

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.

Wendy L. Fanaselle, REHS, MS, DAAS

CAPT Wendy L. Fanaselle is awarded the 2016 Davis Calvin Wagner Award in recognition of significant accomplishments, professional commitment, and dedication to the practice of public health throughout a 33-year career.

CAPT Fanaselle began her career in public health in 1983 as the Director of Environmental Health, Devils Lake Sioux Tribe, Fort Totten, North Dakota. From 1984-1991, she served as an Environmental Health Specialist in the city of Bloomington, Minnesota.

CAPT Fanaselle received her commission to the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS), January 1992 with her initial assignment to the Indian Health Service, Rockville, Maryland. From 1995-1997, she served as primary consultant on environmental health issues to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. From 1997-2007, CAPT Fanaselle served as a Retail Food Specialist to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). CAPT Fanaselle's revision of the employee health code and the development of the employee health forms and tools has evolved into what many believe is the most important food safety guidance in the Food Code in terms of impact on public health in the nation. Since 2007, CAPT Fanaselle has served as a Project Manager assigned to the Risk Assessment Branch, FDA. She is responsible for overseeing and developing major food safety risk assessments for the Agency. Her most recent work includes the development of a risk assessment on employee health interventions for norovirus foodborne illness from retail food preparation; and a risk assessment published on drug residues in milk and milk products, with the support of agency subject matter experts.

CAPT Fanaselle has been active in a variety of professional organizations, the Commissioned Officers Association, the USPHS Environmental Health Officer Professional Advisory Committee, Society for Risk Analysis, National Environmental Health Association and the Conference of Food Protection. She has been a Registered Environmental Health Specialist since 1989 and a Diplomat of the American Academy of Sanitarians since 2003.

CAPT Fanaselle's talent for communicating complex scientific issues clearly and concisely, along with her infectious enthusiasm for public health has helped her bridge communities, build partnerships, and significantly improve the public health of the nation. Her professionalism and dedication exemplify the spirit of the Davis Calvin Wagner Award, and we are pleased to introduce her as the Award's recipient for 2016.

*American Academy of Sanitarians
Davis Calvin Wagner Award Recipients*

<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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