

## HIANG 2019 Launa'ole Awards

*Launa'ole – a Hawaiian phrase meaning “beyond comparison” or “without peer.” It describes our vision for the Hawaii Air National Guard to be a professional force that is second to none, or simply the best.*

Congratulations to all the nominees and recipients of the Hawaii Air National Guard's 2019 Launa'ole Awards.

### Airman of the Year Nominees

- ♦ **A1C Christopher Burt**, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (154 AMXS)
- ♦ **A1C Christian Pestilli**, 154th Operations Support Squadron (154 OSS)
- ♦ **SrA Nicholas Bakos**, 292nd Combat Communications Squadron (292 CBCS)
- ♦ **SrA Krystal Banogon**, 201st Combat Operations Squadron (201 COS)
- ♦ **SrA Nathan Barbosa**, 154th Civil Engineering Squadron (154 CES)
- ♦ **SrA Jordon Hernandez**, 169th Air Defense Squadron (169 ADS)
- ♦ **SrA Charlesee Stevens**, 169th Air Defense Squadron (169 ADS)
- ♦ **SrA Michael Whipple**, 201st Intel Squadron (201 IS)

Airman of the Year Full Time: **SrA Nathan I. Barboza**, 154 CES

Airman of the Year Part Time: **SSgt Nicolas S. Bakos**, 292 CBCS

### Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Nominees

- ♦ **SSgt Anjellican Amian**, 154th Civil Engineering Squadron (154 CES)
- ♦ **SSgt Jason Camarillo**, 169th Air Defense Squadron (169 ADS)
- ♦ **SSgt Julie Quiocho**, 201st Air Mobility Operations Squadron (201 AMOS)
- ♦ **SSgt Micah Velasco**, 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron (154 LRS)
- ♦ **SSgt Erik Wierschemm**, 204th Airlift Squadron (204 AS)
- ♦ **TSgt Adam Bray**, 169th Air Defense Squadron (169 ADS)
- ♦ **TSgt John Henry Lakalo**, 154th Maintenance Squadron (154 MXS)
- ♦ **TSgt Sharon Pasion**, Hq, Hawaii Air National Guard (HQ HIANG)
- ♦ **TSgt Hoang Pham**, 154th Controller Flight (154 CPTF)
- ♦ **TSgt Aaron Vierra-Villanueva**, 204th Airlift Squadron (204 AS)
- ♦ **TSgt Niki Tomasas**, 201st Combat Operations Squadron (201 COS)

Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Full Time: **TSgt Sharon M. Pasion**

Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Part Time: **SSgt Jason F. Camarillo**

### Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Nominees

- ♦ **MSgt Jing Antolin**, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (154 AMXS)
- ♦ **MSgt Bles May Daog**, 199th Fighter Squadron (199 FS)
- ♦ **MSgt Kareen Fuertes**, 154th Civil Engineering Squadron (154 CES)
- ♦ **MSgt Friedrich Gebauer**, 201st Air Mobility Operations Squadron (201 AMOS)
- ♦ **MSgt Lawrence Lee**, 201st Combat Operations Squadron (201 COS)
- ♦ **MSgt Sergio Munoz**, Hq, 154th Wing (154 WG)
- ♦ **MSgt Garrett M. Nishida**, 292nd Combat Communications Squadron (292 CBCS)
- ♦ **MSgt Todd Shak**, Hq, Hawaii Air National Guard (HQ HIANG)
- ♦ **SMSgt Michelle Davidson**, 154th Operations Support Squadron (154 OSS)
- ♦ **SMSgt Angel Umiamaka**, 298th Support Squadron (298 SS)

Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Full Time: **SMSgt Angel L. Umiamaka**

Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Part Time: **MSgt Garrett M. Nishida**

### First Sergeant of the Year Nominees

- ♦ **MSgt Lori Jean A.H. Lopez**, 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron (154 LRS)
- ♦ **SMSgt Daniel T. Hiyama**, 154th Wing (154 WG)

First Sergeant of the Year: **SMSgt Daniel T. Hiyama**

### Company Grade Officer of the Year Nominees

- ♦ **2nd Lt Crystal Ann Mokiao**, 201st Combat Operations Squadron (201 COS)
- ♦ **Capt Raynell Anes**, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (154 AMXS)
- ♦ **Capt Gordon Kai**, 169th Air Defense Squadron (169 ADS)
- ♦ **Capt Evan Kurosu**, 204th Airlift Squadron (204 AS)
- ♦ **Capt Elijah Lincoln**, 298th Support Squadron (298 SS)
- ♦ **Capt Charles Morris**, 199th Fighter Squadron (199 FS)
- ♦ **Maj Emilio Placencia**, 154th Civil Engineering Squadron (154 CES)

Company Grade Officer of the Year Full Time: **Capt Evan S. Kurosu**

Company Grade Officer of the Year Part Time: **Capt Jack K. Munechika**

## Field Grade Officer of the Year Nominees

- ♦ **Maj Jessie Barber**, 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron (154 LRS)
- ♦ **Maj Brandon Chang**, 204th Airlift Squadron (204 AS)
- ♦ **Maj Britton Komine**, 201st Air Mobility Operations Squadron (201 AMOS)
- ♦ **Maj Eric Kawaguchi**, 169th Air Defense Squadron (169 ADS)
- ♦ **Maj Koani Lau**, 203rd Air Refueling Squadron (203 ARS)
- ♦ **Maj Miriam Leila Thorne**, 201st Air Mobility Operations Squadron (201 AMOS)

Field Grade Officer of the Year Full Time: **Maj Britton J. Komine**

Field Grade Officer of the Year Part Time: **Maj Koani G. Lau**

## Team of the Year Nominees

- ♦ **Commander Support Staff**, 154th Operations Group
- ♦ **Electrical & Environmental Systems Team**, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- ♦ **Recruiting Team**, Headquarters Hawaii Air National Guard
- ♦ **Readiness Team**, 154th Security Forces
- ♦ **Wing Drug Testing Program Management Team**, 154th Medical Group
- ♦ **Battle Control Center Instructor Course Development Team**, 169th Air Defense Squadron
- ♦ **HQ HIANG Recruiting Team**, Hq, Hawaii Air National Guard (HQ HIANG)

Winning Team of the Year: **HQ HIANG Recruiting Team**

## Service Team Award

**154th Force Support Squadron (154 FSS)**

## Outstanding Unit of the Year Nominees

- ♦ **Detachment 1, Headquarters 154th Medical Group**
- ♦ **154th Comptroller Flight**
- ♦ **169th Air Defense Squadron**
- ♦ **154th Force Support Squadron**
- ♦ **199th Fighter Squadron (199 FS)**

Outstanding Unit of the Year: **199th Fighter Squadron (199 FS) (to include our 19th Fighter Squadron partners)**

## Kaleo Nui Award

### **154th Medical Group (154 MDG)**

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