Environmental Health Officer Awards & Recipients

The Environmental Health Officer Professional Advisory Committee (EHOPAC) sponsors five awards to honor outstanding Public Health Service environmental health professionals.

**John G. Todd Award**
The John G. Todd Award is the highest honor given by the EHOPAC. The award recognizes an exemplary environmental health professional at the Temporary O-6/GS-14 level or above for significant career contributions in achieving the PHS mission of improving the Nation's health through the practice of environmental health.

2010: CAPT Calvin W. Edwards
2009: CAPT Kenneth J. Secord
2008: CAPT Gregory M. Heck
2007: CAPT Bruce M. Etchison
2006: CAPT Randy E. Grinnell
2005: CAPT Craig A Shepherd
2004: CAPT John P. Sarisky
2003: CAPT Peter P. Wallis, III
2002: CAPT Patrick Bohan
2001: CAPT Charles S. Otto, III
2000: CAPT Gary P. Noonan
1999: CAPT Thomas E. Crow
1998: CAPT Richard J. Smith III
1997: RADM Robert Marsland

**Edward (Ted) Moran Award**
The Edward (Ted) Moran Award recognizes an outstanding environmental health professional at the Temporary O-4/GS-12 or Temporary O-5/GS-13 level who consistently achieves high standards in the practice of environmental health, occupational health and safety, industrial hygiene or radiological health.

2010: CDR Ronald M. Hall
2009: LCDR Michael Box
2008: LCDR Lauralynn T. McKernan
2007: LCDR John L. McKernan
2006: CDR Jon P. Schnoor
2005: CDR Donald B. Williams, Jr
2004: LCDR Dino Mattorano
2003: CDR Mark A. Kelty
2002: Mr. Gregory A. Burr
2001: CDR Alan R. Echt
2000: CDR Richard E. Turner
1999: LCDR Gary Gefroh
1998: CDR Mark Mattson
1997: Mr. Harold Cully
John C. Eason Rising Star Award
The John C. Eason Award recognizes the accomplishments of a talented newcomer to the field of environmental health and acknowledges the promise the recipient holds for the future of PHS. The award is limited to environmental health professionals who have served 5 years or less with any Public Health Service agency and who are at the rank/grade of Temporary O-3/GS-11 and below.

2010: LTJG Dave J. Erezo
2009: LTJG Jennifer Dobson
2008: LT Harold P. Hurst III
2007: LTJG Christian L Witkovskie
2006: LT Michael Quinn
2005: LT Elizabeth Valenti
2004: LT Michael Boley
2003: LT Sarah Unthank
2002: LTJG Ronald M. Hall
2001: LT Andrea L. Horn
2000: LT Celeste L. Davis

Thomas E. Crow Mentor Award
The Thomas E. Crow Mentor Award recognizes significant contributions by an individual who has enhanced professional growth and career development of environmental health professionals working in the United States Public Health Service by serving in a mentoring capacity.

2010: CDR Donald B. Williams, Jr.
2009: CAPT Alan G. Parham
2008: CAPT Jeffery J. Smith
2007: CAPT Calvin W. Edwards
2006: CAPT Paul T. Young
EHO Responder of the Year
The responder of the year award recognizes significant contributions by an environmental health officer toward public health preparedness or disaster response. The EHO Responder of the year is also submitted to the Office of Force Readiness and Deployment (OFRD) as the category nominee for the USPHS-wide OFRD Responder of the Year.

2010: LT Elena Vaouli
2009: CDR Kevin P. Sheenan
2008: CAPT Craig A. Shepherd
    (Also received OFRD 2008 Responder of the Year Award)
2007: LCDR Gary W. Carter
2006: LCDR Mary B. O'Connor
The American Academy of Sanitarians Awards Committee sponsors an award to honor outstanding accomplishments in environmental and public health.

Davis Calvin Wagner Sanitarian Award
The Davis Calvin Wagner Sanitarian Award and honorarium is given each year in recognition of outstanding professional work, accomplishments and contributions to environmental and public health (Note: Bold indicates USPHS Commissioned Corps Sanitarian/Environmental Health Officer).

2008: No Award Presented
2007: Harry E. Grenawitzke
2006: Joseph E. Beck
2005: Dr. Ginger L. Gist
2004: Gary E. Coleman
2003: No Award Presented
2002: Dr. Welford C. Roberts
2001: James J. Balsamo Jr.
2000: CAPT Gary P. Noonan
1999: COL Anthony Aiken
1998: No Award Presented
1997: Dr. Franklin Carver
1996: Dr. Robert W. Powitz
1995: RADM Webster Young Jr.
1994: No Award Presented
1993: Charles Dee Clingman
1992: CAPT Bruce R. Chelikowsky
1990: George A. Kupfer
1989: No Award Presented
1988: CAPT Dale H. Treusdell
1987: Richard A. Moats
1986: No Award Presented
1985: CAPT Geswaldo A. Verrone
1984: Larry J. Gordon
1983: RADM John G. Todd
1982: John P. Nordin
1981: Richard L. Roberts

American Academy of Sanitarians 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 recipient is presented with a plaque and a $500 honorarium. The Davis Calvin Wagner Award is presented at the Academy reception that is held at the Annual Educational Conference of the National Environmental Health Association. The Davis Calvin Wagner Award was established by the American Academy of Sanitarians in 1980 as a result of a $10,000 bequest from the late Carruth J. Wagner, M.D. (1918 – 2002) in memory of his deceased brother, Davis Calvin Wagner. Dr. Wagner contributed an additional $1,000 in 1999 to ensure the perpetuity of this award fund. Dr. Wagner had a long and distinguished career in preventive medicine and public health. He served as Assistant Surgeon General and 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 advanced the Sanitarian profession as being a leading and vital member of the public health team. He was noted for his appointments of exceptionally qualified Sanitarians to key positions in federal public health programs. Dr. Wagner was also dedicated to the education and training of health professionals and established numerous scholarships for medical and nursing students. His legacy of providing scholarships is continued through the Carruth J. Wagner, M.D. Foundation.
The National Environmental Health Association sponsors an award honoring leadership in environmental health:

**Walter S. Mangold Award**
The Mangold Award recognizes outstanding contributions to the preservation of the environment by the environmental health professional (Note: **Bold** indicates USPHS Commissioned Corps Sanitarian/Environmental Health Officer).

2008: John Barry
2007: Chris Wi rant
2006: Not Given
2005: Herman Koren
2004: Daryl E. Rowe
2003: Larry M. Eils
2002: Harry Grenawitzke
2001: George A. Kupfer
2000: Not Given
1999: David McSwane
1998: Eugene Devenport
1997: Charles W. Felix
1996: Leonard F. Rice
1995: **CAPT Bruce Chelikowsky**
1994: Joseph W. Walsh, Jr.
1993: **RADM Webster Young, Jr.**
1992: Amer El-Ahraf
1991: Nina McClelland & Bernard Weintraub
1990: Sarah B. Kotchian
1989: F. Oris Blackwell
1988: Richard K. Rowe
1987: Richard L. Roberts
1986: **CAPT G. A. Verrone**
1985: Trenton G. Davis
1984: Bailus Walker, Jr.
1983: Not Given
1982: Vernon Sloulin

1981: John J. McHugh
1980: Not Given
1979: Monroe T. Morgan
1978: Ward C. Duel
1977: Not Given
1976: S. M. Stephenson
1975: **CAPT Dale Truesdell**
1974: Joseph H. Martin
1973: William A. Broadway
1972: William G. Walter
1971: Jack Hatlen
1970: **RADM John G. Todd**
1969: Ben Freedman
1968: Francis J. Goldsmith
1967: Frank A. Justice
1966: A. Clark Slaymaker
1965: Samuel Reed
1964: A. H. Crenshaw & David Peden
1963: COL Harry Adrounie & Frank Gohr
1962: Seymour Barfield
1961: Jerrold M. Michael & Larry J. Gordon
1960: A. Harry Bliss
1959: Verne C. Reierson
1958: Harlan Kingsbury
1957: Milton M. Miller & Floyd M. Miller
1956: Walter S. Mangold
The American Council of Governmental Industrial Hygienists sponsors an award honoring significant accomplishments in the field toward the control of occupational health hazards:

**John J. Bloomfield Award**
The John J. Bloomfield Award is presented to a young industrial hygienist who pursues the problem of occupational health hazards primarily by doing fieldwork, and who demonstrates significant contribution to the profession. (Note: **Bold** indicates USPHS Commissioned Corps Sanitarian/Environmental Health Officer)

2008: Aubrey Grimes  
2007: Robert M. Eninger, Maj, USAF  
2006: Aleksandr B. Stefaniak  
2005: **LCDR Lauralynn Taylor**  
2004: Anthony J. Intrepido  
2003: Kimberley J. Nipko  
2002: **LT Robert E. McCleery**  
2001: Michael V. Van Dyke  
2000: Seth J. Burmeister  
1999: Stanley J. Jossell  
1998: D. Scott Hayes  
1997: Dean R. Lillquist  
1996: David M. Zalk  
1995: Mark J. Nieuwenhuijsen  
1994: **LCDR Teresa A. Seitz**  
1993: Jeffrey C. Hutchins  
1992: Patricia M. Holton  
1991: Mary Giguere  
1990: Mark A. Ashworth  
1989: **LCDR Michael G. Gressel**  
1988: **LCDR Kathy L. Morring**  
1987: Miriam C. Vaughn  
1986: Deborah S. Green  
1985: Scott E. Merkle  
1984: Margie E. Zalesak  
1983: **LCDR John M. Fajen**  
1982: Jack O. Geissert  
1981: Lynn C. O Donnell  
1980: Ronald J. Young  
1979: Gary A. Wiederhoeft
The National Environmental Health Association and the National Sanitation Foundation sponsor an award honoring achievement in attaining environmental quality:

Walter F. Snyder Award
The Walter F. Snyder Award for Achievement in Attaining Environmental Quality is presented annually by the National Environmental Health Association and NSF International. (Note: **Bold** indicates USPHS Commissioned Corps Sanitarian/Environmental Health Officer)

2008: **CAPT Craig A. Shepherd**
2007: Not given
2006: Art Banks
2005: John B. Conway
2004: Peter D. Thornton
2003: Not given
2002: Gayle J. Smith
2001: Robert W. Powitz
2000: Friedrich K. Kaeferstein
1999: Khalil H. Mancy
1998: Chris J. Wiant
1997: J. Roy Hickman
1996: Robert M. Brown
1995: Leonard F. Rice
1994: Nelson E. Fabian
1993: Amer El-Ahraf
1992: Peter Galvin
1991: Trenton G. Davis
1990: Harvey F. Collins
1989: Boyd T. Marsh
1988: Mark D. Hollis
1987: George A. Kupfer
1986: Albert H. Brunwasser
1985: William G. Walter
1983: John R. Bagby, Jr.
1982: Emil T. Chanlett
1981: Charles H. Gillham
1980: Ray B. Watts
1979: **RADM John G. Todd**
1978: Larry J. Gordon
1976: Not given
1975: Charles L. Senn
1974: James J. Jump
1973: William A. Broadway
1972: Ralph C. Pickard
1971: Callis A. Atkins
RADM John Grey Todd (Ret), born in Richmond, Kentucky on February 15, 1929 many of his friends and colleagues knew him as Jack or Rebel. His career exemplifies outstanding achievements, leadership vision and service to his country. His early education was in Kentucky, Georgia and Ohio. He graduated from high school at Troy, Ohio in 1946. Immediately after graduation he joined the US Navy where in served two years active duty as a machinist mate on the destroyer USS Gainard and 6 years in the inactive Navy Reserves. Upon discharge from the Navy in 1948 he entered Ohio University at Athens, Ohio. In 1949 he married Marilee Ditmer from Ludlow Falls, Ohio, where he received a bachelor degree in agriculture in 1952; he also received a Master of Science degree in 1953. He began his environmental health career with the Ohio Department of Health in Dayton, Ohio. In 1954-1959 he became the Chief Sanitarian for the Fayette County Health Department at Washington Court House, Ohio. During this period of time he received a scholarship from the Ohio Department of Health and was granted a leave of absence from the Fayette County Health Department and attended the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill where in 1957 in obtained a master of public health degree. During the year of academic work at UNC he applied for and received a reserve commission in the United States Public Health Service (USPHS). He returned to the Fayette County Health Department for a year. He then became a six county Supervising District Sanitarian, 1959--1960 for the Ohio Department of Health Southwest District Office, Dayton, Ohio. He then became the Supervising Sanitarian 1960-1962 for Jackson-Vinton County Health Department, Jackson, Ohio. In the summer of 1962 he activated his reserve commission in the USPHS and was assigned to the Indian Health Service (IHS) where served the next 26 years. During his Indian Health Service career he served as: Field Sanitarian Winslow, AZ, 1962-1964; Chief Environmental Health Services Branch, Oklahoma City Area, 1964-1966; Acting Area Executive Officer Oklahoma City Area, 1966-1967; Peace Corps Project Director Health Program, Ghost Ranch, NM, 1967; Director of Training, Oklahoma City Area Office, 1967-1968; Acting Chief Office Environmental Health, Oklahoma City Area, 1968-1969; Long Term Training University of Oklahoma, School of Public Health completed Dr. Public Health, January 1970; Assistant to Director, IHS, Rockville, MD 1970-1973; Acting Director, Aberdeen Area, IHS, Aberdeen SD, (5 months) 1973; Director, Division Program Operations, IHS, 1973-1981; Acting Deputy Director, IHS, Rockville, MD, (5 months)1982; Chief of Staff, IHS, Rockville, MD, 1982-1983; Acting Deputy Director, IHS, 1983-1984; Senior Health Advisor to Director IHS, Rockville, Maryland, 1984-1986; Retired July 1986 with 26 years in the USPHS.
John G. Todd was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral in 1977, during his career he was well recognized as an outstanding Sanitarian, (Environmental Health Officer). He was an avid recruiter, trainer and mentor for many sanitarians and other public health people throughout his career and held a number of academic appointments at several colleges and universities. He was a champion for sanitarians to obtain advanced education & training to become a respected professional and a vital member of the public health team. He held membership and offices in many professional organizations and received numerous awards.

Having worked for 30 years in public health services, RADM John G. Todd was well aware of the needs of people that survived on very little. Soon after his retirement in 1986 he organized, developed and became Chairman of a non-denominational mission, “Hands of Love” people helping people. In 1994 the Internal Revenue Service recognized and approved Hands of Love, Inc. as a 501 (C) 3 organization. Since then the organization has continued to evolve into a provider for the needy; obtaining, loading, shipping and personally distributing truck loads and sea containers of supplies for people locally, nationally and internationally. John & Marilee have three children, Stephen, Amy, Elaine and eight grand children and currently (2007) one great grand son.

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CAPT John C. Eason, Jr. (Ret.) received his commission in 1943 as an Assistant Sanitarian (O-2) working for the Baltimore City Health Department. In 1943 CAPT Eason became the first African American to receive a commission as a PHS Commissioned Officer. Although he was not the very first Sanitarian to be commissioned, he was certainly among the first 3 or 4 and to the best of our knowledge was the first Sanitarian to complete a full 30 year career in the USPHS. After his commission he was then assigned to Louisville, Kentucky, and served as a consultant on environmental sanitation with both the Louisville-Jefferson County and the Kentucky State Health Departments and later with the Chicago, Illinois, Board of Health.

In 1945, CAPT Eason was selected to serve as Liaison Officer to the U.S. Mission to Liberia. He was one of the first officers to be assigned to the Office of International Health (OIH). Assignments in OIH included: Chief, Foreign Mission Section, supervising and supporting health missions to Liberia, Greece, Turkey, Iran, Jordan, Peru, Lebanon, and Paraguay; Principal Program Officer and Chief, Program Development Branch, where he planned and designed programs and projects for health assistance to countries in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East; Coordinator, Special Foreign Currency Program, where he managed the allocation of $25 million in annual funding; Associate Director for Management and Coordination of international health programs except those such as the malaria control and smallpox eradication programs; and Executive Associate Director, OIH.

As an African American professional in the 1940’s and 1950’s, CAPT Eason often had to perform his duties under conditions that tested his character and professional commitment. He tells of an early assignment in which he was required to inspect restaurants, but was prohibited by his supervisors from inspecting certain establishments because it was considered inappropriate for a black man to be perceived as telling a white man what to do. CAPT Eason endured indignities such as these with a sense of dignity and courage that provide a vital role model for junior Sanitarians/Environmental Health Specialist of today who also face difficult challenges early in their careers.

Throughout his career, CAPT Eason rose above many obstacles and struggled for recognition, credibility, and advancement in an arena that often undervalued and underestimated the abilities of African Americans. Not only during his PHS career, but also in retirement, CAPT Eason has demonstrated leadership, dedication, and commitment to the mission of the PHS. After 30 years of service, CAPT Eason retired in 1974. After his PHS career, CAPT Eason served for several years as the Executive Assistant to the Director of the
Division of International Health Programs of the American Public Health Association. He has supported public health efforts including serving as a member of the BCOAG. In June 1993, BCOAG voted to name their student scholarship the “John C. Eason, Jr. Scholarship” in his honor, and the BCOAG also awarded CAPT Eason their Retired Officer Recognition Award in 2000.

CAPT Eason remained active in PHS activities after his retirement, and was quick to offer words of advice and encouragement to junior officers on their way up. He entertained many of us at the Sanitarian Specialty Luncheon in 1997 and was pictured with Surgeon General Satcher when he presented SG Satcher with a globe of the world as it was in 1939 which had been presented to CAPT Eason by former Surgeon General William Parran.

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The 1st Chief Environmental Health Officer of the USPHS, 1998-2001

CAPT Thomas Edward Crow (Ret) graduated from East Tennessee State University (ETSU) in August of 1972 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. Following his Officers Basic Course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Tom was assigned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army to the 629th Medical Company at Fort Ord, California as a Field Medical Platoon Leader. In that capacity he was responsible for a platoon of 35 field medics and the administration of a 40-bed field medical facility. During his assignment with the 629th, Tom had occasion to work with the battalion environmental health detachment. As a result of that relationship, Tom developed an interest in environmental health that sparked the remainder of his professional career. Tom left the Army in September of 1974 to pursue graduate school. He entered the Master of Science in Environmental Health program at ETSU in September of 1975, and graduated with an MSEH in December of 1976. He was commissioned as a PHS Commissioned Officer in April of 1977 and reported for duty at his first assignment as a District Sanitarian in Minot, North Dakota. Over the next 14 years, Tom served with the Indian Health Service as a Service Unit Sanitarian in Keams Canyon, Arizona; the Institutional Environmental Health Officer for the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service; and the Environmental Health Services Branch Chief in Billings, Montana. In September of 1991 Tom was selected as the Indian Health Service Environmental Health Services Branch Chief in Rockville, Maryland, where he stayed until his retirement in August of 2001. During his time in Headquarters, Tom served on the Board of Directors of the Commissioned Officers Association and two terms as the Chair of the Sanitarian Professional Advisory Committee (SPAC). His term as SPAC Chair was noteworthy for enhancing the professional image of the Sanitarian Category. During his Chairmanship, Tom led the SPAC to revise the appointment standards and establish standing committees to support career development, mentorship, and professional image and standards. He also instituted the John C. Eason, Edward (Ted) Moran, and John G. Todd Awards to recognize noteworthy career achievements by members of our Category. Acting Surgeon General Jarret Clinton appointed Tom to the position of Chief Sanitarian Officer of the USPHS in 1998. Tom’s legacy as Chief Professional Officer was characterized by his efforts to revitalize the Category and the professional image of the practitioner of environmental health. The first step of the revitalization effort was the strengthening of the appointment standards, by specifying degree requirements that were more in line with the actual needs of the Corps and the degrees that were required by the profession. The second step was to establish career tracks that would give guidance to individual officers in their career planning. The final step was to choose a name for the category that accurately reflected the fullness of who we are as environmental health practitioners, whether we were sanitarians, environmental health specialists, industrial hygienists, or health physicists. The category name was officially changed to the Environmental Health Officer Category on October 1, 1999. On that date, Tom officially became the last Chief Sanitarian Officer and the first Chief Environmental Health Officer.
Following his retirement from the USPHS, Tom worked as a private consultant for four years until he became the Director of Environmental Health for the Fairfax County, Virginia Health Department in February of 2006. Fairfax County has the largest environmental health program in the State of Virginia, serving more than one million people with a staff of 70 environmental health specialists and administrative support staff. Being the most affluent county in Virginia and directly adjoining the District of Columbia, Fairfax County (and by association its environmental health program) also receives close media scrutiny as well, which makes Tom’s new job extremely interesting. Tom married the former Kathleen Faye Grindstaff on November 17, 1972 in Elizabethton, Tennessee. Tom and Kathleen blessed to be the parents of two sons, Nathan and Ryan. They enjoy church activities, hiking, camping, and just generally hanging out together as a family.

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In 1996 the Environmental Health Officer Professional Advisory Committee (EHOPAC) established the Edward “Ted” Moran in Ted’s honor. The purpose of the Edward (Ted) Moran Award is to recognize significant contributions by individuals in achieving the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) mission of improving the Nation’s health through the practice of environmental health. Active duty PHS Commissioned Corps officers in the Environmental Health Officer Category at the O-4/O-5 level and Civil Service personnel at the GS-12 or GS-13 level who are engaged in the practice of environmental health, occupational health and safety, industrial hygiene or radiological health are eligible for this award. This award is presented annually at the American Academy Sanitarians/National Environmental Health Association Conference.