

## **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.*

## **CAPT John P. Sarisky, RS, MPH, DAAS**

*CAPT John P. Sarisky (Ret.) is awarded the 2017 Davis Calvin Wagner Award in recognition of significant accomplishments, professional commitment, exceptional leadership, and dedication to the practice of environmental health throughout his 36-year career.*

*CAPT Sarisky began his career in public health in 1981 as a Sanitarian-In-Training with the Youngstown City Health Department, Youngstown, OH. From 1981-1984, he served as a Public Health Sanitarian with the Lake County General Health District, Painesville, OH.*

*He received his commission to the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS), December 1984 and retired 30 years later with numerous assignments in between. During the first-half of his USPHS career he was assigned to several Indian Health Service (IHS) duty stations. His initial assignment, 1984-1987, was to Dillingham, AK as an IHS Field Sanitarian. From 1987-1991, CAPT Sarisky served as an IHS Service Unit Sanitarian for the Navajo Area IHS, Winslow, Arizona. From 1991-1993 he was assigned to the IHS Navajo Area Office, Window Rock, AZ. For one year, 1993-1994, he served an IHS Environmental Disease Specialist in Window Rock. From 1994-1999, CAPT Sarisky served at an IHS District Office in Syracuse, New York and worked with seven Indian Nations located in the northeast. In 1999, CAPT Sarisky accepted an assignment at the Environmental Health Services Branch (EHSB), within CDC's National Center for Environmental Health, Atlanta, GA as a Senior Environmental Health Officer. He has served in various capacities within the EHSB from. Technical Assistance Team Lead to Acting Chief. CAPT Sarisky retired December 2014 and effective March 2015 joined the civil service to lead the EHSB. As Chief, he leads and manages the only CDC program dedicated exclusively to improving the nation's environmental health delivery system. He manages a budget of \$8 million and supervises a staff of 30.*

*CAPT Sarisky has been active in a variety of professional organizations, including; American Public Health Association, Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS, American Chemical Society and the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). He has been a Registered Sanitarian with the State of Ohio and NEHA since 1983 and 1985, respectively and a Diplomat of the American Academy of Sanitarians since 1997.*

*CAPT Sarisky throughout his extensive and challenging career has exhibited extraordinary leadership, resourcefulness, professional commitment, flexibility, innovation and creativity in advancing the practice of environmental public health services. This exemplifies the spirit of the Davis Calvin Wagner Award, and we are pleased to introduce him as the Award's recipient for 2017.*

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Davis Calvin Wagner Award Recipients*

<i>CAPT Wendy L. Fanaselle</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>CAPT Jeffery J. Smith</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Brian K. Collins</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>Stephen R. Tackitt</i>	<i>2013</i>
<i>CAPT Craig A. Shepherd</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>CAPT Thomas E. Crow</i>	<i>2010</i>
<i>George M. Nakamura</i>	<i>2009</i>
<i>Harry E. Grenawitzke</i>	<i>2007</i>
<i>Professor 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>Professor Worley Johnson, Jr.</i>	<i>1991</i>
<i>George A. Kupfer</i>	<i>1990</i>
<i>CAPT Dale H. Treusdell</i>	<i>1988</i>
<i>Richard A. Moats</i>	<i>1987</i>
<i>CAPT Geswaldo A. Verrone</i>	<i>1985</i>
<i>Larry J. Gordon</i>	<i>1984</i>
<i>RADM 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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***Pearl Room***

***Grand Rapids, MI***

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