

2015 Awardees

AIANCOAC Junior Officer Award LCDR James Warner, USCG

LCDR James Warner received his medical doctorate from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, America's Medical School, in Bethesda, Maryland in 2004. He completed his Family Practice training with the U.S. Navy at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida.

LCDR Warner is currently a member of the American Indian/Alaskan Native Commissioned Officers Advisory Committee, Chair of the Minority Officers Liaison Council, Co-Chair of the Junior Officer Advisory Group (JOAG) Uniform Sub-committee, member of the Commissioned Officers Association (COA) Houston Branch, a Board Certified Family Physician with the Academy of Family Physicians and member of the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians (USAFP).



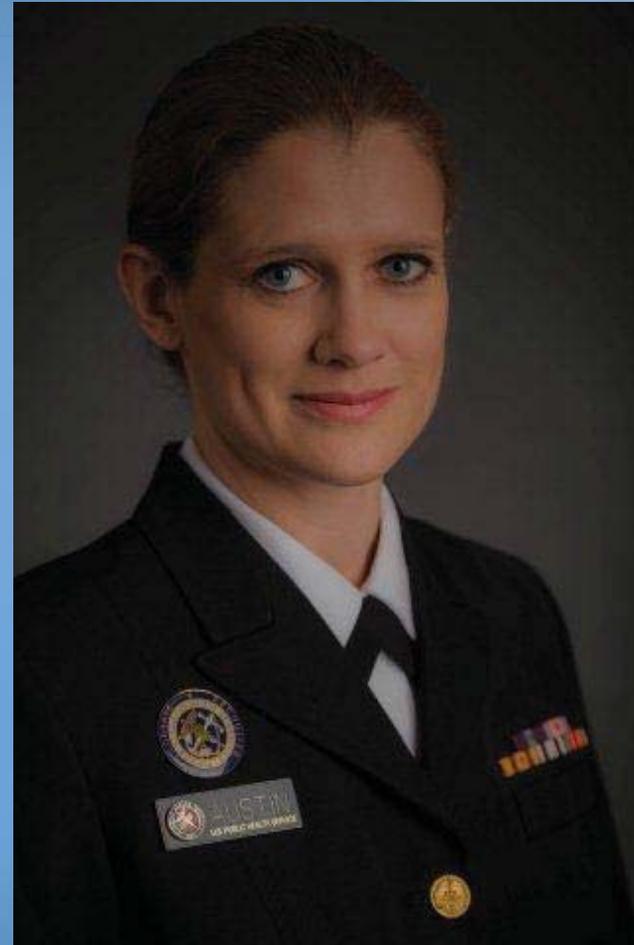
AIANCOAC Senior Officer Award CDR Jeff Maxon, IHS

CDR Jeff Maxon, PharmD, is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Nation. CDR Maxon started his career as a pharmacist at Parker Indian Health Service Hospital in Parker, Arizona where he was promoted to the Chief Pharmacist for five years before transferring to the Phoenix Indian Medical Center in September of 2012. As of April of 2014, CDR Maxon as the Primary Care Pharmacy Supervisor has improved the pharmacy workflow. CDR Maxon is working diligently to increase access to care by adding new services for primary care patients. CDR Maxon maintains a vision to continue to analyze patient needs and implement solutions to improve patient focused care models and customer service.



AIANCOAC Annie Dodge Wauneka Award CDR Latona Austin, IHS

CDR Austin began her career with the Public Health Service as a JrCOSTEP at Alaska Native Medical Center during the summers of 2001 and 2002. After graduating from the University of Wyoming in 2003 she accepted a position as a clinical pharmacist at Pine Ridge IHS Hospital on the reservation of her birth. She has functioned as a pharmacist and earned numerous certifications. CDR Austin co-authored the Pine Ridge IHS Hospital Anticoagulation Clinic protocol and is co-manager of the Pine Ridge IHS Hospital Anticoagulation Clinic. Presently she is deeply involved with pharmacy and hospital informatics.



AIANCOAC Leadership Award

CAPT Craig S. Wilkins, CDC

CAPT Craig S. Wilkins, currently serves as a Senior Advisor at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) within the Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS), Office of the Director. He works and is responsible for strategic efforts to better coordinate and integrate CDC programs and activities from across the Centers and Offices that impact the performance of state, tribal, local and territorial public health agencies. Prior to this position, he served as Acting Director of the Tribal Support Center within OSTLTS. He has had leadership roles and assignments in a multitude of public health programs on the National, Congressional State, Tribal, Local and International levels and has an extensive range of public health experience.



CAPT Allan Lock Award CDR Jerry Zee, CMS

Commander Jerry Zee is the Regional Pharmacist for Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Region II which encompasses NY, NJ, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. He has served in the Indian Health Service (IHS) as well as in the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP).

CDR Zee is passionate on all things APAOC and has served in various different subcommittees and workgroups within APAOC since he was commissioned in 2005. He is particularly proud of APAOC's history and heritage in serving the local communities, PHS officers, and part of the Minority Officers Liaison Council (MOLC).



RADM Kenneth Moritsugu Award LCDR Qiao Bobo, FDA

LCDR Bobo is a scientist Officer in the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps. She is a member of Tier 1 Regional Incident Response Team in the National Capitol Region, a voting member of Scientist PAC and JOAG and a board member of DC COA. She has been an APAOC member since 2012. From December 2014 to February 2015, LCDR Qiao Bobo was deployed to Liberia on an 8 week assignment to the Monrovia Medical Unit--a 25-bed field hospital--which functions as an Ebola Treatment Unit.



RADM Sam Lin Award CAPT John Hariadi, DHS

Captain John Hariadi, MD is currently the Associate Medical Director for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Health Service Corps, responsible for oversight of clinical services for an annual population of 400,000 detainees at 21 ICE detention centers and 250 contract facilities throughout the United States, with a staff of over 900 dedicated healthcare providers. Prior to joining ICE in November 2013, CAPT Hariadi was the Chief of Operational Medicine for the U.S. Coast Guard's Health, Safety and Work Life Service Center, where he oversaw medical operations for 42 Coast Guard facilities worldwide. In over eighteen years of uniformed service, CAPT Hariadi has been deployed extensively to the Middle East, Asia, Latin America and Africa. He is a three time recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal.



George I. Lythcott Award LCDR Kainne Dokubo, CDC

LCDR Kainne Dokubo is a medical officer in the HIV Care and Treatment branch in the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Global HIV/AIDS (DGHA). She joined CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) officer in 2011 and her work has focused on supporting HIV prevention, care and treatment programs through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) globally.

LCDR Dokubo recently deployed to Sierra Leone in support of the Ebola outbreak response, and also works as a physician in the Dekalb County Board of Health TB clinic. LCDR Dokubo currently resides in Atlanta with her husband, son and daughter.



Hildrus A. Poindexter Award

CDR A. John Oguntomilade, HRSA

CDR John Oguntomilade is Global Public Health professional and Dentist with over 15 years of post-doctoral experience. He was recruited as a US DHHS/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) scholar in 2006, and successfully completed the scholar program before joining the HRSA HIV/AIDS global program in 2008. He has since served as the program officer managing the HRSA US Presidents Emergency Program for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). CDR Oguntomilade has traveled to 11 countries including, South Africa, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kenya, Tanzania, and Haiti conducting program assessments, monitoring transitions, providing technical assistance and representing USG in meetings with in-country foreign governments .

A major accomplishment of his career was his leadership and guidance in the successful transitioning of more than 700,000 patients in the HIV care and treatment program initially managed by U.S. implementing partners to in-country local organizations in 10 countries across Africa and the Caribbean. CDR Oguntomilade has represented his agency (HRSA) in U.S interagency, Care and Support and Sustainability technical working groups. He was also selected to serve on the U.S. Government "Surge Team" that developed the operational transitional plan for South Africa. He currently serves as the program officer managing the U.S. Government PEPFAR Medical Education Partnership Initiative Coordinating Center grant that supports 13 foreign medical institutions in Sub-Saharan African.



Retired PHS Officer Recognition Award

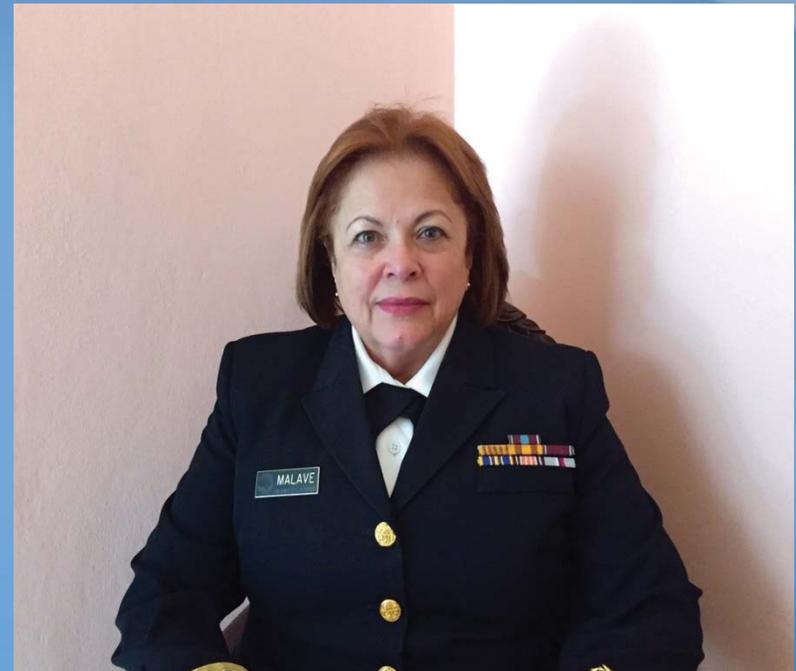
CAPT Mary I. Lambert, USPHS (ret)

Dr. Lambert is continuing a long history of service in programs providing for health care needs to addressing public health. Dr. Lambert's past assignments in the Washington D.C. area included Director, Office of Military Liaison and Veterans Affairs in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health, a detail to the White House Detail to establish the then new volunteer Medical Reserve Corps, later serving as Director, Medical Reserve Corps Program in the Office of the Surgeon General, as well as deployments in the Nation's Capitol area after the 9/11/01 attack on America and in response to the National Capitol anthrax exposure event.



Juan Carlos Finlay Award Career Dedication CAPT Claritsa Malave, HRSA

CAPT Claritsa Malave, M.D., M.P.H., is the Chief Medical Officer for the New York Region II Health Resources Service Administration, Office of Regional Operations (HRSA ORO) and the lead person for HRSA ORO Region II Puerto Rico Sub-Regional Office (PR SRO) in San Juan. Dr. Malave is responsible for planning and overall management of the PR SRO and a member of the Region II Management team. She is the senior staff member and principal point of contact in the Puerto Rico Office. She represents the ORO Region II Regional Administrator in the day to day operations of the office and represents the Agency at meetings dealing with critical public health issues in Puerto Rico and the Region.



Juan Carlos Finlay Award Significant Achievement Dr. J. Nadine Gracia, OMH

Dr. J. Nadine Gracia is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health and the Director of the Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The Office of Minority Health is dedicated to improving the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities. A pediatrician with epidemiology training, Dr. Gracia is an advocate for minority and vulnerable populations and lectures nationwide on health disparities and children's health. She is a National President Emeritus of the Student National Medical Association and a past Postgraduate Physician Trustee of the National Medical Association. A first-generation Haitian-American, Dr. Gracia earned a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in French at Stanford University.



Juan Carlos Finlay Award Significant Achievement LCDR Elizabeth A. DeGrange, DCCPR

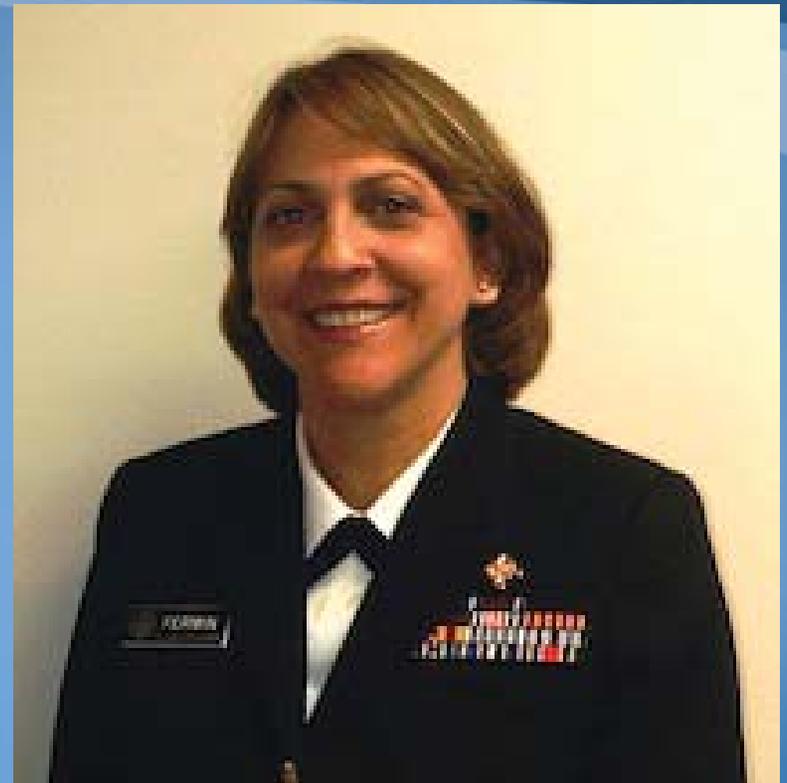
LCDR DeGrange started her education at Wheeling Jesuit University, majoring in Chemistry and Biology. She then moved on to obtain a Master's in Forensic Science at the George Washington University while working on various research studies at the National Cancer Institute's FT Detrick campus. She then moved to the US Army's Research Institute of Infectious Disease (USAMRIID), where she did virology and vaccine development research with viruses such as Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis, Chikungunya, and Ebola.

LCDR DeGrange moved to headquarters, and is now the training officer in the Readiness and Deployment Operations Group of the Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel and Readiness. Since joining the USPHS, LCDR DeGrange served with PHS-2 Rapid Deployment force for nearly 6 years, and has deployed for several missions, including Hurricane's Gustav, Ike, and Sandy, as well as 2 Presidential inaugurations, several Fourth of July celebrations, and the United Nations General Assembly in 2013. As a result of the Unaccompanied Children LCDR DeGrange in her role at RedDOG partnered with Dr. Gracia and HOAC to implement training for the Commissioned on the National CLAS Standards.



VADM Richard Carmona Senior Officer of the Year CDR Martha S. Fermin, SAMHSA

Commander Martha Sony Fermín, LCSW, is a Public Health Advisor in the Division of State and Community Systems Development, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. In this capacity she has the responsibility for monitoring and managing over \$42 million in Mental Health Block Grants. CDR Fermín, previously served as Chief of the Health Services Branch in the Office of Special Population Health, Health Resources and Services Administration's Bureau of Primary Health Care. In this capacity she had the responsibility of overseeing national programs that provide health care for populations that are serviced by Migrant Health, the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health.



VADM Antonia C. Novello Junior Officer of the Year LCDR Michelle Sandoval, CDC

Michelle Sandoval is a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Public Health Service and has been with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for 8 years. LCDR Sandoval is currently assigned to the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) as a CDC Chronic Disease Epidemiologist. Prior to her ISDH assignment, LCDR Sandoval was with the CDC Division of Global Migration and Quarantine where she was assigned to the United States and Mexico unit in El Paso, Texas and the Los Angeles Quarantine Station in California. LCDR Sandoval has performed epidemiological research in the following areas: Hepatitis, TB, health disparities, border infectious diseases, migration health and mental health. LCDR Sandoval has spent time overseas in both Africa and Latin America, working on a variety of public health initiatives, ranging from polio eradication; outbreak investigations; to implementation and evaluation of collaborative programs.

