



Hualapai Adult Detention Center



This year I was given the task and honor of creating an award on behalf of The Hualapai Adult Detention Center, to symbolize leadership and to commemorate a Hualapai Tribal Member with Great Leadership skills.

On May 28, 2015 I contacted Samuel Bender Jr. to request for his permission to create and name our award in his honor. This award is titled "*Gy. Sgt. Samuel Bender Jr. Award*" with this award Mr. Bender presented us with a quote to place on the award which states,

"Leadership is a trait that few possess. Setting the example, doing the right thing, sacrifice and Inspiring others to lead are characteristics of a great leader. Great leaders create successful teams."
Samuel D. Bender, Jr.

Samuel Bender Jr. was selected because as a child growing up on the Hualapai Indian Reservation and having to deal with the struggles of Reservation life; Alcoholism, Drugs, Domestic Violence, Etc. He was one of the few Native Americans to push forward and make something for himself. As many of you know, Mr. Bender served The United States Marine Corps for 17 years and was deployed to several locations throughout the world; through all that God has kept him and his family safe and he's returned home to work for the Grand Canyon Resort Corporation. I believe that Mr. Bender is an inspiration to all Native American people.

On June 4, 2015 this award was given to:

Robert Quintero Jr., Hualapai Adult Detention Center, Correctional Officer Lieutenant (Left Bottom)
&
Christina Perez, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Correctional Officer (Right Bottom)

These individuals were selected to receive this award by Director Angela Chavez after one (1) week of leadership training. During the training they displayed outstanding leadership skills; which consist of teamwork, communication, dedication, determination and knowing one's self.

This award will be given out annually in Showlow, AZ during the Leadership Retreat hosted by Conditioned Response Training LLC. Each individual selected to receive this award will be given a certificate with the middle photo below and a copy of Mr. Bender's biography.

-Tasha Havatone, Administrative Assistant, Hualapai Adult Detention Center.

