



*The 2008 Walter F. Snyder Award*  
**For achievement in advancing environmental health**  
 Presented to  
**CAPT Craig A. Shepherd, RS, MPH, DAAS**

CAPT Craig A. Shepherd is being honored for his significant contributions to the field of environmental health during his nearly 30-year career as a U.S. Public Health Service Officer. These contributions came through strong leadership, perseverance, ingenuity, and the ability to get things done at both the national and international levels.

Early in his career, CAPT Shepherd worked with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a milk/food specialist assigned to the Baltimore District Office. While assigned, he served as a key team member to evaluate and enhance the food service program in the State of Virginia. He supervised and monitored food preparation numerous times at the request of the U.S. Secret Service for President Reagan, Vice President Bush, and other national leaders.

CAPT Shepherd served as the Director, Environmental Health Services for the Nashville Area Indian Health Service from 1992-2002, where he was responsible for a comprehensive environmental health services program for 24 Indian tribes scattered from Maine to South Florida to Eastern Texas. In the 18 years with the Indian Health Service, he worked with underserved Native American communities, advancing environmental health issues related to food safety, institutional environmental health, solid waste disposal, injury prevention, vector control and safe water supplies.

"Not only has CAPT Shepherd demonstrated outstanding leadership, but he has also advanced the profession through

extensive contributions made in the development of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Healthy Housing Reference Manual and regularly contributing environmental health updates to the CDC website," said Nelson Fabian, Executive Director of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). "CAPT Shepherd is a strong advocate for the use of the ten essential environmental health services and has been at the forefront of advancing the environmental health profession, a core value of NEHA. It is appropriate that we present the 2008 Walter F. Snyder Award to a longtime NEHA supporter CAPT Craig Shepherd."

Much of CAPT Shepherd's contribution to environmental health and quality of life has been demonstrated through his proven leadership skills on multiple emergency response and humanitarian missions. He responded to a severe drought in the Federated States of Micronesia (State of Chuuk), an island group in the southwest Pacific Ocean. His efforts focused on community water systems, water storage and collection systems, sewage disposal, and vector control to prevent a cholera outbreak similar to one that occurred a few years earlier. CAPT Shepherd has also played a vital role in the U.S. Public Health Service's (USPHS) humanitarian relief efforts in the United States for victims of the Midwest floods. During the hurricanes of 2004 and 2005, CAPT Shepherd served as a team leader for more than 40 Environmental

Health and Engineering Officers who provided assistance to state and local health departments.

\* Kevan P. Lawlor, NSF International President expressed, "CAPT Craig Shepherd's career achievements echo the principles of Walter F. Snyder and the mission of NSF International. His humanitarian efforts in Haiti in 1982 and his emergency response to the drought in Chuuk illustrate his commitment to environmental health at home and abroad. His extended service to U.S. hurricane victims in 2004 and 2005 demonstrate the highest level of professionalism in environmental health. These are only some of the characteristics that make him an ideal recipient of this year's 2008 Walter F. Snyder Award."

His efforts and leadership were also recognized in 2005 when he was selected by Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona as the Chief Environmental Health Officer (EHO) of the United States Public Health Service. In this capacity, he not only provides advice to the Surgeon General on Environmental Health issues impacting the country, but he also leads over 360 Environmental Health Officers stationed in numerous federal agencies nationwide.

In 2007, CAPT Shepherd served as Officer in Charge (OIC) of 70 Public Health Service Officers on the United States Navy Ship (USNS) *Comfort's* four month Training and Humanitarian Assistance Deployment. This project provided medical aid and preventive medicine services to 12 nations. He was awarded the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal for his accomplishments and leadership aboard the USNS *Comfort*.

CAPT Shepherd serves as a Senior Environmental Health Officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), where he is actively engaged in the primary mission of revitalizing and strengthening environmental health programs at the state, tribal, and local levels. CAPT Shepherd, while assigned to CDC, has served as a technical advisor to Environmental Health Services capacity building grantees nationally and internationally. CAPT Shepherd has also been instrumental in the success of the CDC Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute and served as a mentor for two years providing exceptional guidance to six of the nation's emerging environmental health leaders.

"CAPT Craig Shepherd is an outstanding leader who has served with distinction throughout his 30 year career in the United States Public Health Service. I was very pleased to hear Craig was to receive the Walter F. Snyder Award. He defines our core values of leadership, service, excellence and integrity and has earned my utmost trust and confidence as the Chief Environmental Health Officer of the United States Public Health Service. His advice and counsel, leadership and direction, have advanced environmental health in this nation. My thanks to the committee who chose him in recognition of his leadership on environmental health issues and my most hearty congratulations to CAPT Craig Shepherd - well done!" - Rear Admiral Steven K. Galson, MD, MPH, Acting Surgeon General.

*Past Recipients of the Walter F. Snyder Award*

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| 1971 Callis A. Atkins        | 1985 William G. Walter    | 1994 Nelson E. Fabian        |
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| 1978 Larry J. Gordon         | 1991 Trenton G. Davis     | 2000 Friedrich K. Kaferstein |
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| 1980 Ray B. Watts            | 1993 Amer El-Ahraf        | 2002 Gayle J. Smith          |
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| 1982 Emil T. Chanlett        |                           | 2005 John B. Conway          |
| 1983 John R. Bagby, Jr.      |                           | 2006 Arthur L. Banks         |
| 1984 William Nix Anderson    |                           | 2007 Wilfried Kreisel        |

