

## **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.*

## **Dr. Herman “Hank” Koren**

Dr. Herman “Hank” Koren is awarded the 2018 Davis Calvin Wagner Award in recognition of extraordinary accomplishments, professional commitment, exceptional leadership, and dedication to the practice of environmental health for his 63-year career.

Dr. Koren began his career in 1955 serving as a Field Sanitarian with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Norristown, PA. From 1956-1959 he served as a Sanitarian I for several Health Districts in Philadelphia representing different economic groups and problems. From 1958-1959 Dr. Koren was granted an educational leave of absence from the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) and was awarded a State of Pennsylvania Fellowship and earned a Master of Public Health degree, University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Dr. Koren served as a District Environmental Health Supervisor with the PDPH from 1959-1963. From 1963-1967 Dr. Koren served as the Chief of Environmental Health and Safety at the Philadelphia General Hospital. There he was responsible for analyzing, evaluating and resolving environmental health, occupational health, safety, and infection control problems for a 2,000 bed hospital with an approximate daily population of 15,000 people.

For 28 years, 1967-1995, Dr. Koren served as professor of Environmental Health and Safety, Indiana State University (ISU). In 1972 he received his Doctor of Health and Safety Degree with emphasis in Environmental Health Science from Indiana University. Dr. Koren was the founder and Director of the Environmental Health Science and Internship Programs at ISU. Five hundred students graduated from this program with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Health Science during his tenure.

Dr. Koren has demonstrated a lifetime devotion to the field of environmental health. He has authored numerous publications and 20 books including his most recent, “Best Practices for Environmental Health, Routledge-Taylor and Francis Group, Oxfordshire, UK., 2017.”

Dr. Koren is a REHS through NEHA, and recipient of four distinct Presidential Citations from NEHA for Distinguished Service, Leadership, and Accomplishments on Behalf of the Profession and the Association. He is a Diplomat Laureate (7 of 8 worldwide) and early member of the American Academy of Sanitarians.

Dr. Koren throughout his extensive and challenging career has exhibited extraordinary leadership, resourcefulness, professional commitment, and creativity in advancing the practice of environmental health. This exemplifies the spirit of the Davis Calvin Wagner Award, and we are pleased to introduce him as the Award's recipient for 2018.

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Davis Calvin Wagner Award Recipients*

<i>Dr. Herman "Hank" Koren</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>CAPT John P. Sarisky</i>	<i>2017</i>
<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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***Dr. Herman "Hank" Koren***



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***700 W. Convention Way***

***Anaheim, CA***

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***AAS/USPHS Awards Reception: Platinum 7***