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*Davis Calvin Wagner Award*

*Thomas E. Crow*



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## **Thomas E. Crow, Captain, USPHS (Ret.)**

### **Wagner Award Recipient 2010**

Thomas E. Crow has committed more than 30 years to the application of the profession of environmental health. He has practiced the profession in uniform as an officer in the United States Public Health Service (PHS), as an independent contractor operating his own successful business and with municipal government as the director of the environmental health program for the Fairfax County Virginia Health Department. Throughout his career, he has distinguished himself as a leader in the profession, a technical expert on an array of environmental health topics and as a facilitator of and organizer of environmental/public health communication within and outside the profession.

In each environmental health position held throughout his career, CAPT Crow has demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication. As CAPT Crow, progressed through his career with IHS and assumed increasingly more responsible positions, his leadership qualities became apparent throughout the agency. In 1991, he was selected as the Director of the IHS Environmental Health program with responsibility for a national program and leadership of approximately 150 professional sanitarians. At the time, he was the youngest and most junior officer to have served in that capacity in the previous 36 year history of the organization.

CAPT Crow served as the chief professional officer from 1998 to 2001. During this time period, he created a remarkable record of accomplishments showing once again and demonstrating his leadership abilities as well as his commitment and dedication to the profession. He led the initiative to create the Eason, Moran and Todd category awards. Later the Thomas E. Crow Mentoring Award was deservedly added to these distinguished awards.

As a group, these accomplishments reflect CAPT Crow's outstanding leadership, his professional commitment even in the face of dissenting opinions, his resourcefulness and obviously his dedication to advancing the profession. His efforts during this short six year period led to a legacy of accomplishments that have positively impacted the profession in the near term and will no doubt continue to do so in the future.

## **The Davis Calvin Wagner Award**

The Davis Calvin Wagner Award represents the highest honor the American Academy of Sanitarians bestows upon a Diplomat. The Award is conferred for exceptional leadership ability, professional commitment, outstanding resourcefulness, dedication and accomplishments in advancing the Sanitarian profession and public health programs.

The Davis Calvin Wagner Award was established by the American Academy of Sanitarians in 1980 as a result of a bequest from the late Carruth J. Wagner, M.D. (1918 – 2002). This award is to honor the memory of his deceased brother, Davis Calvin Wagner. Dr. Wagner made an additional bequest in 1999 to ensure the perpetuity of the award fund.

Dr. Wagner had a long and distinguished career in preventive medicine and public health. He served under four U.S. presidents: Dwight Eisenhower, John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon. He held the Public Health Service Rank of Assistant Surgeon General. In his remarkable career he served as Director of the Bureau of Health Services and Chief of the Division of Health Mobilization. In 1962, at the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis, Wagner was responsible for health mobilization in the event of nuclear, biological or chemical warfare. He served as Director of the Indian Health Service, he also held the position of Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Throughout his career, he championed and advocated for the Sanitarian profession, he felt that Sanitarians are a leading and vital member of the public health team. He was noted for his appointment of exceptionally qualified Sanitarians to key positions in federal public health programs. Dr. Wagner was dedicated to the education and training of health professionals and established a number of scholarships for medical and nursing students. His legacy of providing scholarships is continued through the Carruth J. Wagner Foundation.

The recipient of the Davis Calvin Wagner Award is presented with a plaque and a \$750 honorarium at the Academy's Award reception that is held at the Annual Educational Conference of the National Environmental Health Association.

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Recipients**

George M. Nakamura	2009
No Award Presented	2008
Harry E. Grenawitzke	2007
Joseph E. Beck	2006
Dr. Ginger L. Gist	2005
Gary E. Coleman	2004
No Award Presented	2003
Dr. Welford C. Roberts	2002
James J. Balsamo Jr.	2001
CAPT Gary P. Noonan	2000
COL Anthony Aiken	1999
No Award Presented	1998
Dr. Franklin Carver	1997
Dr. Robert W. Powitz	1996
RADM Webster Young Jr.	1995
No Award Presented	1994
Charles Dee Clingman	1993
CAPT Bruce R. Chelikowsky	1992
Worley Johnson, Jr.	1991
George A. Kupfer	1990
No Award Presented	1989
Dale H. Treusdell	1988
Richard A. Moats	1987
No Award Presented	1986
Dr. Geswaldo A. Verrone	1985
Larry J. Gordon	1984
Dr. John G. Todd	1983
John P. Nordin	1982
Richard L. Roberts	1981