



2022 SAIGE Military Meritorious Service Award Winners

The Society of American Indian Government Employees is please to announce the 2022 SAIGE Military Meritorious Service Award winners. This year several nominations for the SAIGE Military Meritorious Service Award were received from many of the components of the DoD and other government agencies. Each nomination received was deserving of recognition, however only ten could be selected. An award committee scored and ranked each nomination packet with the top ten being selected to receive the award. Listed below in alphabetic order are the 2022 SAIGE Meritorious Service Award winners.

Adams II, Gary R., City of Phoenix Police Department, USN, USMC and USA veteran
Brinkley, Matthew P., Commander, USCG
Edwardson, Robert, USCG, retired USCG veteran
Hudson, Sissy, US Corps of Engineers
Lockman II, Randolp R., SFC, WI ARNG
Mergenthaler, David L. Jr., GS12 USCG, retired USCG veteran
Peshlakai, Otis M., SSgt, USMC
Sturdivant, Melissa, GS9, USDA, USA veteran
Thompson III, Douglas W., 1LT, USA
Wright, Jody, LTC, USA

The purpose of the SAIGE Military Meritorious Award is to recognize individuals who wear or have worn the uniform and made contributions above and beyond the mission, along with contributing to the promotion of American Indian / Alaskan Native culture. The 2022 recipients will be honored at the SAIGE virtual National Training Program (NTP) on Wednesday 22 June 2022 during the Recognition and Appreciation event.

SAIGE provides a forum on the issues, challenges and opportunities of American Indians and Alaska Natives in the government workforce and fosters a professional network among AI/AN government employees. SAIGE hosts an outstanding Annual National Training Program, open to all, focused on professional development, leadership and topics related to the complex Federal Indian Trust Responsibility. Integral to this, SAIGE provides specialized training sessions for Veterans and Youth. For more information on this year's National Training Program, "Celebrating 20 Years of Respect, Culture and Education", please visit the web page www.saigettraining.org. The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) is a national non-profit organization that advocates for American Indian and Alaska Native people in the government workforce. For more information about SAIGE please visit our web page www.saige.org.

Sincerely,

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