

SOCIETY FOR MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY

Presents this 2019 Presidential Citation to

Captain (Retired) Russell Shilling, PhD

For his service to military psychology and the American Psychological Association (APA) as the first Chief Scientific Officer; his commitment to bettering the lives of service members, veterans, and their families through the use of technology and innovative research; and his mentorship of future military leaders.

Dr. Shilling currently serves as the inaugural APA Chief Scientific Officer, a newly created role to further the scientific objectives of the APA. In this role, Dr. Shilling implements an agenda for the promotion of psychological science in academia, government, industry, and law. This year, he was a keynote speaker on psychological sciences in the military at the Society for Military Psychology regional symposia series at Adler University in Chicago.

Dr. Shilling is a retired Captain of the U.S. Navy, and served as a Navy Aerospace Experimental Psychologist for over two decades. In this role, Dr. Shilling conducted research on human factors affecting aviation, selection, and training. In addition, Dr. Shilling has been instrumental in incorporating technology into a variety of areas of military performance. Dr. Shilling was a lead innovator in the creation of computer programs used to assess facial cues and emotional responses to assist in PTSD diagnosis and treatment and to aid in the destigmatization of the disorder in military affiliates. In addition, Dr. Shilling built video games to be used for Army recruiting. Dr. Shilling also worked with the popular children's TV show, Sesame Street, in the creation of a website and program to help children in military families cope with unique military-related stressors, such as parents' deployments, family relocation, and military to civilian transition. These roles demonstrate Dr. Shilling's incredible innovation and creativity to advance the well-being of military affiliates.

In addition to Dr. Shilling's commitment to research, he has also demonstrated a commitment to education of the future military leaders. He served as an associate professor with the Naval Postgraduate school and at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Dr. Shilling has also taken his skills developed in the military to impact the United States more broadly on a national level. He served as the executive director of the Office of STEM in the U.S. Department of Education to coordinate science efforts across many federal departments and the White House. He also served as a fellow with the Digital Promise Global to promote breakthroughs and scientific advancements in the field of education.

For his leadership in advancing psychological science within military psychology and the APA and on a national level; his use of pioneering and innovative research and technology advancements to improve the lives of military members, their families, and other military affiliates; and his mentorship of future military leaders, I, Stephen V. Bowles, take great pleasure in presenting this Society for Military Psychology Presidential Citation to Dr. Russell Shilling.

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