

# SOCIETY FOR MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY

Presents this 2019 Presidential Citation to

*Nathan Ainspan, PhD*

For his steadfast service to Division 19, his leadership in significant research and policy advancements for the field of military psychology, and his profound and positive impact on the lives of millions of service members and veterans.

Dr. Ainspan's contributions to research, practice, and administration are woven together by an underlying motivation to engage in service to others and his profession. For Division 19, he has volunteered since 2011 as Member at Large, Program Chair, and currently as Secretary for Division 19's Board. Dr. Ainspan is also the co-lead of the Veterans Transition Think Tank for the Division. Beyond his dedication to Division 19, Dr. Ainspan was officially designated by the Department of Defense to serve as a liaison to APA's Division 14 for military-to-civilian employment topics.

The research that Dr. Ainspan directs and manages impacts over 200,000 transitioning service members every year. Currently in his position as the Senior Research Psychologist at the Transition to Veterans Program Office, Dr. Ainspan has worked with the RAND Corporation to produce much needed research on the application of O\*NET typology. Dr. Ainspan also created a cross-sector monthly meeting for leaders in the field of military psychology, veterans' employment, and national policy to share best practices and initiate collaboration. This collective is one-of-its kind and would not exist without Dr. Ainspan's proactivity and competence as a scientist-practitioner.

Dr. Ainspan is the recipient of several notable awards, including Division 14's Raymond Katzell Award, Division 14's Presidential recognition for Scientist-Practitioner excellence, Division 18's Psychologists in Public Service Career Award, the DoD Spirit of Service Award, and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense's Above and Beyond Award. Dr. Ainspan's career accomplishments and impact have earned him fellow status in both Divisions 18 (Public Service) and 19 (Military Psychology). In 2018, Dr. Ainspan received the DoD's highest honor for career DoD civilian employees – the DoD's Distinguished Civilian Service Award. All of these forms of recognition only begin to capture the impact Dr. Ainspan has had on the field of Military Psychology and the lives of every single member of the military exiting services and their families over the last six years in his current role.

For his leadership within the Society for Military Psychology and his dedication to research and policy to promote the well-being of service members and veterans, I, Stephen V. Bowles, take great pleasure in presenting the Society for Military Psychology Presidential Citation to Dr. Nathan Ainspan.

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Stephen V. Bowles, PhD, ABPP  
President, Society for Military Psychology

