

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 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 honorarium at the Academy's Award reception that is held at the Annual Educational Conference of the National Environmental Health Association.

Jeffery J. Smith, RS, MS, DAAS

CAPT Jeffrey Smith is awarded the 2015 Davis Calvin Award in recognition of significant accomplishments, professional commitment, and dedication to the practice of public health throughout a 27-year career.

CAPT Smith began his career in public health in 1988 as the Director of Environmental Health with the Bristol Bay Health Corporation in Dillingham, Alaska, where he managed a comprehensive environmental health program. He became the Deputy Director of the Division of Environmental Health Services for the Alaska Area Indian Health Service in 1992 and in recognition of his proven leadership and technical skills, he was selected to the position of Division Director in 1997. In this capacity he manages six separate Division programs with a budget of approximately \$9 million. Following are a few of the specific contributions for which CAPT Smith is being recognized:

CAPT Smith obtained funding from the EPA for a 5-year project to establish the Alaska Tribal Air Quality Program that was awarded with the 2015 Gregg Cooke Visionary Program Award. CAPT Smith secured funding from the Indian Health Service to establish a national program to conduct health research to explore ways to encourage healthy water use practices. This work eventually led to the creation of the National Tribal Water Center. CAPT Smith was instrumental in creating a Brownfields Program within the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. CAPT Smith was the senior author for the first study to associate the absence of in-home water service with an increased risk for lower respiratory tract and skin infections among Alaska Natives. The paper was published in the American Journal of Public Health in 2008, and received the Charles C. Shepherd Science Award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

CAPT Smith has been active in a variety of professional organizations, including the Commissioned Officers Foundation, the USPHS Environmental Health Officer Professional Advisory Committee, and the American Academy of Sanitarians. He has been a Registered Sanitarian since 1986 and a Diplomat of the American Academy of Sanitarians since 1993.

CAPT Smith is a results oriented practitioner of public health, whose impact has had a lasting effect on the health of the Native peoples of Alaska. His professionalism and dedication exemplify the spirit of the Davis Calvin Wagner Award, and we are pleased to introduce him as the Award's recipient for 2015.

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Davis Calvin Wagner Award Recipients*

<i>Brian K. Collins</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>Stephen R. Tackitt</i>	<i>2013</i>
<i>Craig A. Shepherd</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Thomas E. Crow</i>	<i>2010</i>
<i>George M. Nakamura</i>	<i>2009</i>
<i>Harry E. Grenawitzke</i>	<i>2007</i>
<i>Joseph E. Beck</i>	<i>2006</i>
<i>Dr. Ginger L. Gist</i>	<i>2005</i>
<i>Gary E. Coleman</i>	<i>2004</i>
<i>Dr. Welford C. Roberts</i>	<i>2002</i>
<i>James J. Balsamo Jr.</i>	<i>2001</i>
<i>CAPT Gary P. Noonan</i>	<i>2000</i>
<i>COL Anthony Aiken</i>	<i>1999</i>
<i>Dr. Franklin Carver</i>	<i>1997</i>
<i>Dr. Robert W. Powitz</i>	<i>1996</i>
<i>RADM Webster Young Jr.</i>	<i>1995</i>
<i>Charles Dee Clingman</i>	<i>1993</i>
<i>CAPT Bruce R. Chelikowsky</i>	<i>1992</i>
<i>Worley Johnson, Jr.</i>	<i>1991</i>
<i>George A. Kupfer</i>	<i>1990</i>
<i>Dale H. Treusdell</i>	<i>1988</i>
<i>Richard A. Moats</i>	<i>1987</i>
<i>Dr. Geswaldo A. Verrone</i>	<i>1985</i>
<i>Larry J. Gordon</i>	<i>1984</i>
<i>Dr. John G. Todd</i>	<i>1983</i>
<i>John P. Nordin</i>	<i>1982</i>
<i>Richard L. Roberts</i>	<i>1981</i>

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CAPT Jeffery J. Smith



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