

SOCIETY FOR MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY

Presents this 2019 Presidential Citation to

Colonel (Retired) Carl Castro, PhD

For his exemplification of an extraordinary military psychology scholar, his continued involvement in national and international military-serving organizations, and his significant contribution to research and leadership related to large-scale projects.

Dr. Castro is a leader in the field of military psychology, and has achieved remarkable research-related accomplishments. He has been a Principal Investigator on several million dollar-plus grants, in addition to directing dozens of other grants. He is a recognized leader in the field of military psychology. His publication record is merely one marker of his role as a leader in military psychology research. He has over 100 publications with several publications in the best journals in the field. Dr. Castro has demonstrated excellence through service that has supported military psychology. His most recent military position was as the Director of the Military Operational Medicine Research Program. As Director, he developed research strategies and directed military operational medicine research to sustain and enhance America's Warfighters' performance in battle and protect their health for optimal quality of life. Additionally, he chaired NATO and international research committees and task forces. He continues to contribute to the field through his service in a variety of impressive military leadership positions. Currently, he is the Director of Military and Veteran programs in the Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work at the University of Southern California. Through Dr. Castro's leadership, the Center strengthens the support network of veterans and military families and bridges the gap between military and civilian communities. Dr. Castro guides behavioral health practitioners, develops new technologies, informs policymakers, builds community networks, and produces research with real-world applications. Dr. Castro currently serves as the editor of *Military Behavioral Health*, "the flagship academic journal about the biopsychosocial health and well-being of service members, veterans and military families."

Dr. Castro is currently a Division 19 Fellow and Charles S. Gersoni Military Psychology Award recipient. He holds the Legion of Merit Medal and the President's Special Recognition Award. He has been the Consultant to the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army, and received the Order of Military Medical Merit.

For his leadership and commitment to improving the quality of life of military members, veterans, and their families through the dissemination of scholarly work both nationally and internationally, I, Stephen V. Bowles, take great pleasure in presenting this Society for Military Psychology Presidential Citation to Dr. Carl Castro.

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

