

SOCIETY FOR MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY

Presents this 2019 Presidential Citation to

Kathryn Barrs, PsyD

For her steadfast leadership to the Society through pioneering the implementation of the Regional Symposia Series and her commitment to supporting military mental health.

Within the Society for Military Psychology, Dr. Barrs has been an extraordinary leader in the efforts to expand the breadth of the Society's education efforts. Dr. Barrs implemented the Society's first Regional Symposia Series (RSS) designed to increase the Society's reach both nationally and regionally. At the symposia, Dr. Barrs brought together nationally-renowned leaders in the field of military psychology. As Chair of the RSS committee, Dr. Barrs implemented two symposia: one at Adler University in Chicago, and the other at RTI in Raleigh. These symposia led to the dissemination of information to over 150 individuals. Dr. Barrs' leadership skills and tireless commitment led to RSS's incredible success in its inaugural year. In addition, Dr. Barrs is a member of the Society's moral injury think tank to increase the dissemination of information about the impact of trauma on service members, veterans, and their families.

Dr. Barrs currently serves as the Clinic Director of the Sturm Center, which is a recently launched training clinic associated with the Graduate School of Professional Psychology which serves veterans, service members, and their families. Prior to her role as Clinic Director, Dr. Barrs led a team to launch the Sturm Specialty in Military Psychology at the University of Denver, which is a graduate-level specialty training track. In addition to her work in directing these programs, Dr. Barrs serves as a mentor and supervisor to the students within the Sturm Specialty and a leader in the field of military psychology. In these roles, Dr. Barrs has been involved in a variety of initiatives to improve the lives of military-affiliated individuals. Dr. Barrs traveled with veterans to Vietnam to support them while they revisited the site of their traumatic experiences in order to facilitate healing. She also appeared in a documentary which reviewed the prevalence of combat related PTSD and treatment options for the military population. These leadership roles and projects demonstrate Dr. Barrs' selfless service in the field and her commitment to improving the availability of resources for service members, veterans, and their families.

For her dedication, leadership, and pioneering efforts to spread the Society's mission of education and research through the Regional Symposia Series, I, Stephen V. Bowles, take great pleasure in presenting the Society for Military Psychology Presidential Citation to Dr. Kathryn Barrs.

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President, Society for Military Psychology

