

EHOPAC YEARBOOK 2022





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2022 John G. Todd Award

CAPT Michael Quinn

CAPT Michael Quinn is awarded the John G. Todd Award for his exemplary 20-year career in environmental health practice. As the Chief of Operations for the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Office of Occupational Safety and Health, he coordinates and manages aspects of the occupational safety, industrial hygiene, medical surveillance and monitoring activities, and public health for 10 diverse agencies and 37 departmental offices. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he served as DOI's senior COVID-19 policy advisor, and was the Department's subject matter expert for all aspects of COVID-19, which was critical as DOI adapted to changing science, circumstances, and policies throughout the two-year pandemic. CAPT Quinn is also the only PHS Officer who has progressed into a national acting safety director role for a DOI bureau. He led the National Park Service's (NPS) employee safety and health program, including development of the first comprehensive Safety, Health, and Wellness Management System in NPS's history. CAPT Quinn has also served in many leadership roles during his six-year tenure in the EHOPAC, including Chair of the Combined PAC Chairs Group in 2020 and EHOPAC Chair in 2019.



EHOPAC Awards - Todd

John G. Todd Award Winners

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 level or above for significant career contributions in achieving the PHS mission of improving the Nation's health through the practice of environmental health.



2022 Edward Moran Award

LCDR James Gooch

LCDR James Gooch is awarded the Edward (Ted) Moran Award for recognition of his sustained leadership and superior performance in environmental health emergency management of concurrent disasters in the US Virgin Islands (USVI) Department of Health from 2018 to 2021. During his three-year term assignment to the Office of Preparedness and Emergency Response at the USVI's Department of Health, LCDR Gooch served with distinction in USVI's Hurricane Recovery efforts as ASPR's Deputy Field Coordinator and Public Health Branch Chief, and later as CDC/ATSDR's coordinator of 23 funded projects in the territory. During the COVID-19 pandemic, LCDR Gooch leveraged his immense operations and plans expertise as Planning Section Chief for the territory's COVID-19 response. His efforts earned him two outstanding service medals in two years.



EHOPAC Awards - Moran

Edward Moran Award Winners

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.



2022 John C. Eason Award

LT Richard Dillahunt

LT Richard Dillahunt is awarded the John C. Eason Award for: exemplifying servant leadership and relentless dedication while improving the environmental health and safety of our Nation as a junior officer stationed with the US Coast Guard (USCG). He led COVID-19 prevention outreach, supported the development of much-needed mental health resources for coping with pandemic stress, provided expert guidance for improving respiratory protection, infection control, and contact tracing and provided effective outbreak response guidance that protected the health and safety of staff and recruits. Additionally, LT Dillahunt is credited with improving the administration of the USCG Shipboard Sanitation Certification Program (SSCP) through training, inspections, and corrective actions that enhanced quality assurance of the programs and ensured compliance with regulations.



EHOPAC Awards - Eason

John C. Eason Award Winners

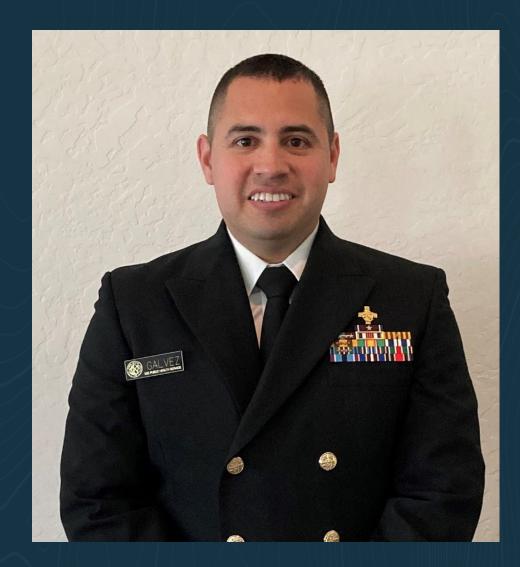
The John C. Eason Rising Star Award recognizes the accomplishments of a talented newcomer to the field of environmental health and acknowledges the promise the recipient holds for the future of PHS. The award is limited to environmental health professionals who have served 5 years of less with any Public Health Service Agency and who are the rank/grade of Temporary O-3/GS-11 and below.



2022 Thomas E. Crow Award

LCDR Steven Galvez

LCDR Steven Galvez is awarded the Thomas E. Crow Mentor Award for is outstanding efforts in mentoring fellow officers. He has worked with at least ten junior officers in a variety of ways that have enhanced their careers for the better of the Corps and the environmental health profession. Thanks to him, several officers have strengthened the quality of their CVs, COERs, award narratives, and promotion packages, which led to their success in pursuit of both rank and job promotions. Additionally, LCDR Galvez is credited with being the inspiration behind many officers volunteering within EHOPAC and taking on leadership roles within USEHA.



EHOPAC Awards - Crow

Thomas Crow Award Winners

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.



2022 Responder of the Year Award

CDR Leslie Jackanicz

CDR Leslie Jackanicz exercised exceptional environmental health expertise and leadership in support of the Ft. Bliss Emergency Intake site for unaccompanied migrant children. Over the course of the mission, on behalf of the USPHS Commissioned Corps, CDR Jackanicz served as Deputy Site Lead and Officer in Charge at the largest Emergency Intake Site in the country for unaccompanied migrant children. CDR Jackanicz supported the Site Lead in overseeing all aspects of site operations to ensure the health, safety, wellbeing, and successful reunification of children on site. Among many of her accomplishments, she facilitated congressional site visits, developed and instituted a framework for establishing records management program, and implemented enhancements to the identification, requisition, and training of key personnel resulting in the filling of over 90% of the assigned billets for federal staff.



She utilized her environmental health expertise to oversee field safety activities, such as: leading risk assessments; verifying proper PPE fit, use, and availability procedures; and implementing COVID-19 mitigation measures These activities protected organizational health and ensured mission accomplishment targets were met. CDR Jackanicz's contributions exemplify a top officer who demonstrates outstanding leadership and professional competence.

EHOPAC Awards - Responder

Responder of the Year Award Winners

The responder of the year award recognizes significant contributions by an environmental health officer towards public health preparedness or disaster response.



EHOPAC Executive Committee (EC)



Chair – CAPT Jessica Havranek

The Chair is responsible for leading the EHOPAC and ensuring it operates within the scope of the Charter and Bylaws. The Chair also provides advice and consultation to the CPO on matters affecting environmental health professionals.



Chair Elect – CDR Erin Evans

The Chair Elect utilizes the year to learn the ongoing business of the EHOPAC and the duties of the EC to ensure a smooth transition upon assuming the office of Chair. The Chair Elect is responsible for certain EHOPAC operational and membership functions.



Immediate Past Chair – CDR Jessica Otto

The Immediate Past Chair provides advice and counsel as requested by the Chair, serves as a senior leader providing background on decisions made the previous year, and serves as a sounding board for the Chair/Chair-Elect on EHOPAC actions.



Executive Secretary – CDR Corey Butler

The Executive Secretary documents and records the ongoing business activities of the EHOPAC. The officer is responsible for all official EHOPAC records, correspondence, and ongoing financial activities of the EHOPAC.



EC Liaison – LCDR Steven Merritt

The EC Liaison is to assist the EC in aspects of EHOPAC outreach, administration, and coordination. The EC Liaison advises the EC, promotes and facilitates development of EHOPAC services, and liaises with and builds strong relationships among key stakeholders.

EHOPAC 2022 Voting Members



CAPT Mike Quinn Co-Chair - Career Development Subcommittee



CAPT Jessica Havranek Chair



CDR Andrew Kupper Co-Chair - Marketing & Recruitment Subcommittee



CDR Candis Hunter Co-Chair - Mentoring & Orientation Subcommittee



CDR David Bales Co-Chair - Readiness Subcommittee



CDR Eva McLanahan Chair - Information Technology Subcommittee



CDR Jessica Otto Immediate Past Chair



CDR Martin Smith Co-Chair - History Subcommittee



CDR Michelle Dittrich Co-Chair -Communications Subcommittee



CDR Racquel Williams Chair - Awards & Recognition Subcommittee



CDR William Bird Co-Chair - History Subcommittee



CDR Charlie Darr Co-Chair - Readiness Subcommittee



CDR Erin EvansChair-Elect



CDR Corey Butler
Executive Secretary



LCDR Doug Erling
Co-Chair – Marketing
& Recruitment
Subcommittee



LCDR Krista Ferry
Co-Chair - Mentoring
& Orientation
Subcommittee



LCDR Steven Galvez Co-Chair - Training & Events Subcommittee



LCDR Steven Merritt Executive Committee Liaison



LCDR Samuel Frank
Co-Chair - Training &
Events Subcommittee



LT Kathryn McNamara Co-Chair -Communications Subcommittee



LT Braden Hickey Co-Chair - Career Development Subcommittee

EHOPAC 2022 Voting Member Alternates



CDR Robert Gibbs



CDR Brian Cook



CDR Jeffery Conner



CDR Matt Albright



CDR Leslie Jackanicz



CDR Jonathan Blonk



CDR Gregory Calvert



LCDR Dustin Joplin



LCDR Kyle Moller



LCDR James Gooch



CAPT Luis Rodriguez



LCDR Jona Johnson



CDR Aaron Niman



LCDR Mark Chen



LCDR Rachel Forche



LT Michael Gonzalez



LT Jason Ferry



LCDR Zachary Hargis



LT Nakia Clemmons



LT Charissa Cooper



LCDR Aubree Kelly

EHOPAC Volunteers

- 1. CAPT Justin Gerding
- 2. CAPT Stephen Piontkowski
- 3. CAPT Craig Ungerecht
- 4. CAPT Eun Gyung Lee
- 5. CAPT Luis Rodriguez
- 6. CAPT Carolyn Oyster
- 7. CDR Gregory Calvert
- **8. CDR Jeffrey Conner**
- 9. CDR Derek Sakris
- **10. CDR Kenneth Fent**
- 11. CDR Robert Gibbs
- 12. CDR Don Hoeschele
- 13. CDR Robert Horsch
- 14. CDR Jason Hymer
- 15. CDR Leslie Jackanicz
- 16. CDR Joel Hustedt
- 17. CDR Matthew Ellis
- 18. CDR Monique Lester
- 19. CDR Victoria Murray
- 20. CDR Jamie Mutter
- 21. CDR Kazu Okumura
- 22. CDR Beth Osterink
- 23. CDR Aaron Otis
- 24. CDR Melva Palmer
- 25. CDR Jessica Pharo
- 26. CDR Scott Daly
- 27. CDR Richard Skaggs
- 28. CDR Christopher Smith
- 29. CDR James Speckhart
- 30. CDR Elena Vaouli
- 31. CDR Danielle Mills

- 32. CDR Aaron Niman
- 33. CDR Tim Shelhamer
- 34. CDR Katie Bante
- 35. CDR Matt Albright
- 36. CDR Jonathan Blonk
- 37. LCDR Chris Mugford
- 38. LCDR Sandra Carpio
- 39. LCDR Mark Otto
- **40. LCDR Racio Carter**
- 41. LCDR Mark Chen
- **42. LCDR Nakia Clemmons**
- **43. LCDR Stephanie Coffey**
- 44. LCDR Matthew Dahm
- 45. LCDR Latasha Allen
- 46. LCDR Mikayla Deardorff
- 47. LCDR Adrienne Eastlake
- 48. LCDR Melissa Edmonson
- 49. LCDR Kai Elgethun
- 50. LCDR Alexa Deptola
- 51. LCDR George Chung
- 52. LCDR James Gooch
- 53. LCDR April Hill
- 54. LCDR Jona Johnson
- 55. LCDR Dusty Joplin
- 56. LCDR Ronan King
- **57. LCDR Matt Kozler**
- **58. LCDR Christine Lloyd**
- 59. LCDR Molly Madson
- 60. LCDR Aaron McNeill
- 61. LCDR Lisa Nakagawa
- **62. LCDR Alyson Fortner**

- **63. LCDR Kate Pink**
- 64. LCDR Mistin Ray
- 65. LCDR Merideth Rose
- 66. LCDR Amanda Schaupp
- 67. LCDR Laura Annetta
- **68. LCDR George Skender**
- 69. LCDR Kristen Szenderski
- 70. LCDR Kathleen Tisdale
- 71. LCDR Kendra Vieira
- 72. LCDR Kelsey Volkman
- 73. LCDR Tyler White
- 74. LCDR Dana Williams
- 75. LCDR T'Shane Williams
- 76. LCDR Christine Williams
- 77. LCDR Chrisitian Witkovskie
- 78. LCDR Sana Elassar
- 79. LCDR Zachary Hargis
- **80. LCDR Aubree Kelly**
- 81. LCDR Erin Kincaid
- 82. LCDR Bradley Benasutti
- 83. LT Patricia Wrona
- 84. LT Jeremy Garcia
- 85. LT Kelly Genskow
- 86. LT Shelby Haddeland
- 87. LT Justin Bunn
- 88. LT Bei He
- 89. LT Sarah Hughes
- 90. LT Jason Ferry
- 91. LT Charissa Cooper
- 92. LT Timothy Arr
- 93. LT Stephanie Bridges

94. LT Stephen McLane

95. LT Shannon Mclenahan

- 96. LT Paula Morgan
- 97. LT Lloyd Luapula
- 98. LT Madeline Lydon
- 99. LT Andrew Park
- 100. LT Grace Santos
- 101. LT Garrett Steiner
- 102. LT Claire Tipton
- 103. LT Andrew Todd
- 104. LT Tristian Strait
- 105. LT Amber VanDusen
- 106. LT Anita Wade
- 107. LT Keri Walker
- 108. LT Seneca Toms
- 109. LT Christina Waters
- 110. LTJG Kiwanda Mclemore

EHOPAC Subcommittee Accomplishments

(Part 1 of 5)

History Subcommittee:

- Created the first EHOPAC Yearbook publication draft
- Provided five retiree recognition letters and coins as part of the Retiree Recognition Program and reached out to 27 retired EHOs
- Initiated the sending of quarterly emails to the EHOPAC via the listserv to identify retiring EHOs in order to provide official acknowledgement from the EHOPAC on their successful career
- Organized the History SC folders on APAN making the search for historical documents and photos easier

Readiness Subcommittee:

 Provided the first EHOPAC Fit Testing Train the Trainer Training (a presentation on ASPR Deployments and multiple readiness reminders)

Awards and Recognition Subcommittee:

Awarded 5 EHOPAC Awards in 2022 and started a new program to recognize the achievements of EHOs who receive other high-level awards

IT'S ALWAYS IMPORTANT TO READ CAREFULLY,



SO YOU CAN MAINTAIN YOUR READINESS.

- TRICARE Active-Duty Dental Program
- Deployment Preparation Plan
 - Requirement beginning December 2022
- Special Readiness Topic:
 - Field Medical Readiness Badge



THIS FRIENDLY REMINDER BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE EHOPAC READINESS SO

The EHOPAC Readiness Subcommittee provides regular emails with clever captions to help EHOs stay on track

EHOPAC Subcommittee Accomplishments (Part 2 of 5)

Mentoring & Orientation Subcommittee:

- Successfully coordinated the Symposium Mentoring event on May 24 (5 mentors and 6 protégés participated)
- Successfully coordinated the Mentoring Roundtable on September 16 (46 participants)
- Matched 53 pairs for 2022-2023 Mentoring Program
- Fully staffed OBC Open House/Graduation Cadre in DC metro area to welcome seven new EHOs

Career Development Subcommittee:

- Developed an EHOPAC CV guidance document
- Hosted a CV chat and CV office hours with participation from 150+ officers

EHOPAC Subcommittee Accomplishments (Part 3 of 5)

Marketing & Recruitment Subcommittee:

- Updated the Recruit-an-EHO (RAE) standard operating procedures, which increased accountability for RAE participants
- Revised the EHO Fact Sheet and ensured EHOPAC website items remained current
- Updated JRCOSTEP documents and hosted two JRCOSTEP webinars, as well as hosted a general EHO
 recruitment webinar during Environmental Health Month
- Assisted five applicants with the application process and provided guidance to three potential interservice transfers
- Developed a list of all qualifying educational programs and identified commissioned officer sponsors
- Developed a new mailing list to passively communicate with applicants in order to maintain compliance with CCHQ policy

EHOPAC Subcommittee Accomplishments

(Part 4 of 5)

Training & Events Subcommittee:

- Successfully coordinated and executed EHO events for the 2022 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium in Glendale, AZ, to provide officers with traditional category and PAC updates and accomplished the following:
 - EHO Category Day with 34 attendees and 6 presentations
 - 2021 EHOPAC Awards Ceremony
 - Interactive EHO Networking Activity
 - 136 total professional development hours of continuing education awarded and
 - EHO Networking event with 28 attendees



EHO leaders and awardees with RADM Hinton and CAPT Schobitz during Category Day

 Established a novel EHOPAC Training Listserv to be a training communication gateway for the category and provide EHOs with training opportunities that are applicable to their agency and USPHS duties

EHOPAC Subcommittee Accomplishments

(Part 5 of 5)

Communications Subcommittee:

EHOs in Action Photobook

• Created a digital photobook on behalf of the EHO Chief Professional Officer (CPO) to illustrate the 2022 accomplishments of EHOs in their duty stations and while deployed. This book was shared with the Office of the Surgeon General (OSG), CCHQ, and other leaders.



CAPT Jiggens, EHO Chief Professional Officer, presents the 2021 EHO Photos in Action book

Social Media: maintained the internal and public accounts, including

- LinkedIn: 5,133 members, reaching a broad audience for EHO job opportunities
- Facebook pages:
 - 311 members for the internal page for active EHOs (172 active members)
 - 4,828 followers for the public page (12 new followers)
 - 130 posts highlighting EHO accomplishments, job opportunities, career-building advice and tools, and public service announcements. Both pages received a constant stream of friend requests, followers, and engagement from members
 - Most engagement: 6,475 unique views on the public Facebook page during the September
 2022 Environmental Health Month

EHO Assessment

• Issued six EHO Assessment news emails on a bimonthly schedule with a goal of updating officers on critical CCHQ and EHOPAC information in a digestible, easy-to-read format.

EHOPAC Bylaws

Significant overhaul:

- Voting Member allocation was changed. The historical "agency seats" were removed in favor of a more equitable system so that officers would have an equal chance at serving regardless of agency, could better plan their service, and it simplified the administrative burden for the EHOPAC.
- Chair-Elect eligibility was changed to setting the eligibility to at least the rank of O-4. New policy and promotion/force structure changes made the pool of O-5s and up small while a large pool of highly qualified/seasoned O-4s were available.
- The process for Voting Member nominations and elections was changed to a true election versus
 a scoring system.
- A new position to the EC, the Special Assistant to the Chair, was added to ensure our SOPs, website, and records management system were updated and accurate.