



INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Director's Awards Ceremony





IHS Mission

“To raise the physical, mental, social and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level.”

Indian Health Service Director's Awards Ceremony
November 18, 2022, 1:00 P.M. EST
Indian Health Service Headquarters - Rockville, MD

AGENDA

Commencement by the Master of Ceremonies

Leonard D. Thomas, M.D., Director, Albuquerque Area

Posting of the Colors

Surgeon General's Honor Guard

Traditional Opening

Glorinda Segay, PhD, Director, Division of Behavioral Health, Office of Clinical and Preventive Services

IHS Director's Remarks

Roselyn Tso, Director, Indian Health Service

Presentation of Awards

IHS Director's Special Recognition Award

IHS Director's Awards

IHS Director's Awards for Customer Service

IHS Pandemic Heroism Awards

USPHS Commissioned Corps Honor Awards

Extraordinary Length of Service Awards

HHS Green Champion Awards

Luana Reyes Leadership Award Presentation

Closing Remarks

Roselyn Tso, Director, Indian Health Service

Retiring of the Colors

Surgeon General's Honor Guard

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS



IHS Director's Award

This Award recognizes service that has significantly advanced the IHS mission and vision through work focused on the goals and objectives in the IHS Strategic Plan; Access, Quality, and Management Operations with particular emphasis on quality improvement activities.

IHS Director's Award for Customer Service

This Award recognizes service that has significantly advanced the IHS mission and vision and strategic goals and objectives through customer service. This award is designed to recognize innovation and exceptional performance and/or exemplary actions resulting in quality service to customers, stakeholders, and/or partners of the IHS.

IHS Pandemic Heroism Award

This Award recognizes exceptional, dedicated work and selfless responses in the face of the coronavirus pandemic. This Award recognizes service that advanced the IHS mission and vision through work focused on the aims and objectives in the IHS COVID-19 Action Plan.

USPHS Commissioned Corps Honor Award

This Award recognizes USPHS Commissioned Corps individuals for their Distinguished, Meritorious and Outstanding Service Medal.

40, 45 & 50 Year Length of Service Award

This award recognizes IHS employees with 40, 45 & 50 or more years of service.

2021 AWARDEES

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Elizabeth Fowler (OKC)

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Individual Awards

Doug Eby	(AK)	Andrew Qualm	(GP)
Johannah Bizardi	(ABQ)	Natalie Holt	(GP)
Tonita Lovato	(ABQ)	CDR Darla McCloskey	(GP)
Marla Jim	(ABQ)	Dawn Newbrough	(GP)
Cecilia Chao	(ABQ)	LT Dwan Kendrick	(GP)
Brandee Findley	(ABQ)	Joe Amiotte	(GP)
Kimberly Jones	(ABQ)	CDR Amanda Swallow	(GP)
LCDR Rebecca Bak	(ABQ)	Marlene Wakefield	(GP)
CDR Alexander Varga	(ABQ)	Rhonda Webb	(GP)
LCDR Ubong Akpan	(ABQ)	Keri Fischer	(GP)
Paula Swick	(ABQ)	CDR Corey Sawatzky	(GP)
LCDR Jason Truax	(BEM)	Dayle Knutson	(GP)
CAPT Cynthia Gunderson	(BEM)	Cassandra West	(GP)
Darren Crowe	(BIL)	LT Matthew Pfister	(GP)
Andrea Garrigan	(BIL)	Ronald Rabbithead	(GP)
Charles Lambiotte	(BIL)	Lovetta Fallis	(GP)
Wofford, Tanya	(BIL)	Robyn Black Feather	(GP)
LCDR Casey Marlin	(BIL)	Michelle Moore	(GP)
Barbara Cohn	(BIL)	Jennifer Fry	(HQ)
Monique Summers	(BIL)	Sarah Hochuli	(HQ)
Crystal Pitts	(BIL)	Raven Ross	(HQ)
Ernest J. Gray	(BIL)	Carlyne Worsham	(HQ)
Valencia Luckman-Haun	(BIL)	LCDR Marie Jeoboam	(NAS)
LCDR Daniel "Nathan" Hamil	(BIL)	Ivette Ceballos	(NAS)
LCDR Emily Mathiak	(BIL)	Heather Kovich	(NAV)
Casey Kills Pretty Enemy	(BIL)	Melissa Wyaco	(NAV)
Renee Crooked Arm	(BIL)	Erica Harker	(NAV)
Dean Goroski	(BIL)	Jericho Lewis	(NAV)
Lynn Morrison	(BIL)	Colleen Ben	(NAV)
Theresa Weber	(CA)	Shawnell Damon	(NAV)
CAPT Brent Rohlf	(GP)	Kerri Sandoval	(NAV)
Kathy Bad Moccasin	(GP)	Gary Russell-King	(NAV)
Kelly Thomas	(GP)	Valerie Tenequer	(NAV)
LT Brian Reiner	(GP)	Alexander Pina	(NAV)
Christine Gilliam	(GP)	Soon-Wy Taylor	(NAV)
Sara Jumping Eagle	(GP)	Stephen Neal	(NAV)
CAPT Michael Boland	(GP)	Candace Rose	(OKC)

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Individual Awards (continued)

LCDR Lacey Blankenship	(OKC)	CAPT Thomas Weiser	(POR)
Johnelle Lamar	(OKC)	Travis Martin	(POR)
LCDR John Hunt	(OKC)	Taitum J. DeGarmo	(POR)
Vijay Kannan	(PHX)	Monica Lopez	(TUC)
Debra Ward Lund	(PHX)	Darren Ausdemore	(TUC)
Naomi Hixson	(PHX)	Debbie Stumblingbear	(TUC)
William Brown	(PHX)	Adam Hughes	(TUC)

Team Awards

Tanana Chiefs Conference Cancer Team Champions	(AK)	Division of Planning, Evaluation and Research	(HQ)
Alaska Area Tribal Health System Data Analytics Team	(AK)	Office of Information Technology Electronic Prescribing Development Team	(HQ)
Taos-Picuris Service Unit Purchased Referred Care Team	(ABQ)	Electronic Clinical Quality Measures Team (Federal and GDIT)	(HQ)
Zuni Service Unit Purchase Referred Care Team	(ABQ)	IHS VistA Imaging Mega-bundle Software Beta Test Team	(HQ)
Albuquerque Service Unit Laboratory Department	(ABQ)	PHS COVID-19 Safety Taskforce	(NAS)
Zuni Pharmacy Team	(ABQ)	COVID-19 Vaccination Sharing Agreement with New York Nations	(NAS)
Albuquerque Indian Health Clinic Pharmacy Clinic Team	(ABQ)	Mid-Atlantic Service Unit Community Health Technician Program	(NAS)
Fond du Lac Pharmacies	(BEM)	Navajo Area Health Information Management Archiving Team	(NAV)
Red Lake Pharmacy COVID-19 Outpatient Therapeutics Clinic Pharmacists	(BEM)	Navajo Area Personnel Security Team	(NAV)
Whit Earth Service Unit Pine Point Health Care Renovation Team	(BEM)	Chinle Service Unit COVID-19 Vaccination Task Force	(NAV)
IHS Little Shell Service Unit	(BIL)	Kayenta Service Unit Emergency Room Nursing Team	(NAV)
GPA Mock Survey Team	(GP)	Gallup Service Unit Outstanding Collections Group	(NAV)
GPA OEH&E Program Directors	(GP)	Kayenta Service Unit PolicyStat Implementation Team	(NAV)
GPA Virtual Director's Awards Committee	(GP)	National Supply Service Center	(OKC)
IHS Nuvolo Computerized Maintenance Management System/Datrend Integration Team	(GP)	The IHS National Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee	(OKC)
GPA Division of Facilities Management	(GP)	Choctaw Nation Emergency Dept Electronic Documentation Implementation Team	(OKC)
GPA Division of Sanitation & Facilities Construction Tribal Utilities Consultants	(GP)		
GPA Behavioral Health Leadership Team	(GP)		
Division of Innovation and Improvement Team	(HQ)		

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Team Awards (continued)

Pawnee Indian Health Center Revenue Enhancement Team	(OKC)	Whiteriver Service Unit Inpatient Pharmacy Staff	(PHX)
Southern Plains Tribal Health Board - Tribal Epidemiology Center	(OKC)	Whiteriver Service Unit Emergency Department	(PHX)
Uintah & Ouray Leadership and Clinic Staff	(PHX)	PIMC Surgical Services	(PHX)
		Southern Bands Health Center Safety & Infection Control Team	(PHX)

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Individual Awards

Brenda Chase	(ABQ)	Xavier Yazzie	(HQ)
Jeramiah Danielson	(ABQ)	Jill Clause	(NAS)
Rozella Walela	(ABQ)	Chrystal Frank	(NAV)
Carol Begay	(ABQ)	Brandon Smith	(NAV)
Janell Ward	(BEM)	Ivan Gishie	(NAV)
Jeremy Thomas	(BEM)	Marcella Clyde	(NAV)
Laura Fisher	(BEM)	Carolyn Wiersma	(NAV)
Cheryl La Plaunt	(BEM)	Aaron "Gabe" Wyatt	(OKC)
Evelyn Lucero-Juneau	(BIL)	Michael Scott	(OKC)
Kristi Gallagher	(BIL)	Michelle Beshaw	(OKC)
Megan Cocchi	(CA)	Roberta Arthur	(PHX)
Tori Whipple	(GP)	Trevor Thompson	(PHX)
Bethany Lennox	(GP)	Sean Wease	(POR)
Jacey Twiss	(GP)		
Annie Means	(GP)		

Team Awards

Alaska Native Medical Center Pharmacy Team	(AK)	Department of Information Resources	
Acoma-Canonicito-Laguna Indian Health Center	(ABQ)	Management IT Specialists	(NAS)
Albuquerque Service Unit Pharmacy	(ABQ)	Gallup Indian Medical Center –	
Zuni Outpatient Health Technicians	(ABQ)	Outpatient Pediatric Clinic	(NAV)
American Indian Health Family Services of		Kayenta Service Unit Division of	
Southeastern MI, Inc.	(BEM)	Information Technology	(NAV)
Crow/Northern Cheyenne Hospital		Pandemic Vaccine Task Force	(OKC)
Appointment Desk Team	(BIL)	Lawton Service Unit Biomedical	
Fort Belknap PRC Transportation Department	(BIL)	Engineering Department	(OKC)
California Area Operation and Maintenance Team	(CA)	Pawnee Indian Health Center Pharmacy	(OKC)
Twelve Clan's Unity Hospital Pharmacy	(GP)	PIMC Nutrition Services	(PHX)
Pine Ridge Hospital Emergency Department		Portland Area Human Resources Team	(OR)
& Inpatient Pharmacy Team	(GP)	Spokane Tribes Emergency Services	
Cheyenne River Health Center OIT Team	(GP)	Team	(POR)

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Kathleen C. Atene	(ABQ)	Tabitha Garrett	(NAS)
Marcene Kane	(ABQ)	DezBaa Damon-Mallette	(NAV)
Carolee Hughte	(ABQ)	Lance Whitehair	(NAV)
Deena Evans	(ABQ)	LT Catherine Bobea	(NAV)
CDR Angela Troutt	(BIL)	Roy Kickapoo	(OKC)
Dayle Knutson	(GP)	CDR Brian Johnston	(OKC)
Andrew Modic	(GP)	CDR Daniel Molina	(OKC)
LCDR Sara Lout	(GP)	CDR Niki Haney	(OKC)
CDR Matthew McClung	(GP)	Rochelle Franks	(PHX)
Matt Clark	(HQ)	Shannon Myers	(PHX)
Donnie Hodge	(HQ)	Vanessa Leyvas	(PHX)
CDR Andrea Klimo	(HQ)	Michael DuBois	(PHX)
CAPT Holly Van Lew	(HQ)	CAPT Lori Snidow	(POR)
Robin Bartlett	(NAS)		

Team Awards

Albuquerque Area Federal, Tribal & Urban C19 Vaccine Coordinators	(ABQ)	Community Health Services	(NAV)
Albuquerque Area Department of Contracts and Grants Management	(ABQ)	Inscription House Health Center Pharmacy Department	(NAV)
Jicarilla Service Unit	(ABQ)	Shiprock Service Unit Public Health Nurses	(NAV)
Canoncito Band of Navajos Health Center Staff	(ABQ)	Cherokee Nation Health Services	
Zuni Service Unit Human Resource Team	(ABQ)	COVID-19 Task Force	(OKC)
Fort Belknap Community Vaccination Team	(BIL)	Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa COVID-19 Response Team	(OKC)
Crow Northern Cheyenne Community Health Nursing Department	(BIL)	Haskell Indian Health Center Laboratory	(OKC)
Crow Northern Cheyenne OPD Nursing Staff	(BIL)	Claremore Indian Hospital Laboratory Team	(OKC)
Wagner IHS Team – Community Immunity	(GP)	National Supply Service Center Distribution Center	(OKC)
Pine Ridge Service Unit Laboratory Department	(GP)	Clinton Service Unit	(OKC)
Fort Thompson Behavioral Health Clinic	(GP)	PIMC Intensive Care Unit Staff (Nursing, Respiratory Therapy)	(PHX)
Pine Ridge SU Quality Management Nurses	(GP)	PIMC Hospitalist Group	(PHX)
Sisseton Case Management Department	(GP)	Elko Service Unit Pharmacy Team	(PHX)
COVID-19 Vaccine Additional Dose Team	(HQ)	PIMC Emergency Department	(PHX)
IHS Vaccine Task Force	(HQ)	PIMC Clinical Care Team	(PHX)
University of Maryland COVID-19 Vaccination Partnership Team	(NAS)	Peach Springs Health Center COVID Testing Team	(PHX)
Native American Lifelines - TEAM	(NAS)	Warm Springs and Yakama Service Units	
Mashpee Wampanoag Dental Team	(NAS)	Monoclonal Antibody Treatment Infusion Clinics	(POR)
Shiprock SU Community Vaccination Team	(NAV)	Collaborative COVID 19 Support of the Ft. Hall Indian Reservation	(POR)
Gallup Service Unit COVID-19/Flu Large Vaccination Events Team	(NAV)		
Chinle Service Unit Mass Vaccination Team	(NAV)		
Four Corners Regional Health Center			

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Distinguished Service Medal

RADM Chris Buchanan	(HQ)	RADM Kelly Taylor	(HQ)
RADM Francis Frazier	(HQ)	RADM Brandon Taylor	(HQ)
CAPT James Ludington	(HQ)	RADM Michael Toedt	(HQ)
RADM Timothy Ricks	(HQ)	RADM Michael Weahkee	(HQ)
CAPT Stephen Rudd	(HQ)		

Meritorious Service Medal

CAPT Christopher Bradley	(ABQ)	RADM Travis Watts	(HQ)
CAPT Jerry Smith	(BIL)	CDR Andrea Klimo	(OKC)
CAPT Cynthia Gunderson	(BEM)	CAPT Edward Stein	(PHX)
CAPT Angela Mtungwa	(HQ)	CAPT Holly Van Lew	(PHX)
RADM Michael Toedt	(HQ)	LCDR Elizabeth Van Dyne	(TUC)

Outstanding Service Medal

LCDR Catherine Arnatt	(AK)	CAPT Francine Barnett	(HQ)	CAPT Tracie Patten	(OKC)
CDR Karl Bausler	(AK)	CDR Shannon Beyale	(HQ)	CDR Manon Tillman	(OKC)
LCDR Dustin Bergerson	(AK)	CAPT Holly Billie	(HQ)	CAPT Rowdy Atkinson	(PHX)
LCDR Adele Davis	(AK)	LCDR Tincy Maroor	(HQ)	CDR Christopher Bengson	(PHX)
CDR Seth Green	(AK)	CAPT Stephen Navarro	(HQ)	LCDR Paul Bloomquist	(PHX)
CDR Molly Rutledge	(AK)	CDR Karen Romancito	(HQ)	LCDR Janet Cifuentes	(PHX)
CDR Charissa Williar	(AK)	CAPT Martha Wanca	(HQ)	LCDR Andrew Demotto	(PHX)
CDR Larron Dolence	(ABQ)	CAPT Charles Woodlee	(HQ)	LT Emanuel Kahsai	(PHX)
CDR Brian Talley	(ABQ)	CDR Frank Dodson	(HQ)	CDR Jennefer Kieran	(PHX)
CAPT Robert Roe	(BIL)	CAPT Jonathan Dando	(NAS)	CDR Juliane Kim	(PHX)
CDR Gregory Smith	(BIL)	CDR Christopher McKnight	(NAS)	CDR Jing Li	(PHX)
CDR Kailee Fretland	(BEM)	CAPT Cecil Aycock	(NAV)	LT Abigail Petrusis	(PHX)
LCDR Teresa Grund	(BEM)	LT Nicholas Stauffer	(NAV)	CAPT Deborah Price	(PHX)
CDR Francis Chua	(CA)	CDR John Collins	(OKC)	CDR Gregory Sarchet	(PHX)
CDR Lori Braaten	(GP)	CDR Richard Fink	(OKC)	CDR Andrea Woolridge	(PHX)
CDR Dennis Haag	(GP)	CDR Brian Johnston	(OKC)	CAPT Jason Lovett	(POR)
CDR Sara Lout	(GP)	LCDR Grant McElwee	(OKC)	CDR Micah Woodard	(POR)
CDR Matthew McClung	(GP)	CDR Matthew Miller	(OKC)	LCDR Lars Krusholm	(TUC)
CDR Amanda Swallow	(GP)	CDR Daniel Molina	(OKC)	LT Tyler Sharp	(GP)
CDR Tana Triepke	(GP)	CDR Carl Murray	(OKC)		

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Outstanding Service Medal with Valor

LCDR Andrew Lu (PHX)

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40 Years

Ida Saenz (ABQ)	Benjamin Bates (NAV)	Vivian McThomas (NAV)
Judith Mariano (ABQ)	Carolina Mose (NAV)	Barbara Givens (OKC)
Kenneth Jojola (ABQ)	Carolyn Clauschee (NAV)	Linda Walker (OKC)
Roxanne Quandelacy (ABQ)	Ellaverne Begay (NAV)	Andrew Yazzie (PHX)
Gloria Baker (BIL)	Elouise Meyers (NAV)	Arlene Miguel-Johnson (PHX)
Kristi Gallagher (BIL)	Joan Wilson (NAV)	Catherine Silentman (PHX)
Jeffrey Heyd (GP)	Laberta Cook (NAV)	Isabelle Grover (PHX)
Mary Mckay (GP)	Patrick Ashley (NAV)	Martha Johnson (PHX)
Pauline Cloudman (GP)	Richard Clarke (NAV)	Pauline Herrera (PHX)
Rebecca Jandreau Picotte (GP)	Roberta Denetclaw (NAV)	Margaret Witt (POR)
Alice Jones (NAV)	Sarah Patterson Saganey (NAV)	
Barlow Gasper (NAV)	Tommy Bia (NAV)	

45 Years

Veronica Zunie (ABQ)	Yvonne Jim (OKC)
David Taylor (HQ)	Barbara Lebret (POR)
Joel Knutson (HQ)	Daisy Descheene (NAV)
Cecilia Baltazar (PHX)	Etta Holmes (NAV)
Linda Leroy (OKC)	

50 Years – 2020

Felix Gonzales (ABQ)
Jose Aguino (ABQ)

HHS Green Champion Awards

2021 HHS Green Champion Award Winners for IHS

Sustainable Design and Facilities Award - Individual

Alex Gamble, IHS Architect (AK)

Water Use Efficiency and Management Award - Project/Program - Team Award

IHS White Earth Service Unit - Air Handler Unit Replacement (BEM)

Luana Reyes Leadership Award



Luana Reyes

Luana Reyes Leadership Award

This annual honor is reserved for an individual whose professional and/or community involvement EFNPOTUSBUFT UIF LJOE PG MFBESTIJQ UIBU -VBOB 3FZFT FYFNQMJCJFE. 5IJT BXBSEFF EFNPOTUSBUFT FYDFQUJPOBM JOJUBUJWF BOE NBEF UIF NPTU PG UIF BEWBOUBHF BOE PQQPSUVOJUF BTWBJMBCMF UP IFN.



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Pauline Grooms