

SOCIETY FOR MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY

Presents this 2019 Presidential Citation to

Afik Faerman, M.S.

For his leadership and forward thinking in webinar lectures and town hall election webinars, and his selfless service in supporting the inaugural Society Leadership Program.

Mr. Faerman is a 4th year PhD graduate student at Palo Alto University who joined the Division 19 Student Affairs Committee (SAC) in January 2017 as a Virtual Projects Officer (VPO), leading the Division 19 Webinar Speaker Series and assisting in online content management for the Division. During his time on the committee, Mr. Faerman has helped manage the committee's webinar program, website, and communication channels. Mr. Faerman has been an outstanding member of the committee and has always gone above and beyond the duties of his role. He has not only assisted with promoting webinars and providing technical support, but he has also recruited speakers for our educational webinars, created and distributed promotional materials for the event, served as the webinar host, and secured continuing education credits. In many cases, he has largely planned and promoted the entire process independently in a smooth and efficient manner. Throughout his time as the SAC VPO, Mr. Faerman has initiated inquiries to student affiliates to learn more about their training needs and webinar requests, and has connected the SAC with top speakers to provide Division 19 affiliates with lectures on a wide variety of topics related to the military and veterans. Mr. Faerman helped design the APA 2018 Division 19 program and recruited an additional VPO to manage the SAC website and social media presence. One of his great contributions to the Society was conducting the virtual President Elect Town Halls for the Division. In September 2018, Mr. Faerman joined the Society Leadership Program (SLP) as a teaching assistant and the student representative on the leadership team. Mr. Faerman helped to initiate the first cohort of the SLP, and has been instrumental in recruiting trainees, organizing the syllabus, and facilitating communications.

In addition to his work with the Division, Mr. Faerman shows a commitment to research to better the field of military psychology. Mr. Faerman was selected as one of the recipients of the distinguished 2019 Student Research Grant and was invited to present his research on sleep in the Hospitality Suite at the annual APA convention.

For his unbending leadership as the Student Affairs Committee VPO, tireless commitment to the development of the first Society Leadership Program cohort, and engagement in research in the field of military psychology, I, Stephen V. Bowles, take great pleasure in presenting this Society for Military Psychology Presidential Citation to Mr. Afik Faerman.

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

