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Charles Dee Clingman 1993
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Davis Calvin Wagner Award
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The Davis Calvin Wagner Award

The Davis Calvin Wagner Award was established by the American Academy of Sanitarians in 1980. This award was established as a result of the generous contribution of $10,000, followed by $1,000 in 1999 to the Academy by Carruth J. Wagner, M.D., a retired United States Public Health Service Assistant Surgeon General. He asked that the Award be established to recognize outstanding Academy Diplomates in memory of his deceased brother, Davis Calvin Wagner.

Dr. Wagner has a long and distinguished career in the field of preventive and public health. He has always been a strong advocate and promoter of the Professional Sanitarian as a key and leading member of the Public Health Team. During his tenure in the USPHS as Director and Manager of many national and international programs and activities, he has always been keen to recognize the capabilities of the Professional Sanitarian, and placed numerous Sanitarians in important comprehensive health programs throughout the country.

When making the $10,000 plus Contribution to the Academy, Dr. Wagner asked that the funds be placed into an interest bearing account. Monies from the interest on the principle amount was to be applied in a way determined by the Academy, as a honorarium, for recognizing outstanding Diplomates of the Academy.

Dr. Wagner is currently associated with the California State Health Department and resides in Sacramento. The Academy is indebted to Dr. Wagner for his kind generosity in establishing the Award and especially for his long standing support and promotion of the Professional Sanitarian.

The Davis Calvin Wagner Award represents the highest honor and recognition the Academy can bestow upon a Diplomate for outstanding professional work, accomplishments and contributions to the Sanitarian Profession.

The Award includes an individual engraved, walnut plaque with the recipient’s name, date and location of presentation, (along with a traveling plaque, started in 1997, which contains all the names & dates of previous Wagner Award Recipients), plus a $500 honorarium, and a $250 check for travel expenses. The plaque and honorarium are presented to the recipient at the Academy Reception which is usually held during the Annual Educational Conference of the National Environmental Health Association.

Dr. Welford C. Roberts
Wagner Award Recipient 2002

Dr. Welford C. Roberts holds a Doctorate in Environmental Health, with an emphasis in Occupational Health and Industrial Toxicology, from the University of South Carolina’s Arnold School of Public Health. Dr. Roberts currently is an Assistant Professor of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics, at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences and the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland. He was formerly employed by the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, Rockville, Maryland, where he held positions as an Environmental Health Program Manager and Senior Environmental Health Scientist. Dr. Roberts served as an Environmental Science officer with the US Army as a career officer where he was awarded the US Army Surgeon General’s highest professional designation for that specialty and numerous other awards. He retired from the Army at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1997 and after more than 20 years of service. His academic and work history have provided him broad public health knowledge and experience in several disciplines, e.g., toxicology, risk assessment, disease control and epidemiology, hospital and other institutional safety and sanitation, occupational health and industrial hygiene, medical research and development and others. Dr. Roberts has authored or coauthored more than 75 professional environmental health publications. During his Army career, Dr. Roberts was detailed to the US Environmental Protection Agency where he served as a Regulatory Toxicologist and developed drinking water health advisories for munitions and other related chemicals. His current interests are in the areas of environmental health policy, health risk assessment, and environmental health standards development. Dr. Roberts is a member of numerous environmental and occupational health professional organizations to include the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). He is a Registered Sanitarian and Registered Environmental Health Specialist (RS/REHS) with NEHA and a Diplomat of the American Academy of Sanitarians (AAS). He currently serves on the AAS Board of Directors and is a Technical Advisor and Peer Reviewer for the Journal of Environmental Health. Dr. Roberts originally hails from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and now resides in Northern Virginia with his lovely wife, Lorethia W. Roberts.