

# JAMAICA



**LIEUTENANT JEANINE MCINTOSH MENZE**

**Lt. Menze** is the first female African American Coast Guard pilot. Born in Jamaica, Menze learned to fly in 1999, fulfilling a childhood dream. After college, Menze worked at a Miami airport where she witnessed Coast Guard Air Station Miami fly rescue, humanitarian, and law enforcement missions. This compelled Menze to join the Coast Guard, believing it to be a noble and rewarding career. Menze completed OCS in 2003, attended flight school at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas, and received her wings in 2005. She became an Aircraft Commander in the HC-130 in 2008 and, as of September 2009, is enrolled in the instructor Pilot syllabus at Air Station Clearwater, Florida.

## 1ST AFRICAN AMERICAN FEMALE AVIATOR IN US COAST GUARD



### PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

Jeanine McIntosh was born in Kingston, Jamaica. After graduating from Florida International University in 2001, she decided to pursue her dream of flying, taking flying lessons at North Perry Airport in Pembroke Pines (Broward County, Florida).

Menzie attended Vaz Preparatory School in Kingston, Jamaica. Her family moved to Canada before relocating to South Florida. She graduated from Miami Killian High School in May 1997 and Florida International University in May 2001 with an international business degree. She also served as a flight instructor at Opa-Locka Airport in North Miami, FL.

### MILITARY BIOGRAPHY

Menze joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 2003 after graduation from the Coast Guard Officer Candidate School.

She began Coast Guard aviation training at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas in January 2005. She earned her aviator wings on June 24, 2005 and was assigned to fly HC-130 Hercules aircraft out of Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii.

After graduation she served as a pilot of the HC-130 Hercules airplanes and flew rescue missions for the U.S. Coast Guard in New Orleans, Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina. As of 2010, Menze holds the rank of Lieutenant.