

# SOCIETY FOR MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY

Presents this 2019 Presidential Citation to

## *Colonel (Retired) Rebecca I. “Becky” Porter, PhD*

**For her prolific, selfless leadership and mentorship in the Society and in the field of military psychology, and for her impact on military-connected children worldwide.**

As a Past-President and current Chair of the Fellowship Committee for Division 19, Dr. Porter has mentored leaders, colleagues, and staff, which has resulted in an improved field of military psychology. For her many accomplishments in psychology, she is the recipient of the Society for Military Psychology John C. Flanagan Lifetime Achievement Award and an American Psychological Association Fellow in Division 19.

Dr. Porter is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC). MCEC is a global, nonprofit organization focused exclusively on the well-being and needs of America’s approximately four million military-connected children, specifically in the areas of academic opportunity and excellence, school transition support, and developmental needs. Dr. Porter’s leadership is focused on ensuring that military-connected children grow and thrive to become life-ready through entry into college or the workforce.

With more than three decades of military service, Dr. Porter served in the Pentagon as an Operations Officer and Liaison Officer in the Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison as a Special Assistant to General Eric K. Shinseki, who served as the Army’s 34th Chief of Staff. She has held numerous leadership roles to include the Director of the Center for Personal Development at the United States Military Academy, Senior Psychologist Joint Task Force (JTF) 34 in Iraq, the Chief of Psychology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the Director of Psychological Health for the Army in the Office of the Surgeon General, Commander of Dunham US Army Health Clinic, Director of the DiLorenzo TRICARE Health Clinic of the Pentagon, and Commander of the Public Health Command Europe. She is a National War College graduate, has received the Order of Military Medical Merit, and is a three-time recipient of the Legion of Merit Award.

For her leadership in the advancement of the Society and the field of military psychology and her impact on military psychology on a national level, I, Stephen V. Bowles, take great pleasure in presenting the Society for Military Psychology Presidential Citation to Dr. Rebecca I. “Becky” Porter.

---

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

