

2003 AAPHD President's Award: Stanley Lotzkar, DDS, MPH

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The AAPHD President's Award is presented at the discretion of the president to an individual for significant contributions to the welfare of the association. This year's recipient is Dr. Stanley Lotzkar. Dr. Lotzkar is executive secretary of the American Board of Dental Public Health.

Dr. Stanley Lotzkar is well known to every board-certified specialist in dental public health who attained that status within the past 28 years. Less well known is his national service, early in the first half of his career, when he served as a US Navy pharmacist's mate for two years before entering dental school at New York University at the end of World War II. Upon receiving his DDS in 1950, he entered the US Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Corps. Over his 21-year career in the PHS, Dr. Lotzkar was stationed in seven locations, conducting professional activities ranging from providing dental services in the Coast Guard to overseeing several landmark studies of special needs populations.

Dr. Lotzkar arrived at the University of Florida School of Dentistry a year before it was built to establish the school and serve as professor and chair of the Department of Community Dentistry. During his tenure on the faculty, he directed the dental public health residency and was active in research and developing teaching modules about the care of geriatric and chronically ill patients for many other schools. However, that is not why we are recognizing him at this time.

Dr. Lotzkar has been active in many professional organizations during his career. He was an officer in the American Association of Dental Schools, chairing the Section on Community and Preventive Dentistry and serving as vice president for sections and as a member of the board. He chaired the



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Section on Public Health for the American Dental Association and the Dental Health Section of the American Public Health Association, and served as a Governing Council member of that organization. He also donated his time and expertise to many federal review committees. However, that is not why we are recognizing him at this time.

While in the PHS, Dr. Lotzkar received an MPH at the University of Pittsburgh and became a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health in 1965, 15 years after it became a specialty. Just 10 years later, in 1975, he became a member of the board. Upon completion of his term on the board, he became the executive secre-

tary, providing 21 years of outstanding stewardship for the board members and the specialty.

AAPHD is the sponsor of the American Board of Dental Public Health. The board upholds the highest standards of preparation for the practice of dental public health. Dr. Lotzkar's efforts to sustain the quality and integrity of the board examination process, and to maintain its status equal to the standards of other recognized dental specialties, reflect positively on dental public health and the association. Therefore, for significant contributions to the welfare of the association, I am pleased to present Dr. Stanley Lotzkar the AAPHD President's Award.