

SOCIETY FOR MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY

Presents this 2019 Presidential Citation to

Heather Kelly, PhD

For her advocacy and public policy work focused on the behavioral health service for military affiliates, as well as her demonstrated commitment to Division 19.

Dr. Kelly consistently provides exemplary support to Division 19 through her personal attendance at the annual and mid-year meetings to present highly informative overviews of her military psychology liaison and advocacy activities. Dr. Kelly is highly accessible to Division 19 members and ensures that the interests of the military psychology community are well represented among the APA leadership and staff.

Dr. Kelly is currently the Director of Military & Veterans Health Policy at the American Psychological Association, where since 1998 she also has served as Senior Legislative & Federal Affairs Officer in the Science Government Relations Office and Director of the APA Executive Branch Science Fellowship. Dr. Kelly advocates for behavioral science on Capitol Hill and in federal agencies, including the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Justice and the National Science Foundation. She sits on the Executive Committee of the Friends of VA Medical Care and Health Research Coalition; represents APA on the VA Office of Mental Health Services Stakeholders Group; has testified before Congress regarding funding for VA research and mental health services; and has coordinated numerous Capitol Hill briefings on topics of interest to military and Veteran populations, including suicide prevention, PTSD, and traumatic brain injury.

Dr. Kelly has tirelessly and effectively provided a voice for military psychologists on a range of critical professional practice issues. Through formal briefings, print and social media, and personal involvement at professional meetings and community events, Dr. Kelly publicly infuses a strong and positive message about military psychologists. She also strenuously advocates on behalf of military personnel and their families for improved access to psychological services that ensures the highest quality of care.

For her exemplary advocacy work on the Hill for military members, veterans, and their families and her demonstrated support of the Division, I, Stephen V. Bowles, take great pleasure in presenting this Society for Military Psychology Presidential Citation to Dr. Heather Kelly.

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

