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SUBJ: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TWENTY SEVENTH COAST GUARD  
COMMANDANTS CUP HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

A. MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS AND AUTHORIZED ABSENCES, COMDTINST M1000.8A

1. COAST GUARD PERSONNEL OF ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TWENTY SEVENTH COMMANDANTS CUP ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT FROM 25-27 APRIL 2024 IN BARNSTABLE, MA. OVER 100 ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE, AND CIVILIAN COAST GUARD PERSONNEL FROM SEVEN DIFFERENT TEAMS PARTICIPATED IN LAST YEAR'S EVENT.

2. THE COAST GUARD TRACES ITS HOCKEY ROOTS BACK TO WORLD WAR II WHEN THE COAST GUARD CUTTERS PLAYED AS A SEMI-PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY TEAM OUT OF THE COAST GUARD YARD IN CURTIS BAY, MD. THE CUTTERS FEATURED A ROSTER OF COAST GUARD SERVICE MEMBERS INCLUDING SEVERAL THAT WOULD GO ON TO PLAY IN THE NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE AND BECOME HOCKEY HALL OF FAMERS AFTER THEIR SERVICE. BETWEEN 1942-44 THE CUTTERS WON TWO CHAMPIONSHIPS BEFORE THE TEAM WAS DISBANDED AS MANY OF ITS MEMBERS WERE DEPLOYED TO SERVE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC THEATER OF WORLD WAR II. THE COMMANDANTS CUP IS HELD ANNUALLY TO BRING TOGETHER COAST GUARD HOCKEY PLAYERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR A COMPETITIVE TOURNAMENT HONORING THE TRADITION OF THE SERVICE'S HOCKEY PAST WHILE PROMOTING THE VALUES OF COMMUNITY AND SPORTSMANSHIP.

3. REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE FOR BOTH TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS VIA THE COAST GUARD HOCKEY WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.COASTGUARDHOCKEY.ORG](https://www.coastguardhockey.org). QUESTIONS ON APPLICATION INFORMATION, TEAM ASSIGNMENT, ATTENDANCE, AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE COAST GUARD HOCKEY ORGANIZATION, AT [INFO\(AT\)COASTGUARDHOCKEY.ORG](mailto:INFO(AT)COASTGUARDHOCKEY.ORG). ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE COMMANDANTS CUP AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO REPRESENT COAST GUARD HOCKEY IN COMPETITION AGAINST PUBLIC SERVICE TEAMS FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE COAST GUARD HOCKEY WEBSITE.

4. THE COMMANDANTS CUP TOURNAMENT IS NOT A COAST GUARD SPONSORED OR SANCTIONED EVENT, HOWEVER PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD COMMUNITY: ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE, CIVILIAN, AUXILIARY, FORMER COAST GUARD MEMBERS, CONTRACTORS UNDER CURRENT COAST GUARD CONTRACT, DEPENDENTS, AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

5. COAST GUARD HOCKEY IS NOT OFFICIALLY AFFILIATED WITH THE US COAST GUARD, DOD, DHS, ANY MWR PROGRAM, OR THE ARMED FORCES SPORTS COUNCIL.

6. COMMANDS MAY AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATIVE ABSENCE IAW REF A.

7. RDML R.E. DASH, COMMANDER PERSONNEL SERVICE CENTER, SENDS.

8. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

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