

# Tropical Thunder 2025



**13 March 2026**  
**Luke Air Force Base, Arizona**

# **Sequence of Events**

**Opening Narration**

**Presentation of the Colors**

**National Anthem**  
**by Airman First Class Joseph Longhurst**

**Invocation**  
**by Chaplain Portmann Werner**

**Introductions**

**Award Presentations**

**Closing Comments**

# **Fighter Country Foundation Volunteer of the Year Nominees**

**Bill Adams**

**Steve Doolittle**

**Laura Etter**

**Patrick Flannagan**



# **Key Support Liaison of the Year Nominees**

**Ms. Katelyn Bolint  
56th Operations Group**

**Mrs. Kristie Canterbury  
56th Mission Support Group**

## **Honor Guardsman of the Year**

**SrA Esequiel Gonzales-McCallum  
56th Mission Support Group**

## **Category 3 (Supervisory) Civilian Employee of the Year**

**Mr. Kevin Porter  
56th Mission Support Group**

**Category 3 (Non-Supervisory)  
Civilian Employee of the Year  
Nominees**

**Ms. Demetria Themistocles  
56th Fighter Wing Staff Agencies**

**Dr. John Gassaway  
56th Operations Group**

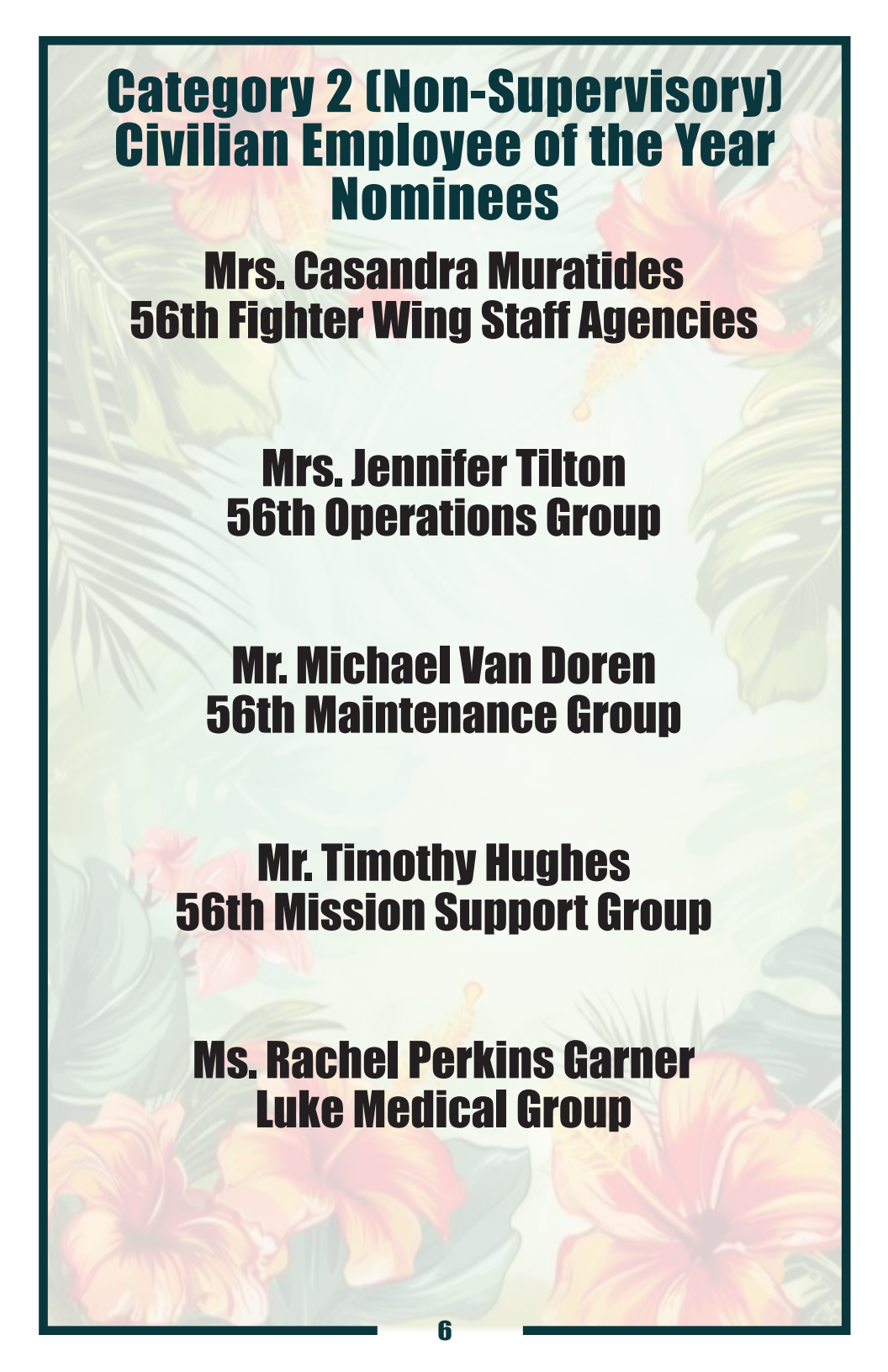
**Category 2 (Supervisory)  
Civilian Employee of the Year  
Nominees**

**Ms. Karen Hightower  
56th Fighter Wing Staff Agencies**

**Mr. Raymond Lewis  
56th Operations Group**

**Mr. Jim Kibbee  
56th Mission Support Group**

**Ms. Jamie Myers  
Luke Medical Group**



**Category 2 (Non-Supervisory)  
Civilian Employee of the Year  
Nominees**

**Mrs. Casandra Muratides  
56th Fighter Wing Staff Agencies**

**Mrs. Jennifer Tilton  
56th Operations Group**

**Mr. Michael Van Doren  
56th Maintenance Group**

**Mr. Timothy Hughes  
56th Mission Support Group**

**Ms. Rachel Perkins Garner  
Luke Medical Group**

**Category 1 (Supervisory)  
Civilian Employee of the Year  
Nominees**

**Mr. Frank Brewer  
56th Mission Support Group**

**Ms. Alicia Roseler  
Luke Medical Group**


**Category 1 (Non-Supervisory)  
Civilian Employee of the Year  
Nominees**

**Ms. Bernarda Jones  
56th Fighter Wing Staff Agencies**

**Mrs. Corine Caves  
56th Operations Group**

**Mr. Alexander Hernandez  
56th Mission Support Group**

**Ms. Kalee Dickey  
Luke Medical Group**




**Field Grade Officer  
of the Year  
Nominees**

**Maj Zachary Modly  
56th Operations Group**

**Maj Luke Stangl  
56th Maintenance Group**

**Maj Robin Walton  
56th Mission Support Group**

**Lt Col David Johnson  
Luke Medical Group**



**Company Grade Officer  
of the Year  
Nominees**

**Capt Daniel Starr  
56th Fighter Wing Staff Agencies**

**Capt Julie Fleming  
56th Operations Group**

**Capt Nathaniel Oslund  
56th Maintenance Group**

**2d Lt John Yang  
56th Mission Support Group**

**Capt Xavier Cardinal  
Luke Medical Group**



# **First Sergeant of the Year Nominees**

**MSgt Ramon Torres  
56th Operations Group**

**MSgt Kimberly Douglas  
56th Maintenance Group**

**MSgt Robbie Whaley  
56th Mission Support Group**



# **Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Nominees**

**MSgt Viktor Morgan Jr.  
56th Fighter Wing Staff Agencies**

**MSgt Paul McDonough  
56th Operations Group**

**MSgt Ashton Youngblood  
56th Maintenance Group**

**MSgt Kaylin Tencer  
56th Mission Support Group**

**MSgt Hallie Vallejo  
Luke Medical Group**



**Noncommissioned Officer  
of the Year  
Nominees**

**SSgt Daniel Pierce  
56th Fighter Wing Staff Agencies**

**SSgt Austin Smith  
56th Operations Group**

**TSgt Jose Aguirre  
56th Maintenance Group**

**TSgt Zachary Stratton  
56th Mission Support Group**

**SSgt Kapries Chaplin  
Luke Medical Group**



# **Airman of the Year Nominees**

**SrA Alexa Herrera  
56th Fighter Wing Staff Agencies**

**SrA Holly Sewell  
56th Operations Group**

**SrA Kenna Marsh  
56th Maintenance Group**

**SrA Kevin Hodgson  
56th Mission Support Group**

**SrA Wyatt Lupien  
Luke Medical Group**



# **Team of the Year Nominees**

**Judge Advocate Civil Law Team**

**56 TRS Training Team**

**56 EMS Ammo CABS Team**

**Fuels Operations Dashboard Team**

**Operational Medicine Team**



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