

SOCIETY FOR MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY

Presents this 2019 Presidential Citation to

Neil Shortland, PhD

For his selfless service, leadership, mentorship, and research applied to the Society and to the field of military psychology.

Dr. Shortland currently serves as the chair of the Early Career Psychologist (ECP) Committee, a thriving group of 209 ECPs in the Division. During the APA convention, he supported some of the following programming for ECPs: Early Career Psychology Mentorship Workshop, Early Career Psychology Grant Award Winner, DoD/VA Early Career Psychology Networking Social, and Careers in Military Psychology: Beyond Active Duty. Additionally, he has served as a mentor for the Society Leadership Program, guiding a Capstone project to help further develop Division student chapters through survey data that can assist future generation of leaders in the field. Due to Dr. Shortland's contributions as a champion for the "Increase Society membership and promote inclusivity and diversity" strategic objective, we have seen our membership rise to 1320 members. He was awarded the PhD Research Award for Division 19 in 2017 to support his research on decision-making among military personnel.

Dr. Shortland currently serves as the Director for the Center for Terrorism and Security Studies at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, which facilitates research and education efforts pertaining to domestic and foreign security challenges. He is also an Assistant Professor within the School of Criminology and Justice Studies, and mentors graduate and undergraduate students in his research area of military decision making and psychological applications to domestic and international security. Dr. Shortland was recently the recipient of a grant provided by the U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences for work in goal conflicts and decision-making in military operations and is the author of the recent book, *Conflict: How Soldiers Make Impossible Decisions*.

For his advancements in the field of military psychology and to the Society through service, scholarship, mentorship, and leadership, I, Stephen V. Bowles, take great pleasure in presenting the Society for Military Psychology Presidential Citation to Dr. Neil Shortland.

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

