

SOCIETY FOR MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY

Presents this 2019 Presidential Citation to

Major Emily Grieser, PhD

For her leadership, research, and work in operational psychology and training for the Society and the field of Military Psychology.

Maj Grieser has served as a steadfast champion for our Society's new strategic objective to "Develop and advocate for policies, practices, and ethical guidelines and support the role of military psychologists" by tracking policies and ethical guidelines for this objective. During the Division 19 Regional Symposium Series at Adler University in Chicago, she presented a well-received presentation on innovation in operational psychology. Additionally, she served as a presenter on a panel addressing women in operational psychology. She was an integral and critical committee member of the Society's inaugural Summit this year, inviting veteran service organizations to present on the support they provide for operational and other military units.

Maj Grieser is currently the Chief of Psychological Applications at the 26 Special Tactics Squadron, a unit composed of the Air Force's most elite special operators. She serves as a member of the commander's staff to enhance operational mission effectiveness and ensure psychological readiness of these service members. She also works within an interdisciplinary team to provide mental health education, prevention, and consultation to active duty service members and their dependents. Additionally, she ensures the implementation of Department of Defense guidance on the assessment and management of traumatic brain injury, solidifying practice standards.

While deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, Maj Grieser led the first ever study on the impact of mission-related back pain and fighter pilot performance, resulting in the allocation of resources to prevent and mitigate back pain for this population. During deployment, she oversaw seven operating locations and established innovative tele-behavioral mental health protocols that were recognized as a best practice by the combined Joint Task Force Surgeon General, and provided mental health care in remote locations. Due to these and other achievements, she was recognized by her alma mater with the annual Texas Christian University Outstanding Young Professional Award in 2013. During her postdoctoral fellowship in Health Psychology, Maj Grieser investigated the role of sleep fatigue in 12 years of aviation mishaps. Her findings were presented to the Air Force Safety Center's staff and have since been incorporated into aviation human factors training.

For her advancements in the Society and the fields of operational and military psychology through service, training, innovation, and leadership, I, Stephen V. Bowles, take great pleasure in presenting the Society for Military Psychology Presidential Citation to Maj Emily Grieser.

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

