

SOCIETY FOR MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY

Presents this 2019 Presidential Citation to

Lieutenant Nicholas Grant, PhD

For his leadership and extraordinary contributions to the field of military psychology focused on the protection and provision of gender-affirming care to service members.

LT Grant was one of the first graduate students to be trained at the Center for LGBTQ Evidence-based Applied Research while completing his doctorate in Clinical Psychology at Palo Alto University. Additionally, he is an alumnus from the inaugural cohort of the LGBT Health Policy & Practice Graduate Certificate Program at The George Washington University. In 2016, LT Grant completed a clinical/research fellowship at the San Diego VA focused on LGBTQ veteran mental health, where he ran the nation's only VA LGBTQ Mental Health Program. This fellowship experience culminated in LT Grant being invited to take the lead on a chapter on sexual and gender minority military personnel and veterans in *LGBT Health: Meeting the Needs of Gender and Sexual Minorities*.

LT Grant's GWU policy coursework and experience advocating for LGBTQ veterans within the VA system motivated him to apply to the APA's Congressional Fellowship Program. LT Grant served in the Office of US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, where he used his skills in psychological research to support the Senator's military, healthcare, and LGBTQ legislative portfolios. Based on his background and the Senator's dedication to supporting the accession and retention of transgender service members, LT Grant served as a subject matter expert in these areas. In August 2017 he organized a 4-hour "Trans 101" training for congressional staff, the first known training on this topic to be conducted in a U.S. Senate Office. LT Grant subsequently became a key player in the Senator's efforts to combat the attempts to ban transgender Americans from serving in the military. He aided in the development of both an amendment for the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act and a standalone piece of legislation that would protect service members from being discharged due to their gender identity.

Since that time, LT Grant has continued his mission to advocate for gender-affirming care among transgender service members. In May 2019, he earned his commission as an officer in the US Navy. He then went on to graduate from the inaugural Division 19 Society Leadership Program, where he organized a capstone project conversation hour between Divisions 19 and 44. Most recently, LT Grant was hand selected to take over as co-chair for the Navy Medicine West Transgender Clinical Care Team, serving as the most junior officer to hold this role.

For his leadership, dedication, and extraordinary contributions to the field of military psychology focused on the advocacy for gender-affirming care for service members I, Stephen V. Bowles, take great pleasure in presenting the Society for Military Psychology Presidential Citation to LT Nicholas Grant.

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