Academy Women have dominated in 15's rugby the last few years, with appearances in the Division 2 National Tournament Final Four each year since 2016. This Spring the women extended their winning ways in 7's rugby by winning the New England Wide Collegiate Rugby Conference (NEWCRC) 7's Championship, beating rival WPI in the final. Not quite finished, the women later won the American Collegiate Rugby Association (ACRA) National Division 2, 7's Championship on May 1st this year. The women went 3-0 in their pool and then defeated Colorado Mesa 20-7 in the finals. We hope to see these women competing for the Coast Guard in the Armed Forces tournament in the future. Congratulations!



Fundraising efforts - We need your help!

The Coast Guard Rugby Foundation plays an important role in supporting the Women's and Men's Armed Forces teams at the Armed Forces Championships, as well as various preparatory tournaments and camps. The Foundation provides monetary support to offset the cost to compete in the tournaments by providing supplemental funding to both the Women's and Men's sides. This support would not be possible without your generous donations!

- Consider making a tax deductible, monthly contribution (or a one-time contribution) to support the Coast Guard Rugby teams. Just click on the link <https://cgrugbyfoundation.org>

A monthly contribution of just a dollar or two a day, combined with similar contributions of others, will provide significant support to the teams. Please join us in making things a bit easier for today's young Coast Guard athletes, following in our footsteps.

- Please PASS THE WORD! We know that we have not connected everyone in the Coast Guard Rugby community. So, please share your contacts with us (CGRF.board@cgrugbyfoundaton.org) or share this message with them.
- Interested in other ways of helping the Coast Guard Rugby Foundation support Coast Guard Rugby? Contact us!

Thank you for your support!

Kind regards,

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