

SOCIETY FOR MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY

Presents this 2019 Presidential Citation to

Albert "Skip" Rizzo, PhD

For his visionary work as an international thought leader in the field of virtual reality and his contributions to the advancement in PTSD treatment and resilience-building for the DoD.

Dr. Rizzo has been a frequent contributor to the Society for Military Psychology. This year, he contributed to Division 19 by presenting his cutting-edge approaches and research on innovative PTSD treatments at the Society for Military Psychology Regional Symposium Series at Adler University. He also presented on virtual reality in the military at the Advocacy for Military Psychology Summit in Washington D.C. around Veterans Day.

Throughout his productive research career, Dr. Rizzo has focused on improving assessment and psychological treatment of service members and veterans. He has been a leader for the DOD for over two decades in virtual reality, and is the founder of one of the world's first Clinical Virtual Reality Laboratories at the University of Southern California. He is currently the Director of Medical Virtual Reality at the Institute for Creative Technologies. In this role, he has been involved in the development of virtual reality systems to target the assessment and treatment of veterans with PTSD. He has also worked to develop virtual reality to help clinical trainees and practitioners practice working with specific forms of clinical interviews and diagnostic assessments.

Dr. Rizzo's scientific publications are prolific, including over 300 journal articles and 1,000 popular media interviews and reports. He has received innumerable awards related to his work. Much of his research has been funded by the U.S. Army to utilize virtual reality in exposure therapy with veterans and to train clinicians to interact with specific subpopulations of clients. His extensive publication history and funding sources demonstrate his tireless commitment to improving the lives of service members and veterans through virtual reality.

For his leadership, innovative technology, international contributions, and research advancement in the field of military psychology, I, Stephen V. Bowles, take great pleasure in presenting this Society for Military Psychology Presidential Citation to Dr. Albert "Skip" Rizzo.

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