

*American Academy of Sanitarrians  
Davis Calvin Wagner Award Recipients*

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

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***Stephen R. Tackitt***



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***Crystal City, Virginia***

***Fairfax/Prince William Room***

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## *The Davis Calvin Wagner Award*

*The Davis Calvin Wagner Award represents the highest honor the American Academy of Sanitarians bestows upon a Diplomate. 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 \$750 honorarium at the Academy's Award reception that is held at the Annual Educational Conference of the National Environmental Health Association.*

## *Stephen R. Tackitt, RS, MPH, DAAS Wagner Award Recipient 2013*

During a career that spans more than forty years of dedicated and outstanding service, Steve Tackitt has exemplified the finest tradition and spirit of a true environmental public health professional. His distinguished career is studded with many outstanding accomplishments that stand as an inspiration to his colleagues. Steve retired as the Health Officer for the Barry-Eaton District Health Department. Prior to his position as Health Officer, Steve served as the Director of the Environmental Health Division, Wayne County Health Department; the Director of Environmental Health Services, Macomb County Health Department; Supervisor, Environmental Health Division, Wayne County Health Department; and Regional Manager for NSF International. Throughout his career, Steve provided innovative leadership in every aspect of environmental health practice.

Steve has been active in professional associations throughout his storied career, including having served as president of the Michigan Environmental Health Association; the Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators; the National Conference of Local Environmental Health Administrators and the National Environmental Health Association. He is past Chair of the Michigan Health Professional Recovery Program and is serving his fifth term on the NSF Council of Public Health Consultants. He has presented at numerous professional meetings on topics ranging from financing of local health departments, working in an emergency operations center and shared his experiences as a first responder at fires and accidents involving hazardous materials.

Steve's many personal achievements include the LaRue L. Miller Lifetime Achievement Award from the Michigan Environmental Health Association and, the V. Harry Adrounie Founders Award from the Michigan Association for Local Environmental Health Administrators.