



**SOCIETY FOR MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY**

**MIDYEAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**13 MARCH 2026**

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## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS (voting members elected by Div19)**

President	Carrie Kennedy
President-Elect	Melissa Lauby
Past President	Arlene Saitzyk
Secretary	Samantha Daniel
Treasurer	William Brim
Members-At-Large	Ashley Markovic Adeline Ong Lisa Boyce
Student Member-At-Large	Christine Puls
Representative to APA Council	Timothy Hoyt Mark Staal

### **STANDING COMMITTEES (per bylaws, chairs appointed by the president)**

Advocacy Committee  
Awards Committee  
Communications Committee  
Continuing Education Committee  
Early Career Psychologist (ECP) Committee  
Ethics Committee  
Elections Committee  
Engagement Committee  
Fellows Committee  
History Committee (Vacant)  
International Military Psychology Committee  
Membership Committee  
Military Psychology Journal Committee  
Program Committee (APA Convention)  
Student Affairs Committee  
Student Leadership Program (SLP)  
Reserve Affairs Committee (Vacant)

**AD HOC/SPECIAL COMMITTEES (appointed by president)**

Rx Interdivisional Committee (2023)	Marcus VanSickle
Clinical Practice Committee (established)	Vacant

**APPOINTED POSITIONS (appointed by president, approved by EXCOM)**

Newsletter Editor	Brianna Shumaker
Parliamentarian	Vacant
Chief Science Officer	Kris Highland
Chief Knowledge Officer	Johnny Novosel-Lingat
Director, CE Summit (CE Committee)	Stephen Bowles/William Brim
Director, Regional Symposium (CE Committee)	Joe Troiani

**ORGANIZATIONAL LIASONS (appointed by president, approved by EXCOM)**

Military Psychology Foundation	Scott Johnston
SIOP	Eric Surface
IMTA/IAMPS	Eric Surface & Maurice Sipos

# DIVISION 19 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## MEETING AGENDA

<b>Date:</b>	13 March 26	<b>Location:</b>	Online via Google Meet
<b>Meeting called by:</b>	Carrie Kennedy	<b>Type of Meeting:</b>	Midyear Meeting 2026
<b>Parliamentarian:</b>	TBD	<b>Minutes Taker:</b>	Samantha Daniel
<b>Voting Members</b>	Kennedy, Saitzyk, Lauby, Daniel, Brim, Markovic, Ong, Boyce, Puls, Hoyt, Staal		
<b>Please Read:</b>	<b>Meeting Book</b>		
<b>Please Bring:</b>	<b>Report and supporting documents as needed</b>		
<b>Special Notes:</b>	Video call link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/scq-syzk-fju">https://meet.google.com/scq-syzk-fju</a> Or dial: (US) +1 347-354-9621 PIN: 576 532 348# More phone numbers: <a href="https://tel.meet/scq-syzk-fju?pin=9089733238736">https://tel.meet/scq-syzk-fju?pin=9089733238736</a>		

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Time	Min	Topic	POC
0845	15	Virtual Connect and Sound Checks	Daniel
0900	25	President's Remarks and Parliamentarian Appointment	Kennedy
0925	5	Prior Meeting Minutes	Daniel
0930	15	Budget - 2025 Close	Brim
0945	45	Balanced Budget Discussion	Kennedy/Brim/Lauby
1030	30	Non-Monetary Motions and Decisions	All
1100	5	Continuing Education Committee	Brim
1105	5	Awards Committee	Saitzyk
1110	30	Website/Communications Committee	Legner
1140	5	Convention Committee	Novosel-Lingat
1145	5	Elections Committee	Lauby
1150	5	Membership Committee	Mooser-Whittle
1155	5	Fellows Committee	Ainspan
1200	60	Lunch	-
1300	15	COR	Hoyt/Staal

1315	10	MAL/SMAL	-
1325	5	History Committee	Hamilton
1330	5	ECP Committee	Anderson
1335	5	Ethics Committee	Lekea
1340	5	International Committee	Surface
1345	5	Student Affairs Committee	Nash/Lace
1350	5	SLP	Shenberger/Bowles
1355	10	Advocacy Committee	Troiani/Crow
1405	10	RSS/Summit	Troiani/Bowles
1415	5	Engagement Committee	Thrasher/Nash
1420	5	Journal Committee	Britt
1425	5	Military Psychology Foundation	Johnston
1430	5	Newsletter Committee	Shumaker
1435	5	CKO	Novosel-Lingat
1440	5	Secretary	Daniel
1445		Close	

*Read only reports*

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**Appendix A: 2025 Meeting Minutes and Passed Motions List**

## APA Division 19 Executive Committee Annual Meeting Minutes

*Angela Legner, Psy.D.*

*Secretary 2023-2025*

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*Meeting Date: August 8, 2025*

*Meeting Location: Hyatt Regency, Denver, CO*

*Attendees: \*Arlene Saitzyk, \*Bill Brim, \*Carrie Kennedy, \*Ryan Landoll, \*Angela Legner, \*Tim Hoyt, \*Mark Staal, \*Jennifer Barry, \*Ashley Markovic, \*Adeline Ong \*Elizabeth Finer (virtually), Gwen Riley, Nicholas Swansburg, Matthew Bloom, Bryan Presler, Deanna Guzman, Airyn Nash, Cheyenne Quilter, Gabriella Ji, Henry Cui, Alisha Bloom, Amy Thrasher, Nate Ainspan, Joseph Troiani, Erin Moeser-Whittle, Ryan Hess, Kris Highland, Erika Gray, Stephen Bowles, Austin Hamilton, Eric Surface, Samantha Daniel, Paul Bartone, Scott Johnston, Bruce Crow, Oleg Buzlachuk, Bri Shumaker (Virtually)*

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*Note: Those individuals listed above hold an EXCOM position as official voting members are designated with an asterisk.*

**Welcome and Agenda priorities:** President Saitzyk welcomed new and returning officers and acknowledged the contributions of outgoing officers. She outlined three guiding priorities for his leadership: connection, communication, and cause, emphasizing problem-solving, creativity, and resilience during a year of transitions and challenges. She noted the community's dedication to each other, the profession, and the greater mission.

**Fostering Connection:** President Saitzyk highlighted fostering connection as a top priority, ideally in person, and mentioned successful events like the summit, RSS meetings, and the convention. He also piloted regional gatherings in six "hotspot" cities to support networking and mentorship, with successful meetups already held in New York City and North Carolina, and plans for Chicago, DC, San Diego, and San Antonio. He encouraged attendance at a Saturday member-only session focused on navigating policy changes.

**Strengthening Communication:** Saitzyk addressed communication as a second priority, noting an article in the APA Monitor featuring members and emphasizing scientific accuracy in newsletters to prevent misinformation. She thanked Anna Gai for her communication efforts and announced a plan to require committee chairs to submit charters or standard operating procedures for better information sharing and continuity. She also mentioned improvements in web presence and research grant processes thanks to Dr. Krista Highland, the new chief science officer, and proposed a bylaw amendment to include the chief science officer in EXCOM meetings to highlight science.

**Bylaws Amendment Process:** President Saitzyk clarified the process for changing bylaws, stating it requires a full membership vote. Dr. Angela Legner, the secretary, confirmed that an electronic vote would be sent to all members with a 30-day review period after the EXCOM vote.

**Advocacy and Cause:** Dr. Troiani stated that the advocacy committee faced obstacles but continued to champion military psychologist promotion, retention, and broader recognition, working with APA advocacy representatives. He noted that Congress received over 90,000 messages from APA, and

recent legislation included exceptions for Medicare and student loan programs, protecting psychology services and training. He concluded by thanking the executive committee and members for their service.

**Financial Overview:** Dr. Ryan Landoll, as treasurer, highlighted transparency, responsibility, and creativity in managing the division's finances, including a balanced budget for the past two years. He reported that the division's financial strength is "incredibly strong," with assets projected to reach \$324,005 by the end of 2024, despite a decrease in dues revenue and overall income over time. He noted that \$40,000 in seed money was moved to the Military Psychology Foundation, which has now been incorporated.

**Financial Improvements and Concerns:** Dr. Landoll mentioned significant improvements in the reimbursement process, making it quicker and easier to advance funds. He noted that while the division is not overspending, expense estimates tend to be overestimated, potentially leading to missed investment opportunities. He raised concerns about decreasing dues revenue, suggesting it may be due to the "first year free" policy for new members and the proportion of student members.

**Dues and Membership:** Dr. Landoll acknowledged that the division's dues are significantly lower than other divisions and that a task force had considered raising them but decided against it this year due to ongoing changes and the desire to make it easy for members to join. He stated that discussions about raising dues should start earlier for future consideration by the presidential trio.

**Awards Committee Report:** Dr. William Brim reported on the awards ceremony, listing the recipients of various awards, including the Melton, Nichols, Distinguished Mentor, Gersoni, Non-Psychologist, and Flanigan awards. He noted that there were no submissions for the Uhlaner award this year and identified challenges, such as not renewing the contract with Award Force, which saved money but caused delays in getting the word out about submissions. Dr. Brim thanked Drs. Ryan Hess and Krista Highland for their assistance with ECP travel and research awards.

**Continuing Education (CE) Programs:** Dr. William Brim, representing the CE committee, reported offering over 70 programs and awarding more than 3,700 CE certificates this year. He submitted the five-year annual application for CE sponsor approval and planned to submit a home study application to purchase an LMS and offer asynchronous programs as a member benefit.

**Election Results:** Dr. Carrie Kennedy announced the results of the elections, with Dr. Melissa Lauby elected as president for 2027, Samantha Daniel as secretary, William Brim as treasurer, Lisa Boyce as member at large, Christine Puls as student member at large, and Tim Hoyt reelected to council. She expressed concern about the low voter turnout (15-18% of members), noting that one race was decided by only six votes, and urged members to promote voting in Division elections.

**Council of Representatives Update:** Dr. Tim Hoyt provided an update from the Council of Representatives meetings, highlighting the ongoing effort to credential masters-level practitioners and programs, which have potential implications for the utilization of behavioral health technicians. He also mentioned the approval and publication of updated PTSD treatment guidelines, discussions about APA's finances and oversight, and new policy statements on ageism and reconciling traditional wisdom with psychological science. He encouraged members to consider running for council seats in the future, noting that the division could gain a third seat with increased member voting in the ballot apportionment.

**Advocacy Committee Efforts:** Dr. Crow detailed the advocacy committee's work, which has been formalized as a standing committee. The committee holds monthly meetings with the APA advocacy office liaison and engages with chief psychologists from DOE services to inform their priorities, focusing on recruitment and retention for active-duty psychologists. A key current focus is inquiring about the implementation of a provision in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that requires services to desell behavioral health providers from civilian caps to enhance promotion opportunities.

**Regional Socials and Summits (RSS):** Dr. Brim provided a brief history of the RSS, noting it was the brainchild of Dr. Bowls and launched in 2019 as a hybrid virtual and on-ground event, which became fully virtual during COVID. He stated that there have been seven successful annual RSS events, with the last two years including sessions on Ukraine and presentations from Israeli civilian and IDF psychologists. The next RSS, Revolution 9, is planned for December 9th, 10th, and 11th, and will be completely virtual with a small in-person option for those in the southeastern Chicago area.

**Convention Planning:** Dr. Gwen Riley acknowledged Johnny for his efforts in planning the convention and noted that the convention budget for the current year is slightly under budget, though a larger budget is anticipated for next year's convention in DC. She suggested consolidating the awards reception and ceremony budget within the convention budget to streamline planning. She also highlighted the successful collaboration with Anna, the communications chair, for marketing convention sessions and events through social media.

**Hospitality Suite and Session Submissions:** Dr. Riley discussed the new format of the hospitality suite, which is now in a central location, and welcomed feedback on the environment. She reviewed submission numbers for the year, noting a week-long extension for submissions due to the California wildfires, which helped increase numbers, especially for posters and sessions. She indicated that while session hours were slightly lower than last year, the overall program was diverse and well-received.

**Increasing CE Sessions:** Dr. Riley addressed the challenge of increasing the proportion of CE sessions in the program, noting that this year only five CE sessions were offered compared to eight last year. She identified the difficulty in meeting APA standards for CE presentations, which require extensive documentation of teaching and publishing experience that may not align with military psychologists' career paths. Dr. Riley suggested creating an infographic to coach applicants on how to meet CE criteria, including examples of how grand rounds or seminars count as teaching.

**Early Career Psychologists (ECP) Engagement:** Dr. Ryan Hess, the ECP chair, reported on efforts to increase ECP engagement, including monthly meetings with interested members and direct feedback from ECPs in the field. They are also collaborating with APA's ECP component to develop a database for networking and mentoring opportunities across APA. Dr. Hess highlighted successful webinars hosted this year on board certification and licensure, featuring prominent speakers, with recordings potentially available for members and non-members for a fee. The ECP committee also awarded more travel awards to a greater number of individuals this year to encourage attendance and engagement.

**Water Bottle Distribution:** Dr. Hess announced that 48 water bottles with Division 19 stickers would be given to members, primarily at the ECC social hour, with any remaining bottles distributed later.

**Early Career Psychologist (ECP) Board Certification Support:** Dr. Hess advocated for partial reimbursement grants for ECPs pursuing board certification in military psychology, noting the high rate of board certification among military psychologists compared to the general population. Dr. Hess initially requested five \$1,000 grants specifically for ECPs, totaling \$5,000, and suggested reallocating existing funds. While the initial request was for ECPs, there was flexibility to allocate some funds to other Division 19 members if the initial ask was deemed too large. The estimated fees for board certification alone are around \$1,000, excluding travel.

**Considerations for Board Certification Reimbursement:** Concerns were raised regarding the potential for upfront payments to individuals who might not successfully achieve board certification, with a suggestion that reimbursement could occur after most of the certification process is completed or board certification is secured. There was also discussion about the scope of such grants, noting that not all Division 19 members are clinical psychologists, and a desire to prioritize professional development opportunities that are inclusive of all members. The appropriate forum for this debate and proposal for the budget was identified as submitting it to the treasurer in the fall for discussion at the midyear meeting.

**APA Fellowship Program:** Dr. Nate Ainspan thanked the committee members for their work in the fellow's program and highlighted that APA Fellowship is a rare honor, with only 8% of APA members achieving it. Military psychologists have a higher success rate in obtaining fellowships due to the large-scale impact of their work. Criteria for fellowship include a minimum of five years of post-doctoral work and division membership, and the process can accommodate non-clinicians and those with limited traditional publications, emphasizing leadership positions and demonstrated impact.

**Fellowship Process Changes:** Dr. Ainspan explained that the fellowship application approach was changed to a "case worker system" to provide applicants with direct support from a committee member who assists with their application, CV, and securing letters of support. This new system has resulted in a very high success rate, with all applicants who worked with a case worker receiving recommendations and APA approval. Dr. Ainspan encouraged interested individuals to contact them by October 15th to begin the process and mentioned that fellows from other APA divisions can obtain fellowship through Division 19. The new class of fellows, the class of 2026, was announced.

**International Committee Initiatives:** Dr. Eric Surface, Chair of the International Committee, outlined the committee's three-fold mission: bringing international military psychology to members, supporting international members, and networking/advocacy. The division is the sole U.S. representative and voting member of the International Military Testing Association (IMTA), which is now called the International Military Psychology Conference. The committee plans to launch an international webinar series, distinct from traditional presentations, to foster discussions and collaborations among international members. Dr. Surface also requested that the trio and EXCOM reconsider the funding priority for international engagement and explore opportunities for division members to run for leadership positions within IMTA.

**Ukraine Collaboration Initiative:** Dr. Bruce Crow briefly discussed the Ukraine collaboration, noting that members of Division 19 had been collaborating with Ukrainian colleagues since before the 2014 Russian invasion, with involvement significantly increasing after the 2022 full-scale invasion. The collaboration includes consultation visits, webinars, presentations, and active collaborations on publications, including two special issues. Oleg Burchuk, President of the National Psychological Association of Ukraine, emphasized the unique challenges and opportunities in

Ukraine, expressing gratitude for American professional solidarity and support, and highlighting the real-time lessons being learned in the context of high-intensity modern warfare.

**Membership Update:** Dr. Erin Moeser-Whittle, the Membership Chair, reported that Division 19's total membership as of July 31st stood at 1519, the highest in years, with nearly 50% being student affiliates. Membership tends to increase after conventions and dip mid-year. Future initiatives include collaborating with other professional societies, improving membership information on the website, making it easier for international members to join, and conducting a survey to understand members' expectations.

**Military Psychology Journal Update:** Dr. Tom Britt, the journal editor, provided an update on the journal, emphasizing its role as an indicator of scientific and practical advancements in military psychology and the effort to publicize articles. Goals include publishing high-quality articles representing all areas of psychology relevant to military personnel and their families, with an emphasis on increasing the number of articles published per year and in each issue to ten. The journal has seen an increase in submissions and downloads, and its impact factor and cite score have risen.

**Journal Reviewer Recognition and Future Initiatives:** The Military Psychology James Griffith award for sustained excellence in reviewing was awarded to Lex Merrell, and the Reviewers of the Year award recognized individuals who reviewed many articles in a timely manner. Future initiatives for the journal include developing a mentoring program for early career psychologists to improve the reviewer pool, actively promoting the journal on social media, and exploring open access options to increase revenue and visibility. Dr. Britt also offered to share a presentation on characteristics of strong submissions and reasons for rejections with early career psychologists.

**Newsletter Committee Updates:** Dr. Bri Staley-Shumaker provided updates for the newsletter committee, introducing Diana Gooseman as the new social media volunteer to expand the journal's reach, particularly among students. They discussed efforts to utilize newsletter archives and highlighted the successful turnout for the summer 2025 edition committee updates. Dr. Staley Shumaker also mentioned publishing the summer 2025 edition of the TMP and the new "featured flashback" initiative, which republishes past articles.

**Future Goals for the Newsletter:** Dr. Staley-Shumaker outlined future goals, including identifying dominant themes within five-year periods of newsletters to create new content. She also brought up the difficulty of uploading the newsletter to the website and requested volunteers familiar with website uploads to assist. She encouraged submissions for the newsletter, especially from students, for pieces that might not be ready for a journal but are suitable for the newsletter.

**Military Psychology Foundation Update:** Dr. Scott Johnston presented an update on the Military Psychology Foundation, noting its establishment almost five years ago with two main goals: to generate ongoing revenue and achieve independence from APA regarding funds. The foundation provided \$25,000 in grants to society, which he stated was a significant achievement. Dr. Johnston also announced the establishment of their own 501c3 nonprofit corporation, allowing for official separation of funds from APA and increased autonomy.

**Financial Status and Future Collaboration of the Foundation:** Dr. Johnston reported that the foundation currently holds over half a million dollars in assets, accumulated from seed money, donations, and investment returns. He expressed gratitude for donations and highlighted the

successful investment returns. Dr. Johnston affirmed the foundation's commitment to continued collaboration with society and expanding their funding.

**Alignment of Foundation and Society Priorities:** Dr. Johnston addressed a question about how the foundation's spending priorities align with society's, explaining that the foundation first reviews the society's budget proposals to identify items they wish to support. A negotiation process then occurs with society's trio of leaders to finalize funding decisions, ensuring alignment.

**Student Affairs Committee Report:** Nicholas Swansburg, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, reported on their eight student chapters, noting that Denver has 12 active members, and another chapter has 60 student members. He is working to grow membership by reaching out to APA-accredited universities. Mr. Swansburg also highlighted the committee's quarterly webinars, with past topics including evidence-based trauma treatment and upcoming topics on law and ethics and operational psychology.

**Student Engagement and Newsletter Performance:** Mr. Swansburg discussed the committee's goals, which include increasing student engagement, promoting student research, enhancing visibility of staff to Division 19, and offering professional development programs. He presented data from Mailchimp, indicating 2,200 email subscribers and a 39% increase in newsletter acceptance, though open rates and clicks were down.

**SLP Capstone Presentations Overview:** Dr. Ashley Markovic introduced the class of 2025 SLP capstone presentations, featuring eight members from civilian and military services. They explained that these were rapid-fire, two-minute presentations, with longer versions to be presented at the RRS in November and the summit in March 2026. Dr. Markovic also mentioned the upcoming recruitment schedule for the next SLP class, starting in October.

Meeting adjourned at 1430 MST.

## 2025 Approved Bylaws Changes

<b>Proposed bylaws change:</b> We recommend modifying the paragraph Article IV, Paragraph 2, to include the Chief Science Officer, as follows: "In addition, the chairpersons of the standing committees of the Society, <b>the Chief Science Officer</b> , and the editor of the Society Newsletter shall attend meetings of the EXCOM	Passed
<b>Proposed bylaws change:</b> Adding the role of Parliamentarian information to Article IV as follows: "The Parliamentarian shall be present, virtually or in person, at the twice annual meetings to advise the presiding officer on parliamentary procedure. They shall be appointed by the presiding officer, not elected, and must be an objective and impartial advisor, providing advice on procedure when requested by the presiding officer. The Parliamentarian does not vote or make rulings."	Passed

**Appendix B: Officer and Committee Reports**

# **Society for Military Psychology**

## **2026 Meeting Reports**

**Committee Name:** President

**Officer's Name:** Dr. Carrie Kennedy

Happy New Year, Division 19!

It is a privilege to serve as President and to continue in the footsteps of the great CAPT (ret) Arlene Saitzyk.

The Executive Committee of Division 19 is already hard at work for you, hitting the ground running with Convention planning, processing Fellows applications, doing committee work, and planning for our Mid-Year meeting. In March, we will solidify our 2026 awards, grants, and operating budget and make a plan for the year. Look to this listserv, our Facebook group, and our LinkedIn page for continuous announcements and updates.

Division 19 is small but mighty, leading the way for student involvement, leadership development, and professional diversity. To continue to evolve and meet the needs of psychology trainees and psychologists affiliated with and/or interested in the military, we need two things from you.

1. If you aren't a member – JOIN! Only a third of the people on this listserv are actually dues-paying members. To provide better representation within APA and better services to members, Division 19 needs you! JOIN TODAY. <https://www.apa.org/about/division/join>
2. If you have joined – awesome. Now – get involved! Member engagement enhances the experience for all of us and advances our profession. We have many committees, a leadership development/mentorship program for ECPs, research and travel grants, leadership opportunities, networking opportunities, symposia, a podcast, and MORE.

One of the great things about military psychologists is that we come to the table already knowing how to work as members of a supportive and high-functioning team. For my entire career, Division 19 has been the place where I found people to consult with, mentor me, lift me up, and connect me to opportunities. I am personally invested in continuing this tradition of Division 19's support, success, and relevance.

I am looking forward to an amazing year and hope to see many of you at meetings, the Convention, networking opportunities, and on the job. Happy 2026 – may all of your resolutions be realized.

Carrie H. Kennedy, Ph.D., ABPP  
Aerospace Neuropsychologist

**Committee Name:** Treasurer

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** William Brim

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 15 min

**2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Support the Division through fiscal responsibility and transparency.
2. Maintain a timely reimbursement process for members and committees.

**Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Advise the EXCOM on budget related topics.

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. None

## Treasurer's Report

Presented by  
Dr. William Brim

### ▶ 2026-2028 TREASURER PILLARS

- ▶ Fiscal Transparency
  - ▶ Fiscal Responsibility
- > Support the Division through fiscal transparency and responsibility
  - > Maintain reimbursement turnaround at less than 30 days
  - > Support EXCOM with balanced budget process
  - > Serve as Division 19 representative on Military Psychology Foundation Board

## Bookkeepers nightmare!



APA Fiscal Year is January to December

Dues come Jan- Aug  
investments come calendar quarterly  
Royalties in Jan and Jun  
MPF Grant in July

Division 19's Fiscal Year is April to March  
biggest expenses are March to September

# Spending History

	31 Dec 23	31 Dec 24	31 Dec 25		31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2025
<b>Assets Total</b>	303,024.14*	324,569.85 (+7.1%)	366,842.76 (+13%)	<b>Income total</b>	145,954.57 (+44%)	113,426.42 (-22%)	158,149.73 (+39.4%)
Cash Reserve	188,373.81	188,263.35	219,572.27	Dues	14,687.00 (-4%)	13,531.40 (-12%)	13,719 (+1.4%)
Investments	114,609.33	136,265.50 (+18.9%)	147,229.49 (+8%)	Reserves	88,057.33 (+2%)	85,009.80 (-4%)	R= 108,466.74 (27.6%) G = 25,000 133,466.74 (+57%)
Liabilities	6,659.93	14,455.16 (+117%)	7,413.35 (-48%)	Expenses total	94,489.22* (+64%)	109,309.05 (+16%)	108,834.01
Accts Payable	(2,194.47)	6,024.16	(602.65)	<b>Net Income</b>	51,465.35*	4,117.37	49,314.72
Deferred Dues	6,659.93	8,431.00	8,016.00	<b>Total Assets</b>	303,024.14*	324,569.85	366,842.76
Net Assets	303,024.14	324,569.85 (+7.1%)	359,429.41(+10%)				

\$400,000 seed investment in Military Psychology Foundation in 2023  
Not included in income/expense projections

# Division 19 Budget

PASSED 2025

## Priority 0: Fixed/Required (Codified or APA)

ITEM	2025 Approved	2025 Expended	Balance Remaining
APA Division Services Fee	1,550	1,550	0
EXCOM Travel	55,600*	31,986	23,613
Standard Finance Fees (Treasurer)	150	0	150
Knowledge Mgmt Sys (Treasurer)	1,680	1,800	(120.00)
Budget Admin (Treasurer)	2,000	567	1,433
Discretionary Fund (President)	1,000	778	222
Promotional Items	2,200^	2,156	44
Canva and Mailchimp	675	713	(38)
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>64,855</b>	<b>39,550</b>	<b>25,305</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>64,855</b>	<b>39,550</b>	<b>25,305</b>

\*\$27k held in reserve

^ combined all promo requests

## Priority 1: Broad Member Engagement

ITEM	2025 Approved	2025 Expended	Balance Remaining
Convention	36,220	33,691	2,509
Joint MPF Awards Social	10,000	0	10,000
RSS (admin support)	2,500	2,500	0
Summit	7,115	2,479	4,636
Communication Admin (include website)	8,110	906	7,204
Membership P&S	150	0	150
CE	1,200	900	300
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>65,305</b>	<b>40,476</b>	<b>24,799</b>
<b>Running Budget Total</b>	<b>130,160</b>	<b>80,026</b>	<b>48,104</b>

## Priority 2: Engaged Member Recognition

ITEM	2025 REQUESTED \$	2025 Expended	Balance Remaining
Mid-Year Meeting Catering	2,500	0	2,500
Annual Award Plaques	2,000	2,000	0
Award Mgmt System	0	0	1,500
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b>Running Budget Total</b>	<b>130,660</b>	<b>82,026</b>	<b>52,104</b>

## Priority 3: Target Member Engagement

ITEM	2025 REQUESTED	2025 Expended	2025 Balance Remaining
SLP	12,215	9,010	3,705
Presidential Regional Meetings	1,800	491	1,309
SAC Chapter of the Year Award	500	500	0
Int'l Coffee Hour at APA	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>14,515</b>	<b>10,001</b>	<b>5,014</b>
<b>Running Budget Total</b>	<b>145,175</b>	<b>92,027</b>	<b>57,118</b>

## Priority 4: Enhance Division Visibility and Mission

ITEM	2025 Approved	2025 Expended	2025 Balance Remaining
APA International Speaker	4,000	3,657	343
D19 Member to IMTA	0	0	0
Advocacy travel support	2,400	1,022	1,378
Military Diversity Committee	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>4,679</b>	<b>1,721</b>
<b>Running Budget Total</b>	<b>151,575</b>	<b>96,706</b>	<b>58,839</b>

## Priority 5: Individual Member Engagement/Recognition

ITEM	2025 Approved	2025 Expended	2025 Balance Remaining
Student Research Grants	4,500*	8,500	(4,000)
Student APA Travel Awards	4,500	1,506	2,494
ECP Prof Dev Grants	7,500*	4,461	3,039
Research Grants	4,500*		
Student Initiative Fund	2,500*	295	2,205
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>23,500</b>	<b>14,762</b>	<b>3,738</b>
<b>FINAL Budget Total</b>	<b>175,075</b>	<b>111,468</b>	<b>63,607</b>

\* funded by MPF

## Conclusion

- ▶ Division 19 remained in a strong financial position in 2025
- ▶ Total income increased substantially, a 39% increase, driven primarily by growth in royalties and grant revenue
- ▶ Expenses remained largely stable
- ▶ Expenses for certain initiatives tend to be overestimated
- ▶ Must remain vigilant to expense management given stable revenue streams with steady MPF grants.

THANK YOU

**Committee Name:** Continuing Education

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** William Brim

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 5 min

### **2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Deliver high quality continuing education and professional development opportunities for the Division members.
2. Support RSS, Summit and Convention hospitality suite with CE credit where appropriate.

#### **Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Obtain an LMS (or LMS service) to deliver on demand CEPD opportunities for members and as a potential revenue stream for the division.

#### **Action items for Discussion:**

1. None

**Committee Name:** Awards Committee

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Arlene Saitzyk, Past President

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 5 min

**2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT:**

1. Work closely with Chief Science Officer (CSO) Krista Highland, Member at Large (MAL), Lisa Boyce, and representatives for Student Affairs Committee (SAC), Airyn Nash, and Early Career Psychologists (ECP) Committee, Alish Bloom to coordinate Research Grant cycle, keeping processes and timelines for Member, SAC, and ECP applicants similar, rather than distinct, as seen in previous years. Also new this year, if there are ECP Research Grant applicants, Awards committee/CSO to oversee review process.
2. Facilitate Annual Recognition awards process for annual Division 19 Awards ceremony.
3. Support Awards Committee Task Force, headed by History Committee chair, Austin Hamilton, and MAL, Adeline Ong, to review possible new namesakes for annual awards given to non-psychologist and distinguished mentor.
4. Work with Journal Editor, Thomas Britt, to recognize outstanding reviewers at annual Division 19 Awards ceremony.

**Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Met with Awards committee on 30 JAN 2026. Reviewed Committee Charter.
2. Finalized timelines for Research Grant cycle and Annual Recognition awards.
3. Plan to meet again end of March to get the word out for Research grants and assist with ad hoc review committee.
4. Awards Committee Task Force provided recommendations to Presidential Trio for possible new namesake awards.

**Future plans and actions associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities:**

At least quarterly meetings to support:

1. Timeline for Research Grant cycle: Application portal open (1 APR – 1 JUN), Review committee process (1-30 JUN), Results tallied and reported to Trio (1-15 JUL), Trio announces decision, CSO notifies applicants (1 AUG).
2. Timeline for Recognition awards: Nominations open (15 APR – 1 MAY), Adjudication (1- 21 MAY), Recipients informed (1 JUN).

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. None



## Awards Committee

Presented by Arlene Saitzyk, Past President, Awards Committee Chair

Committee members:

Krista Highland, Chief Science Officer (CSO)

Lisa Boyce, Member at Large (MAL)

Alisha Bloom, Early Career Psychologist (ECP) Committee Representative

Airyn Nash, Student Affairs Committee (SAC) Representative

Division 19 Midyear Meeting

13 March 2026

## Awards Committee Scope

- ▶ Student, Member, and Early Career Psychologist Research Grants (note ECP Research Grant is separate from ECP Professional Development Grant)
  - ▶ Travel Grants: Research grant recipients encouraged to disseminate findings (typically up to \$750 of grant awarded may be used toward travel to conferences to present findings). Funds when needed for travel can be disbursed prior to actual travel, but receipts must be submitted before the end of the calendar year for travel.
  
- ▶ Annual Division 19 Recognition Awards:
  - ▶ Arthur Melton (early achievement)
  - ▶ Charles Gersoni (military psychology research and practice)
  - ▶ John Flanagan (lifetime achievement)
  - ▶ Julius Uhlener (military selection and recruitment)
  - ▶ Robert Nichols (uniformed clinical psychologist)

\* Recognition Award renaming Task Force\* for Outstanding Contributions to Military Psychology by a Non-Psychologist and Distinguished Mentor

## Research Grants Timeline

- ▶ Awards Timelines for Student, Member, and ECP Research Awards (published in winter newsletter)



## Additional Information: Student Research Grants

- ▶ Recipients will have a research advisor and endorsement from their university
- ▶ Recipients expected to provide progress report every 6 months
  - ▶ Students encouraged to disseminate findings at the Summit (MAR) the following year, RSS the following year (DEC) or apply for APA convention (NOV-JAN) to present the following APA Year. In the application, students explain their plan to present findings, which is part of review criteria.
  - ▶ Alternatively, students may share findings via publication in Military Psychology (or other journals), or The Military Psychologist newsletter

## Additional Information: ECP Research Grants

- ▶ While Professional Development awards typically adjudicated by ECP leadership and reported to Awards Committee, if a research award, the same oversight will be applied as Member and Student Research Awards
  - ▶ Ad hoc reviewers coordinated by CSO will be involved in adjudication of ECP Research Awards
- ▶ Similar to Research grants, Professional Development grants will need to provide evidence of completion and if members may benefit from shared knowledge, recipients are encouraged to disseminate information via an appropriate forum (Summit, RSS, journal, newsletter, etc.)

## Annual Recognition Awards Timeline



**Recipients announced at Division 19 Awards ceremony during APA convention.**

**Note: outstanding journal reviewers will also be honored during Awards ceremony, and Research Grant recipients will be announced as well.**

**Committee Name:** Communications/Website

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Angela Legner

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 30 minutes?

## **2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Modernize the Division 19 Website.
2. Establish Sustainable Website Maintenance Processes.

### **Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. To address the challenges facing the MilitaryPsych.org website, I have conducted a thorough assessment of the site's current state, including outdated content, technical performance issues, and the lack of clear page ownership. Based on this assessment, I developed and presented a comprehensive proposal to modernize the website. The proposal recommends a blended WordPress + Google Sites model, which would allow static content to remain on WordPress while enabling committees to easily update their own pages using Google Sites. This option was selected after reviewing several alternatives, considering factors such as cost, sustainability, and ease of use.
2. Key actions completed so far include:
  - a. Drafting and sharing a detailed proposal outlining the modernization strategy, governance improvements, and technical support plan.
  - b. Initiating discussions with a technical support provider (Lauren Crowley) to ensure ongoing maintenance and troubleshooting.
  - c. Outlining next steps, including the development of a sitemap, creation of prototype Google Sites pages, and drafting a style guide and update process.
  - d. Presenting the proposed approach to relevant stakeholders for feedback and approval.

### **Future plans and actions associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities:**

1. Future Plans: Moving forward, my priorities will be to:
  - a. Develop a comprehensive website sitemap to guide content organization.
  - b. Build and demonstrate prototype Google Sites pages for committee review and input.
  - c. Finalize the division style guide and standardized update submission process to ensure consistency and streamline content management.
  - d. Establish a monthly website maintenance schedule to ensure timely updates and technical support.

- e. Present the full proposal and prototypes to Executive Committee leadership for final approval and implementation.
  - f. Upon approval, coordinate with committee chairs and members to assign page Points of Contact and provide training on the new update processes.
2. These steps will help ensure the website remains current, user-friendly, and aligned with the Division's mission, while empowering committees to maintain their own content efficiently.

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. Request funding for a technical support manager to modernize the website.  
 $70/\text{hour} \times 8\text{hours}/\text{week} \times 4\text{weeks}/\text{month} = \$2,240$  per month. Total estimated cost if modernization phase takes two months to complete: \$4,480.
2. Submitted budget request for additional funds to the Treasurer.

**Committee Name:** Convention Program

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Johnny Novosel-Lingat (Chair); Erika Gray (Co-chair)

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 5 mins

### **2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Review of over 100 submissions will be completed to result in a convention program of 11 formal programming hours based on accepted sessions, shift of non-accepted session submissions to posters; and acceptance of 80 poster presentations across two poster sessions at APA. Acceptance/rejection notifications to be sent in early March by APA to finalize formal and informal programming.
2. Coordination for formal and informal programming underway, with the objective of streamlining social events to reduce costs, and identifying high-yield formal and informal programming to maximize APA experience for all members.

**Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Planning with 2027 program convention chair.
2. Presenter support (APA standards; social media expectations).
3. Collaboration with APA staff and Board of Convention.
4. Coordinated effort for member engagement leading up to and at convention, leveraging other division assets (MALs, committee leaders, EXCOM, etc.).

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. None

**Committee Name:** Elections

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Melissa Hiller Lauby

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 5 min

### **2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Hold a competitive election with maximum participation.

**Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Slate already submitted. We have 2 candidates for President, 3 candidates for Member at Large, and 2 candidates for Student Member at Large.

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. A town hall for the presidential candidates will be held prior to the April 15th opening of the election cycle.

**Committee Name:** Membership

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Erin Moeser-Whittle

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 3 min

### **2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Collaborate with the Communications Committee to promote the Division.
2. Select a Membership Chair to start in 2027.

#### **Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Membership lists have been consistently provided to T&F for receipt of the journal.
3. Newsletter updates have been submitted.
4. Created a brief presentation regarding benefits of membership and how to join for the Military Psychology Summit.
5. Future: Collaborate with the Communications Committee to promote the Division and increase membership.
6. Grow the Membership Committee to assist with promotion of the Division, collaborations, and events.

#### **Action items for Discussion:**

1. None



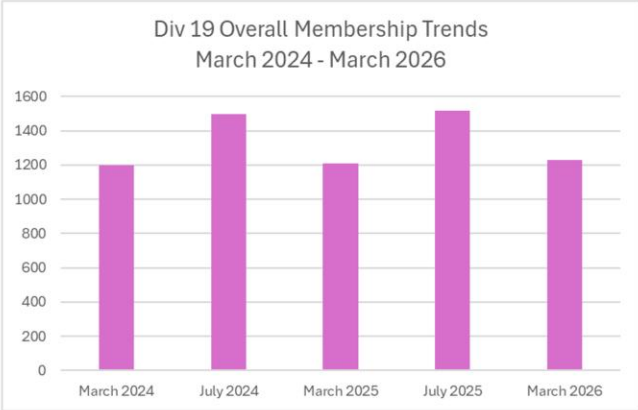
# Society for Military Psychology (APA Division 19)

## 2026 Mid Year Meeting Membership Committee Report

### Membership Summary

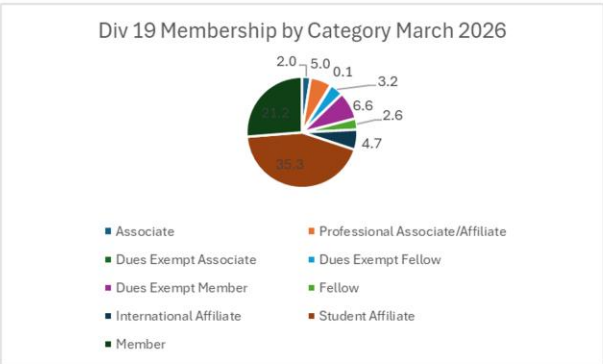
- ▶ Total membership as of 6 Mar 2026 = 1,227
- ▶ Overall membership numbers are higher (1.5%) than 2025 MYM (1,208) and lower (23.8%) than 2025 Business Meeting (1,519)
- ▶ Biggest Changes since 2025 Business Meeting:
  - ▶ 31% decrease in Student Affiliates
  - ▶ 28% decrease in International Affiliates
  - ▶ 26% decrease in Members
  - ▶ 26% decrease in Associates
  - ▶ 22% decrease in Professional Associate/Affiliates
  - ▶ 8% increase in Fellows

# Membership Trends



# Membership as of March 2026

Membership Category	Total	Percentage
Associate	31	2.0
Professional Associate/Affiliate	76	5.0
Dues Exempt Associate	2	0.1
Dues Exempt Fellow	48	3.2
Dues Exempt Member	100	6.6
Fellow	40	2.6
International Affiliate	72	4.7
Student Affiliate	536	35.3
Member	322	21.2
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>1227</b>	<b>100.0</b>



# Membership Trends by Category



# Changes in Membership Since the Summit

Membership Category	Pre-Summit	Post-Summit	Percent Increase
Fellows	88	88	
Members	415	422	2
Associates	30	33	9
Professional Affiliates	70	76	8
Student Affiliates	520	536	3
International Affiliates	71	72	1



## 2026 Membership Committee Initiatives

- ▶ Advertise and select new Membership Chair for 2027
- ▶ Grow existing committee
- ▶ Collaborate with other Division 19 Committees and relevant APA Divisions to increase membership and visibility
  - ▶ 2026 priorities include:
    - ▶ Working with the Communications Committee to improve promotion of Division and membership information on website
    - ▶ Working with International Committee to promote awareness and increase international membership
- ▶ Conduct survey to determine satisfaction with current Division 19 membership

**Committee Name:** Fellows

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Nathan Ainspan

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 10 min

**2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. To continue to expand the number and diversity of Fellow nominees.
2. To develop and grow the committee.

**Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. We successfully nominated 5 members for Fellows status in the division and APA and will nominate three for Divisional Fellows status.

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. To request assistance from EXCOM and others to recommend potential Fellows.

**Committee Name:** APA Council of Representatives

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Tim Hoyt/Mark Staal

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 5-10 min

**2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Shaping ongoing discussion regarding master's-level accreditation and licensing.
2. Represent DIV19 interests in APA council in order to enhance influence.
3. Preparation for annual convention.

**Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Completed APA CoR mid-year meeting in February.
2. Webinar on Model Licensing Act in February.
3. Coordination and correspondence via listserv.

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. Need division-wide mobilization for ballot apportionment in the fall.
2. Consideration for endorsement of APA Presidential Candidates.

## Council of Representatives

### CoR: Major Initiatives for 2026

- ▶ **APA Credentialing of Master's-level Practitioners and Programs**
  - ▶ Hosted recent webinar on the Model Licensing Act
- ▶ **Significant discussion at APA regarding antisemitism and representation**

#### Discussion Items:

- ▶ **Ballot apportionment: Potential for a Third Seat, get out the vote?**
  - ▶ Current seats will be open in 2027 and 2028 elections
- ▶ **Endorsement for Margaret Bull Kovera for APA President?**

**Committee Name:** History

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Austin Hamilton

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 5 min

**2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Continued SLP Support.
2. Supporting/identifying successor.
3. Contributions to the Military Psychologist Newsletter

**Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Newly developing potential collaboration with current SLP member. Some interest expressed for next History Chair but nothing solidified as of yet.

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. None

**Committee Name:** Early Career Psychologists

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Lyndse Anderson

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 5 min

### **2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Our committee is planning a Webinar/ECP virtual symposium that will focus on provider health and wellness with special consideration of the unique stressors and milestones faced by ECPs.
2. Our committee hopes to see the ECP Social at APA continue to grow in attendance and impact. Our focus of the year is mentorship and the hope is that our social provides an opportunity to facilitate new mentorship connections as well as build on connection.

#### **Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Our committee has been meeting monthly since our recent leadership turnover in January.
2. We've identified our focus for the year, developed plans on how to execute this focus, and worked to enhance previous areas that are changing and evolving (updating the ECP research Grant process to align with the larger Division).
3. We've also created and submitted our budget with an in depth discussion on the value and impact we want to maintain for our professional development Grants.

#### **Action items for Discussion:**

1. Request discussion of plans for ECP Budget with recent changes to research grant process (folding into overall Div 19 applications and review). Will this impact overall professional development grant budget or will the research grants be offered from a different financial pool for prospective ECP research grant applicants?

## Early Career Psychologists (ECP) Committee

Chair: Lyndse Anderson  
Chair Select: Alisha Bloom  
Past-Chair: Ryan Hess

### Committee Updates

- ▶ Leadership turnover in January, welcomed Alisha as Chair Elect!
- ▶ Maintaining monthly committee meetings to discuss opportunities for ECPs and continue expanding reach/impact.
- ▶ Vision for year ahead: Focus is Mentorship
- ▶ Webinar Planning: Provider Wellness across the career span
- ▶ Planning for 2026 ECP Social at APA.

## ECP Committee

### Actions Taken to Date

- ▶ APA ECP Social was a success!
  - ▶ travel award recipients shared their research and senior leaders offered career advice.
  - ▶ Complemented by additional regional meet ups throughout the year.
- ▶ 3 grants were awarded:
  - ▶ 2 Research
  - ▶ 1 Professional Development

## ECP Committee

### Actions Taken to Date

- ▶ Research Grant Process updated/rolled into larger Div 19 selection and review
- ▶ Planning for Webinar and Mentorship focus
  - ▶ Half Day, CEs available, speed mentoring? (encouraging tri-service/VA intermingling with Mentors).
  - ▶ Panel discussion on unique challenges across career stage/addressing and preventing burn out.

## ECP Committee

### Items for Discussion

- ▶ Funding with Research Grant changes?
- ▶ Short form content from grant recipients?
- ▶ Communication with ECP listserv, process, approval, frequency?

## Society for Military Psychology Budget Item Request

*This form must accompany any request for use of Society funds*

**Committee Name: ECP**

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair: Lyndse Anderson**

**Total Budget Request: \$9000**

**Budget Justification (add additional lines as needed):**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Justification</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Are these costs fixed?*</b>	<b>Annual or one-time?*</b>	<b>Payment Method</b>	<b>Spend Timeframe</b>
APA Travel Award	Would like to assist Div19 ECP members in traveling to APA to present their research. This can fund 3-5 recipients.	\$4,000	N	One time	Advance payment or reimbursement	Advertise in Q1/2, spend Q3
Professional Grant	This funding will further education, scholarly productivity (publication fees), training, etc. for our ECP members. Typically this can fund 3-5 recipients. This grant has potential to increase interest and visibility of ECP, and promote retention and engagement.	\$4,000	N	One time	Other- Direct Recipient Payment via EFT	Q4

ECP promo merchandise	Increase visibility and advertising of ECP. Items including water bottles, stickers, food are handed out at APA predominantly in the suite and at other APA wide ECP and SAC events.	\$500	N	One time	Reimbursement	Q3
Webinar expenses	ECP Committee will be hosting webinars. Guest speakers with expertise will be invited to speak. Funding will cover logistics, advertisement, recording, and editing expenses.	\$500	N	One time	Advance payment or reimbursement	Q1-Q4

•If YES, ensure amount above equals total budget request; if NO, ensure total budget request is equal to sum of above + 10%

•If YES, how will you evaluate the benefit to the Society for the use of funds over time?

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•Options include: Reimbursement, Advance Payment, Other (indicate POC: \_\_\_\_\_)

•Planned Timeline for Use of Funds options include:  
 Q2 (Apr – June), Q3 (July – Sept), Q4 (Oct – Dec) or 2022 Q1 (Jan – Mar)

**Committee Name:** Ethics

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Ioanna Lekea

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 5 min

## **2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Short video clips (approx. 3-5 min each) focused on specific ethical issues relevant to military psychology (thinking confidentiality, dual relationships, disclosure, multiple relationships, consent under duress, explanation of ethical principles).
2. Social media engagement:
  - a. Engage with members and/or other interested party/parties across social media platforms (i.e., present an ethical dilemma/ vignette and prompt people to answer how they would respond).
  - b. Post infographics (i.e., ethical decisions).

### **Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. The Ethics Committee has submitted the new Ethics Committee Charter and has accepted a new member, Matthew L. Gordon, who is a Doctor of Psychology candidate at Loyola University Maryland. He is currently serving as an extern and psychotherapist at the United States Naval Academy. He has a particular interest in working with young adults who struggle with adjustment issues, anxiety, depression, and trauma.
2. The focus of the Ethics Committee for 2026 is to promote engagement and education through the use of multiple tools, including online resources and activities. An effective ethics engagement and education initiative can benefit from a diverse set of interactive, reflective, and community-based activities that encourage both learning and dialogue. The following framework combines educational resources, collaborative discussion formats, and interactive engagement methods to promote ethical awareness and professional reflection, particularly in contexts related to military psychology and operational environments.
3. A central component of the initiative would be educational lectures, delivered both through recorded content and live presentations. These lectures would address specific ethical themes, with particular emphasis on issues relevant to military psychology and operational decision-making. Live presentations could take place online or during conferences, while recorded lectures would allow asynchronous participation. Where appropriate, these events could be structured to provide continuing education or professional development opportunities.
4. To complement formal lectures, group consultation meetings could be organized on a recurring basis through videoconferencing platforms such as Zoom. These meetings

would provide a confidential space for peer-based consultation, allowing participants to discuss ethical challenges encountered in military or operational contexts, exchange perspectives, and collectively explore possible responses grounded in professional standards and ethical principles.

5. Another recurring activity could be a journal club, held monthly or every two months, in which one or two empirically supported articles relevant to ethics in military psychology are selected for discussion. Participants would review the selected articles in advance and then meet to discuss their interpretations, reactions, and key takeaways. This format would promote critical engagement with current research while strengthening the link between empirical findings and practical ethical decision-making.
6. A digital resource library would serve as a central online hub for curated educational materials. The library could include short video clips of approximately three to five minutes each, addressing specific ethical issues such as confidentiality, dual relationships, disclosure obligations, multiple relationships, consent under conditions of pressure or hierarchy, and explanations of core ethical principles. In addition, the platform could host pre-recorded expert panels discussing contemporary ethical challenges, as well as interviews with military psychologists and ethics specialists who share professional experiences, lessons learned, and reflections on real-world cases and how they were navigated.
7. Interactive learning approaches could further enrich the initiative. Ethics-focused gaming and simulation activities—such as scenario-based simulations or role-playing exercises—would allow participants to explore complex ethical dilemmas in a structured yet dynamic environment. Through gamified scenarios, participants could practice navigating decision-making processes, evaluate consequences, and reflect on the ethical dimensions of operational choices.
8. Similarly, interactive quizzes could be incorporated into the platform to present scenario-based questions accompanied by immediate feedback. This format encourages reflection and allows participants to test their reasoning while reinforcing key ethical concepts and frameworks.
9. Community-building activities would also play an important role. A movie club could invite participants to watch films with ethical themes within a given timeframe, followed by online discussion sessions held every two or three months. These discussions would explore the ethical dilemmas depicted in the film and connect them to professional practice and ethical theory. In parallel, a book club could focus on reading books that address ethical challenges, leadership, or moral decision-making, with periodic online meetings for discussion and reflection.
10. Less formal opportunities for dialogue could be organized through informal discussion sessions, such as virtual coffee or afternoon-tea meetings held during weekdays or weekends. These gatherings would create a relaxed but intellectually engaged environment where participants can raise questions, share experiences, and discuss topics suggested by attendees.
11. Finally, social media engagement could broaden participation and encourage ongoing reflection beyond formal sessions. Ethical dilemmas or short vignettes could be posted to

invite responses from the community regarding how they would approach a given situation. Infographics summarizing ethical decision-making models, common pitfalls, and key professional principles could also be shared to provide accessible educational content and stimulate discussion.

12. Together, these activities would create a multifaceted ethics engagement ecosystem that combines formal education, peer consultation, interactive learning, and community dialogue. By integrating these elements into a coherent platform, the initiative would support continuous ethical reflection, professional development, and knowledge exchange among practitioners working in complex and high-stakes environments.

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. None

**Committee Name:** International Military Psychology

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Eric A. Surface

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 5 min

## **2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. To build upon and expand Division 19's engagement of and leadership in the International Military Psychology (IMP) community, including:
  - a. Increasing our international membership,
  - b. Developing IMP programming for Division 19 members (RSS, Sumit, APA, Webinars),
  - c. Serving as a liaison to IMTA and other IMP organizations,
  - d. Developing opportunities for international engagement for Division 19 members and international military psychologists,
  - e. Building relationships between Division 19 and other MP organizations,
  - f. Supporting and advocating for the needs of our international members, and
  - g. Cooperating with APA's Office of International Affairs to promote MP internationally.
2. Planned activities include the IMP speaker at APA, updating the IMP website content, launching an international membership campaign, attending IMPC and IMTA delegates meeting, partnering with IMTA to offer CE credits for IMPC and IAMPS sessions, new international recruiting materials, new webinar series, and recruiting more committee members.
3. To promote Division 19 to the IMP community, creating international opportunities for our members, engaging in IMP initiatives, and promoting collaboration and cooperation. This includes maintaining and expanding participation in IMTA (e.g., offer CE c

### **Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Given the geo-political climate, it is more important than ever for us to reach out and maintain and strengthen relationships with our international allies and other military psychologists.
2. To date, we had a very productive meeting with Amanda Clinton from the APA Office of International Affairs. We have been working on establishing a relationship and plans with the hosts of IMPC 2026, which includes offering CE credits. We have been working on arrangements for programming, including APA 2026 and Sumit. We expect to announce the International speaker for APA 2026 by the end of March.
3. Future plans include actions on the above items, including finalizing the APA 2026 speaker, finalizing webinar series, finalizing CE credits for IMPC 2026, working APA's

Office of International Affairs on promoting MP, updating the website, recruiting new committee members, etc.

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. Dr. Eri Radityawara Hidayat (Retired General Indonesian Army and Dean of Dean, Faculty of Psychology Universitas Jenderal Achmad Yani, General Achmad Yani University), who is the organizer and host of IMPC 2026, has requested a MOU, similar to the one they signed with APA. This would facilitate a relationship and help us recruit members from the Indonesian MP community. The MOU can be a very simple one focused on providing CE credits at IMPC and promoting cooperation and membership. Amanda Clinton is very supportive of this. APA has identified Indonesia and SE Asia as potential growth area and is investing in the region. The committee would like to briefly discuss this initiative and seek Trio/EXCOM support to begin official discussion of the MOU. This could serve as a template for establishing cooperation and membership focused MOUs with international MP organizations.

**Committee Name:** Student Affairs Committee

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Airyn Nash

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 5-7 min

### **2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. In conjunction with the Community Engagement Committee and ECP Committee to rebuild the DIV19 mentorship Program.
2. Increased Engagement and Awareness for DIV19 Students.

**Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Continuing to update the Google Suites Website, Streamline forms and communications.

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. Non-monetary motion to have Community Engagement Committee to subsume Mentorship Program responsibilities.



## STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**CHAIR:** AIRYN NASH (PRESENTING)

**CHAIR-SELECT:** WILLIAM LACE

**PAST-CHAIR:** NICHOLAS SWANSBURG

- 2026 Strategic Vision: Increased awareness and engagement within the IDIV 19 Student Community
  - Ask: Current Paying Student Member Data (#s and Emails)
- Sustained engagement with MailChimp for monthly newsletter
  - Additional 12 months of completed data (March 2024 – February 2025)
    - 2,459 Contacts (+327)
    - 2,090 Email Subscribers (+179)
    - Most engagement (23%) AUG/Start of Fall Semester; Webinars
- Building Student Affairs Committee Google Suite Website
- 5 Active Campus Chapters
  - Adler, Alliant, Fielding, USUHS, WJC



## STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (CONT.)

- Initiatives at enhancing Student Engagement
  - SAC x ECP x CEC Collaboration for DIV19 Mentorship Program
    - Engaging Undergraduate Programs
  - Streamlined Communication with Campus Representative
    - Participation in Military Psychology Summit
    - Chapter of the Year award encourages Student Chapter Engagement
  - DIV19 National Student Chapter Flyer
    - Engagement with program directors to share with their Universities/Institution
  - APA 2026
  - Quarterly National Chapter Meeting
    - Average 15 students from 7-10 different universities
    - Maintain recordings for media archive
  - Advertising awards/funding opportunities (Student Research Grant, Student Initiative Funds, Student Travel Grants) via monthly newsletter and social media campaigns

**Committee Name:** Society Leadership Program

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Ashley Shenberger/Stephen Bowles

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 5 min

**2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Begin 2026 SLP class.
2. Recruit applicants for 2027.

**Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Recruited an excellent group for 2026.

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. None

# Society Leadership Program

## SLP Class of 2026

Ann McConnon, USU  
Maria Fleischman, CPT, USA  
Melissa Finley, MAJ, USA  
Adam Raines, CPT, USA  
Sagar Lad  
Katharina Simms, US  
Rachel Prokop, MAJ, USA

**Committee Name:** Advocacy

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Joe Troiani & Bruce Crow

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 10 min

### **2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Expanding Division 19 visibility on Capitol Hill.
2. Continue to develop working relationships with key legislators by working with their staffers.

**Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Advocacy Committee is actively engaged along with APA Advocacy with the legislatures.

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. Funding Request for the Advocacy Committee.

# Div 19 Advocacy Committee

Military Psychology Summit  
4 March 2026

CDR (Ret) Joe Troiani, PhD – Chair  
COL (Ret) Bruce Crow, PsyD, MPH  
COL (Ret) Stephen Bowles, PhD, ABPP  
K. Conwell Smith – APA Advocacy Office



## Agenda – Advocacy Committee

- Introductions
- Welcome – Joe Troiani
- Committee development – Bruce Crow
- APA Advocacy Office – Conwell Smith
- Recent & planned actions – team
- Discussion - Q & A



Joe Troiani



Conwell Smith

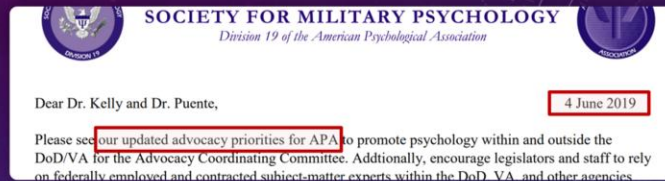


Stephen Bowles



Bruce Crow

## Advocacy?



- Annually – APA asks divisions to identify their priorities
- **2022 internal review:** Although Div 19 priorities were reported to APA and posted on the Div 19 website, they did not actively inform actions
- Gap 1: no cohesive strategy, actions, or effort over time to achieve priorities
- Gap 2: Div 19 structure has not provided sustained advocacy capability
- Gap 3: little investment in advocacy skills & experience

## Division 19 Advocacy Initiative

- Mar 2022: Steering committee formed
- Aug 2023: Div 19 members approved Standing Committee (permanent / EXCOM) IAW Bylaws
- Monthly meetings in coordination with APA Advocacy Office (Liaison: Conwell Smith)
- Consultation - Services chief psychologists
- Consultation - APA Advocacy Office
- Reviews of proposed legislation
- Capitol Hill advocacy visits (2024, 2026)
- Membership: any Div 19 member





## How do we advocate?

- Levels of potential advocacy:
  - Federal legislation
    - Service level (Army, Navy Air Force) regulations & policies
      - *Influence those who influence*
- Strategy / approach:
  - Avoid military unique constraints
  - Build trust & credibility
  - Communicate needs of Division 19 members
    - Propose solutions & actions

## APA Advocacy

- Advocacy Office
- APA priorities
- Activities
- Division liaisons
- Capabilities
- Is advocacy the same as lobbying?

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### Advocacy

**Speak up. Support psychology. Improve lives.**

<p><b>2026 advocacy priorities</b> Our portfolio framework recognizes the interdependence of our advocacy priorities in a dynamic political environment</p>	<p><b>State advocacy</b> APA Services provides support and resources to affiliated state, provincial, and territorial associations</p>	<p><b>Take action</b> Send an advocacy message to Congress on one of our current issues of importance to psychology</p>
<p><b>Psychologist's Guide to Advocacy</b> Your training and expertise as a psychologist give you unique insights into key issues facing the nation</p>	<p><b>Advocacy fellowships</b> The APA public policy fellowship program provides four unique opportunities to apply your psychological expertise to public policy</p>	<p><b>Psychology PAC</b> Psychology PAC is the bipartisan political action committee of APA Services</p>

# APA Virtual Advocacy – Dec 2023

- Training – Day 1
  - Federal Advocacy for Psychology
  - Legislative development / congressional policy making
  - Effective communication with congressional offices
  - Effective interactions with congressional members & staff
- State delegations
  - APA advocates
  - Constituents
- Capitol Hill Contacts (virtual) – Day 2

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*Virtual Advocacy Summit*

December 3-4, 2023

Is there someone else you think should be invited? Please share their details with [Doris Parfale, Claude](#), Director of Grassroots Engagement - we will try to accommodate requests contingent on the size of your state delegation.

**REGISTER**

## Virtual Advocacy

- Senate & House member offices
- 30 min office calls
- APA priorities – full funding
  - Psychology Workforce
  - Psychological Research
  - School-Based Mental Health
  - Suicide Prevention
- Texas delegation
  - Senator Cornyn
  - Rep. Fletcher – TX District 7
  - Rep. Gonzales – TX District 23
  - Rep. Doggett – TX District 37



U.S. Senator John Cornyn office



U.S. Representative Tony Gonzales office

## Capitol Hill – March 2024

- **House Armed Services Committee**

- Mike Rogers (R-AL) – Chair
- Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA) Quality of Life Panel - Ranking Member

- **Senate Armed Services Committee**

- Roger Wicker (R-MS) – Ranking Member
- Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) - Personnel Subcomm - Chair
- Rick Scott (R-FL) - Personnel Subcomm - Ranking Member
- SASC professional staff

Office calls – staff of House (HASC) & Senate (SASC) committee members



Advocacy Committee Chair - Joe Troiani: troia@adler.edu

## Capitol Hill – 7 Mar 2024

- **Military Psychology Workforce**

- Inventory shortage
- Recruitment - HPSP
- Recruitment - recruiting partnerships
- Retention - promotion rates

- **Suicide Prevention**

- Suicide Prevention and Response Independent Review Committee (SPRIRC) – implementation barriers

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Division 19 of the American Psychological Association



### Military Psychologist Workforce

Department of Defense psychologists provide critical clinical, research, and consultative services for military members and their families and. In recent years, DoD has experienced significant challenges recruiting and retaining psychologists. For example, in the three years FY22-24 the Army was only able to fill about 75% per year on average of its primary accession positions through the clinical psychology internship program. Likewise, Army psychologist promotions from initial rank of Captain to Major have been decreasing to a recent annual selection rate close to 40%. These combined factors create significant inventory shortage among military psychologists and create significant negative impacts on access to behavioral health services.

- Most military psychologists enter active duty through a military clinical internship. Increased graduate school scholarships are needed to ensure a consistent pipeline into internship. **Division 19 urges actions that expand availability of Health Professions Scholarships to cover 100% of annual accession requirements.**
- Recruiters for military medical personnel often lack specific information about military psychology that is persuasive for recruiting psychology graduate students. Further, military recruiting budgets often prioritize physician/dentist/nurse recruiting. **Division 19 urges actions to ensure funding for uniformed psychologists to partner with medical recruiters for expanded regional graduate school recruiting visits.**
- Military psychologists spend their first 2-3 years in training as O-3 to complete internship/residency/licensing. Promotion through "Best Qualified" boards at 5-6 years in-grade disadvantage psychologists compared to competing officers who compile more duty assignment performance reports. **Division 19 urges exemption for psychologists to promote through "Fully Qualified" boards vs. "Best Qualified".**

### Suicide Prevention

The DoD Suicide Prevention and Response Independent Review Commission (SPRIRC) released its report in early 2023 with 127 recommendations to address suicide prevention in the U.S. military. These recommendations represent a public health approach that combines "upstream" prevention actions with clinical services within multiple levels of intervention. Many of the SPRIRC recommendations are clustered within these categories: 1) Policies related to firearms; 2) Policies related to military personnel; 3) Policies related to military behavioral health providers. Although some recommendations have been implemented or initiated, funding for these actions compete with other DoD funding priorities. **Division 19 urges Congress to allocate full fenced funding necessary to implement actions recommended by the SPRIRC.**

## AAR: Capitol Hill – 2024

- Although contacts with congressional members provided an opportunity to communicate priorities for military psychologists and potential action areas, the information was too general and did not propose specific actions for Congress
- Office calls provided excellent experience for the Advocacy Committee and helped develop strategy for future advocacy efforts

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## Capitol Hill – January 2026 – Office Calls

- **House Armed Services Committee**
  - Seth Moulton (D-MA)
  - Herb Conaway (D-NJ)
  - Jen Kiggans (R-VA)
  - HASC Staff Directors: Republican & Democrat
- **Senate Armed Services Committee**
  - Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)



Advocacy Committee Chair - Joe Troiani: troia@adler.edu

# National Defense Authorization Act - NDAA



- Annual **REQUIRED** legislation (vs. discretionary)
- The FY26 NDAA includes multiple provisions to improve military mental health services and directs the military to:
  - Report on mental health staffing, appointment wait times, use of telehealth, and the military's plan to improve mental health services
  - Develop artificial intelligence to help meet mental health needs across the force
  - Expand unique mental health services to support the Cyber Mission Force

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# Capitol Hill – 15 Jan 2026

- AD Psychologist Inventory – recent yrs
  - 75-80% strength
  - Internship fills <80%
  - Unused HPSP scholarships
  - Unfilled USUHS PhD starts
  - Promotion to O-4 <85%
- Psychologist Recruitment
  - Improve recruiting tools & strategies – internship & HPSP
  - Identify barriers to filling / expanding USUHS & internship billets
- Psychologist Retention
  - Promotions: Fully Qualified vs. Best Qualified
  - O-3 to O-4 to counteract early career attrition
  - Modeled after Medical Corps authority to use as needed

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**SOCIETY FOR MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY**  
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**Informational: military psychologist inventory shortage**

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The U.S. active military is authorized about 600 clinical psychologists who serve as critical mental health leaders at the O-3 to O-6 levels across all Services. Success of the NDAA directives will require that these authorizations are consistently filled. Psychologist accessions are achieved almost exclusively through the Clinical Psychology Internship Program (CPIP) and the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. Program at the Uniformed Services University (USUHS) with very few fully credentialed direct accessions achieved each year. Retention is driven by promotion selections.

Information from the Services indicates the military has experienced shortfalls in **psychologist** accessions during recent years, resulting in unfilled internship and USUHS starts that have not been offset by direct accessions. This primarily impacts near term O-3 inventory fill and reduces inventory downstream. Parallel to accessions shortages, promotion rates have fallen below levels necessary to ensure field grade inventory achieves authorized levels. We note the FY26 NDAA, in part, directs the Services to report on mental health staffing. To ensure precise psychologist manpower analysis, we recommend that this reporting provide specific recent years data that include:

- % clinical psychologist authorizations filled, per grade level, per year
- % CPIP & USUHS PhD program starts filled, per year
- % promotion selections vs. promotion eligibles, per grade, per year
- Factors that present significant obstacles to recruitment, accessions, and promotions, and retention following obligated service

We offer to facilitate ongoing review of active military inventory shortages, and to facilitate proposed solutions to overcome these shortages.

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## AAR: Capitol Hill – 2026

- Presenting a narrowed “advocacy agenda” permitted candid discussions with congressional staff about specific actions to address priority problems
- Received requests for additional data and clarification of impacts
- Fortuitous timing for January visit
- Received multiple invitations to submit proposed language for FY27 NDAA

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*Create opportunities*

*Establish relationships*

*Build trust*

*Demonstrate credibility*

## Next steps

- Preparing draft language for FY27 NDAA
- Refine data to substantiate need for congressional action
- Follow up virtual advocacy office calls – April 2026

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### SEC. xxx. PLAN AND REPORT BY DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY RELATING TO RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT OF ARMED FORCES CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

(a) **Plan.**—The Director of the Defense Health Agency shall develop a plan to—

- (1) prioritize **retention and recruitment** of clinical psychologists when the inventory of clinical psychologists falls below 90 percent of authorizations in each Service;
- (2) utilize **Fully Qualified promotions** in place of Best Qualified for **0-3 to 0-4** for clinical psychologists who have completed all professional credentials (doctoral degree, internship, licensure) and meet time in grade/service **requirements**;
- (3) fully utilize **existing** military sponsored **internship positions** and **assess increases** as required to achieve robust future **inventory**;
- (4) target **high propensity psychology graduate programs** for recruiting and routinely utilize uniformed psychologists to accompany health care recruiters during graduate school recruiting events; and
- (5) support, maintain, and fully utilize existing incentive programs such as the **Health Professions Scholarship Program** and the **Uniformed Services University** doctoral program for clinical psychologists and **assess increased allocations** for clinical psychologists as required to achieve robust future inventory.

(b) **Report.**—Not later than March 31, 2027, the Director of the Defense Health Agency shall **submit** to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on—

- (1) the plan developed under subsection (a);
- and for the **prior three years, per year, per each Service** of the Armed Forces
- (2) the number of **assigned** clinical psychologists **compared to authorized** clinical psychologist positions
  - (3) the number of **utilized** clinical psychology **internship positions compared to authorized** internship positions
  - (4) the number of **HPSP scholarships** that were **awarded** for clinical psychology, **compared to** the number **allocated**, and
  - (5) the number of **students entering** the **Uniformed Services University** clinical psychology program **compared to** the number of **available** positions

# Questions / Comments?



Advocacy Committee Chair - Joe Troiani: [troia@adler.edu](mailto:troia@adler.edu)

**Committee Name:** RSS/Summit

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Stephen Bowles/Bill Brim (Summit) & Joe Troiani, Denise Dailey, Stephen Bowles (RSS)

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 10 min

### **2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Conduct RSS 2026 in December 2026/ Summit conducted in March.
2. Develop a three day program based on responding to current events relating to military psychology (RSS and Summit).

**Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

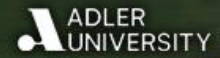
1. Conducted RSS 2025 in December 2025 and Military Psychology Summit in March 2026.

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. Funding Request for RSS 2026.



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Day 1: December 9, 2025 - CEs: 8		
Time	Panel	Panelists
9:00A - 9:30A	<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome Messages: Division 19 Leadership Adler University President Founder of RSS Founder of Adler Military Psychology Programs Co-Chair of RSS Committee President, Military Psychology Foundation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Arlene Saitzyk, PhD Dr. Michelle Curtain Stewart Joseph Troiani, PhD, Cmdr., US Navy Retired Denise Dailey, PsyD Stephen V. Bowles, PhD, MAPP Scott Johnston, PhD, ABPP</p>
9:30A - 12:00P	<p style="text-align: center;">Psychological Impacts of War in Ukraine</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce Crow, PsyD, MP, Col., US Army Retired Scott Johnston, PhD, ABPP</p>
12:00P - 1:00P	<p style="text-align: center;">Healthy Lifestyles: An Integrative Model for the Treatment of Obesity in Active Duty Service Members</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maj. Amy M. Thrasher, PsyD, US Army Maj. Rachel L. Prokop, PsyD, US Army Maj. Nancy Hausterman, PsyD, US Army Larry C. James, Ph.D., ABPP, Col., US Army Retired</p>
1:00P - 2:00P	<p style="text-align: center;">Alfred Adler, the Military Doctor, the Peaceful Warrior</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Marina Bluvshstein, PhD LP, LMFT</p>
2:00P - 3:00P	<p style="text-align: center;">Well-being in the Military, Law Enforcement, and National Security</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Stephen V. Bowles, PhD, MAPP, Co- Chair Gloria H. Park, PhD, MAPP, CMPC, Co- Chair Gabe Paoletti, PhD, MAPP David Berez, MAPP Kimberly Dickman, EdD, MAPP Karen Andujar, MAPP</p>
3:00P - 4:00P	<p style="text-align: center;">Adler Military Psychology Programs Recognition of International Contributor in Military Psychology: Dr. John Carroll, PhD, EdD, PhD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Denise Dailey, PsyD</p>
4:00P - 5:30P	<p style="text-align: center;">Cultivating Leaders in Military Psychology: The Society Leadership Program (SLP) Model and its Impact on Engagement within APA Division 19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Stephen V. Bowles, PhD, MAPP, Co- Chair Maj. Alisha Bloom, PsyD, US Army, Co- Chair 1st Lt. Deanna Guzman, MS, US Air Force Henry Hengyuan Cui, MA Ryan Hess, PhD Maj. Amy Thrasher, PsyD, US Army Capt. John Eric Novosel-Lingat, PhD, US Army</p>

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Day 2: December 10, 2025 - CEs: 8		
Time	Panel	Panelists
9:00A - 12:00P	Military Psychology in the Israel Defense Forces	<b>Nathan Ainspan, PhD, Chair</b> <b>Cassie Feldman, PsyD, Co-Chair</b> <b>Dr. Inbal Reuveni, MD</b> <b>Tal Levy Diamnshten</b> <b>Maj. Shahar Elharar</b> <b>Eyal Fruchter, MD</b> <b>Oded Hammerman, PhD</b>
12:00P - 1:30P	Shannon Kent Memorial Lecture: Operational Psychology	<b>Barton D. Buechner, PhD</b> <b>Alysia Gruenstern, PhD</b> <b>Tracey Burraston, MA</b> <b>Kelly Weinberger, MA</b>
1:30P - 3:00p	Topics in Operational Psychology	<b>Stephen V. Bowles, PhD, MAPP</b> <b>Lt. Col. Neysa Etienne, US Air Force</b> <b>Scott Johnston, PhD, ABPP</b> <b>Art Miller, PhD</b> <b>Maj. Blake Schroedter, US Army</b>
3:00P – 4:00P	Unseen Battlefields: Beyond Acts of Violence	<b>Denise Dailey, PsyD</b> <b>Tina Chevalier</b> <b>Michael Vinton</b> <b>Cori Newlander</b>
4:00P - 5:00P	The Odysseus Project for Ukraine	<b>Paul L. Alt, AIA NCARB</b> <b>James F. Munroe, EdD</b>

\*schedule subject to change

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Day 3: December 11, 2025 – CEs: 8		
Time	Panel	Panelists
9:00A - 10:30A	Prescriptive Authority	Beth Rom Rymer, PhD
10:30A - 12:00P	The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)	Chantel Dooley, PhD Ashley Leal, EdD Paul Bartone, PhD
12:00P - 1:00P	Resilience Across the Military Ecosystem: Senior Leaders, Spouses, and Veteran Support Networks	Maureen Day, MA Henry Hengyuan Cui, MA Fan Boos, MS
1:00P - 2:30P	An Exploration of Industrial-Organizational Psychology and Organizational Leadership within Military Organizations	Marianne Cabrera, PhD Donna DiMatteo-Gibson, PhD
2:30P – 3:30P	Comprehensive Care in a Military Intensive Outpatient Program: An Overview	Maj. Alisha Bloom, PsyD, US Army Barret Greenwood, LMFT Camille Zeiter, LICSW Darcy Richardson, PsyD Capt. Kathleen André, MS, US Army Capt. Madison Van Sickle, MS, US Army
3:30P - 5:00P	Chaplains-CARE Program: Optimizing Suicide Intervention Skills Training for Military Chaplains & Department of Air Force Suicide Death Review	Stephen V. Bowles, PhD, MAPP Su Yeon Lee-Tauler, PhD Erin L. Cobb, PhD, LMFT

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# Military Psychology Summit 2026 Event Agenda

## Monday, March 02, 2026

- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM** Welcome
- 8:30 AM - 11:45 AM** Ethical Considerations in Military and Embedded Practice  
Speakers: Arthur Miller, Heather Miller
- 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM** Lunch
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM** Department of the Air Force, Standardized Suicide Fatality Analysis DAF StandS  
Speaker: Marjan Holloway
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM** Israeli Defence Force-Military Psychology in a Global Context  
Speakers: Oded Hammerman, Yuval Levison-Yanai
- 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM** Top Military Psychology Papers of 2025: What Matters and Why  
Speakers: Thomas Britt, Dustin Wood, Tim Ozechowski, Eliana Claps, Oleg Kokun
- 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM** Emerging Research and Practice in Military Mindfulness  
Speakers: Stephen Bowles, Leigh Perry, Issac Cho, Ryan Erbe, Kelly Ihme, Lisa Kerr, Maurice Sipos

## Tuesday, March 03, 2026

- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM** Welcome and Division 19 Membership Information: Who We Are and Why it Matters
- 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM** Psychopharmacology for the Non-Prescriber  
Speaker: Daniel Hart
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM** Clinical Approaches to Working with Guilt in Patients with PTSD  
Speaker: Kelly Chrestman
- 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM** Beyond the Therapy Room: Alternative Careers in Psychology [Panel]  
Speakers: Jason de Leeuw, Anna Fedotov, Sam Oldham, Dan Sproles

<b>11:45 AM - 1:00 PM</b>	Extended Q&A   Lunch
<b>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM</b>	Translating the Value of Well-Being Interventions in Military and Law-Enforcement Speakers: Gloria Park, Stephen Bowles, Kimberly Dickman, David Berez
<b>2:00 PM - 3:00 PM</b>	From Blood to Brain: Nutrition-Related Biomarkers and Mental Health Speaker: Diana Nguyen
<b>3:15 PM - 4:15 PM</b>	MSO/VSO: Operational Partnerships: Working with Veteran and Military Service Organizations [Panel] Speaker: Jennifer Selke, Irene Pennington, Robert Yarnall, Carie Rodgers
<b>4:15 PM - 5:15 PM</b>	Top Poster Presentations: Emerging Research and Innovation Speakers: William Brim, Kyra Katte, Cameron McCabe, Olivia Merrit, Sebastian Preilipper, Marissa Snowden

## **Wednesday, March 04, 2026**

<b>8:00 AM - 8:30 AM</b>	Welcome
<b>8:30 AM - 9:30 AM</b>	Predictors of Substance Use in Military Servicemembers Speakers: Emre Umucu, Michelle Kelley
<b>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM</b>	The Ripple Effect: Sustaining Military Child Behavioral Health Speakers: Jessica Strong, Elizabeth Burgin
<b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b>	Advocacy Committee Update: Understanding the Policy and Advocacy Process Speakers: Joseph Troiani, Bruce Crow, Stephen Bowles, Conwell Smith,
<b>11:45 AM - 1:00 PM</b>	Lunch
<b>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM</b>	Understanding Operational Psychology: Scope, Myths, and Career Pathways [Panel] Speakers: Xavier Pena, Chad Morrow, Manuel-Anthony (Manny) Gonzalez

**2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

Building the Bench: Developing the Next Generation of Military Psychology Leaders [Panel]

Speakers: Cheyenne Quilter, Zachary Jones, Ryan Hess, Erika Gray, Airyn Nash, Elizabeth Finer, Stephen Bowles

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

Training the Next Generation: DoT Perspectives [Panel]

Speakers: John Ralph, Renn Sweeney, Ann Hryshko-Mullen, Jennifer Iveland

**4:15 PM - 5:15 PM**

Student-Faculty Chapters: Leadership, Mentorship, and Engagement [Panel]

Speakers: Airyn Nash, Stephen Bowles, Carl Nelson, Ann McConnon, William Brim, Kennedy Waal, Alayne Ormerod, Casy Boyd, Steven Thorp, Henry Cui

# Military Psychology Summit 2-4 March 2026

Stephen Bowles and William Brim

- . **Virtual Event**
  - . **Whova platform**
  - . **988 Attendees**
  - . **19 Sessions and CEs were offered**
  - . **Majority of Attendees not D19 members**
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**Committee Name:** Engagement/Diversity

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Amy Thrasher/Airyn Nash

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 5 min

### **2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Partner with the ECP Committee on a panel discussion regarding specialties in the field of professional psychology.
2. Develop an integration plan to include additional community stakeholders (e.g., enlisted and civilian BH techs, graduate students, undergraduate students).

**Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Currently in information gathering stage and will start planning phase this summer.

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. Non-monetary motion to change committee name to Engagement Committee.

**Committee Name:** Military Psychology Journal

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Thomas Britt

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 5-10 min

**2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. see attachment
2. see attachment

**Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. see attachment

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. None



## *Military Psychology Update*

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## Goals for 2025-2026

- Improve performance metrics for the journal (e.g., downloads, impact factor)
- Special issues on Mental Health in Large-Scale Combat Operations and the Ukraine war
- Continue Early Career Reviewer Mentoring and Reviewer Awards programs
- Publicize journal at different locations

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## Actions/Progress for 2025-2026

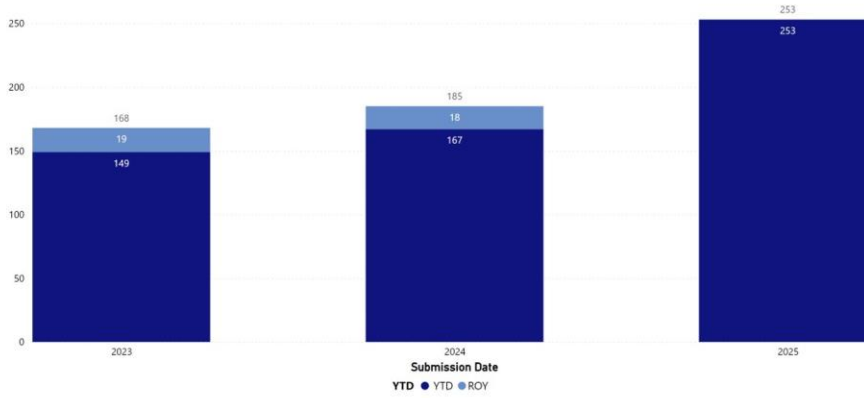
- Performance Metrics
  - Increase in submissions
  - Acceptance rate at 27%
  - Article downloads continue to increase
- Impact factor up to 1.3, Citescore 2.8, based on articles published in 2024
- LSCO Special Issue manuscripts reviewed, many published; Ukraine manuscripts being submitted
- Working on reviewer awards; some interest in mentoring from SLP class
- Journal promoted at summit and SLP class

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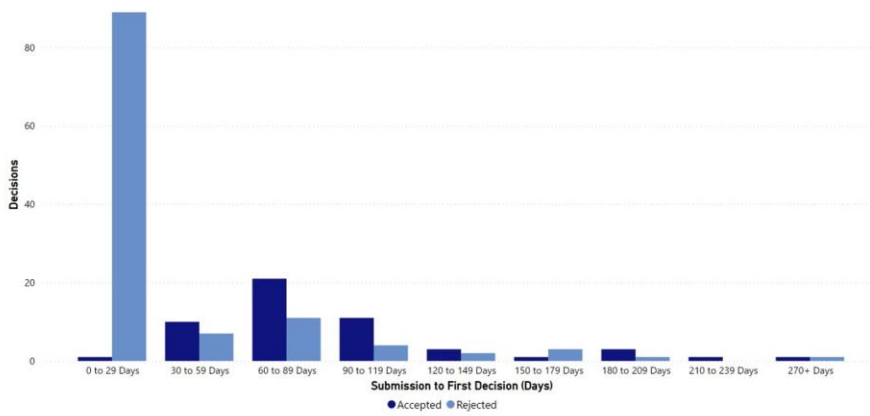
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## Submissions & Peer Review – Submission Trends

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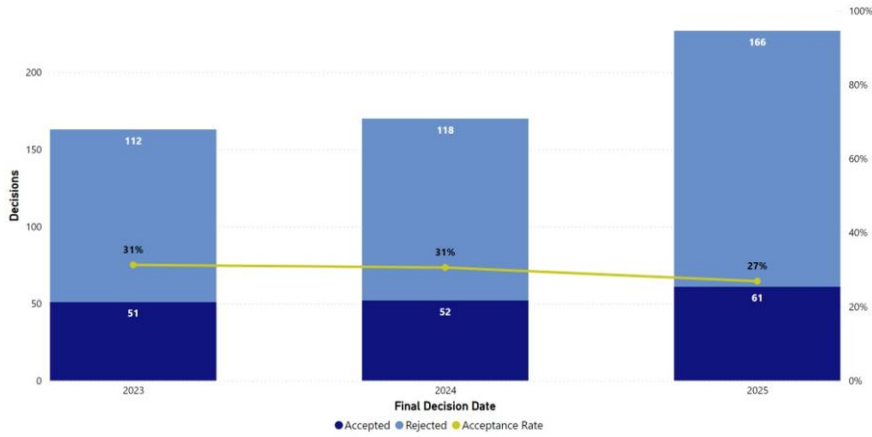


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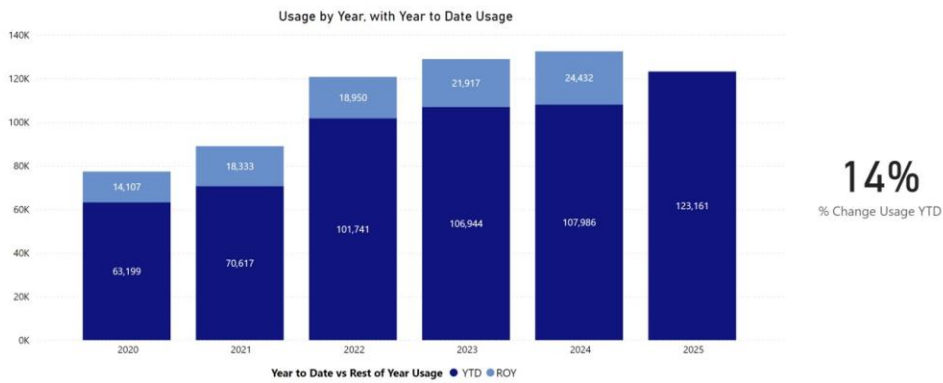
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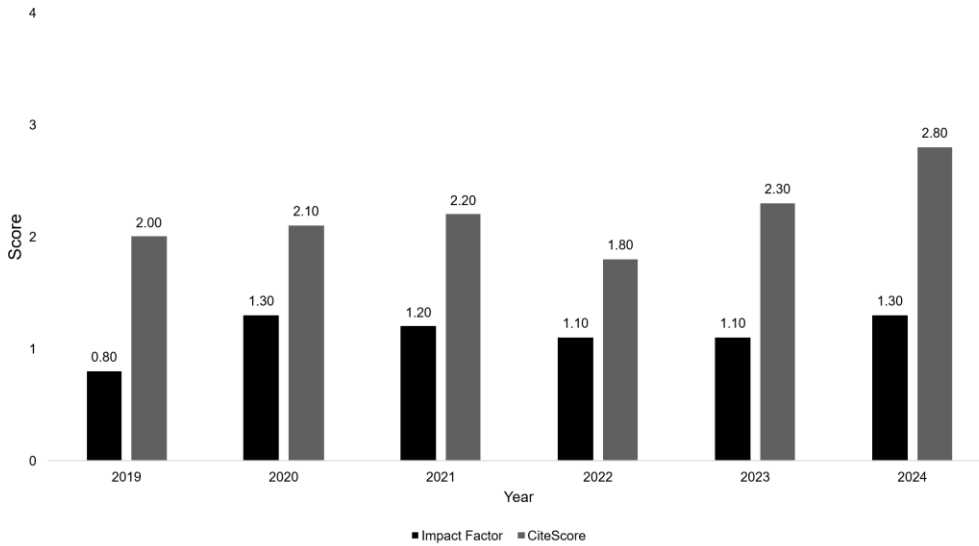


## Article Downloads - Taylor & Francis Online (TFO) Usage

Latest Update Date  
Data is updated monthly and goes up to the end of:  
October 2025



## Impact Factor (2-year) and CiteScore (4-year) for the Past Six Years



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### Top Cited Articles (Published Online in the Past 2 Years + YTD)

7.8%

% Self-Citations

Article Title	Author Name	Published Online Year	Number of Citations	Altmetric Score
War trauma impacts in Ukrainian combat and civilian populations: Moral injury and associated mental ...	Larysa Zasiakina	2023	33	2
Prospective associations of psychedelic treatment for co-occurring alcohol misuse and posttraumatic ...	Stacey B. Armstrong	2023	16	34
Effect of changing threat conditions on police and military commanders' preferences for urgent and o...	Jostein Mattingdal	2023	12	8
Pain neuroscience education improves post-traumatic stress disorder, disability, and pain self-effic...	Timothy M. Benedict	2023	11	1
Adaptive training instructional interventions: A meta-analysis	Nicholas W. Fraulini	2024	9	
Military to civilian cultural transition experiences of retired military personnel: A systematic met...	Shivani Sachdev	2023	9	
How future self-continuity mediates the impact of job loss on negative mental health outcomes among ...	Chynna Levin	2023	8	
Cross validation of the Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI) Cognitive Bias Scale of Scales (CB-SO...	Paul B. Ingram	2023	7	
Sex differences in hardiness, coping, and health in new West Point cadets	Paul T. Bartone	2023	7	
The COVID-19 pandemic and the military: Lessons learned for readiness and resilience	Richard L. Griffith	2023	7	5

Data is collected from Dimensions

# Future Plans/Announcements

Two new Associate Editors; suggestions welcome!

Special issue on Navy Clinical Psychology

Exploring ways to highlight impact of journal articles through Altimetric report

Contract with Taylor & Francis on a second 5-year term; ends on Jan 1, 2028; can end with 1 year notice

**Committee Name:** Military Psychology Foundation

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Scott Johnston

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 3 min

**2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

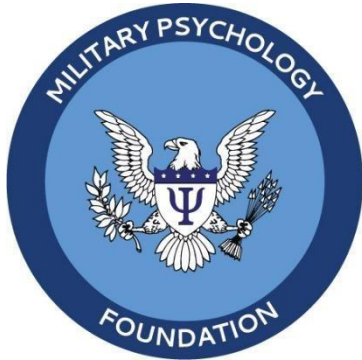
1. Grant another \$25,000 minimum to the Society to support their FY26 budget.
2. Update original 2022 MOU with the Society.

**Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Foundation financials as of 13 Feb 2026:
  - a. Current balance: \$572,069
  - b. Grants to Society: \$27,867
  - c. Total Donations: \$39,550
  - d. Total investment returns: \$160,386
2. See attached "Grants to the Society for Military Psychology in 2025"

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. None



# MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY FOUNDATION

## Grants to the Society for Military Psychology in 2025

<b>Student Research Grants</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>
<b>ECP Professional Development Grants</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Student Leadership Program</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Member Research Grants</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Regional Symposium Series</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Division Summit (Partial)</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Student Initiative Fund</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b><u>SAC Chapter of the Year</u></b>	<b><u>\$500</u></b>
<b>Total 2025 Grants</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

**Platinum Founding Donors:** Paul Bartone, Stephen Bowles, William Brim, Bruce Crow, Scott Johnston, Bob Roland, Kristin Saboe, Mark Staal, Eric Surface, Joseph Troiani

**Professional Founding Donors:** Nathan Ainspan, Amy Adler, Paul Bliese, April Fritch, Michelle Kelley, Deirdre Knapp, Eric Neumaier, Arlene Saitzyk, Kathleen Saul

**Early Career Professional Founding Donors:** Jennifer Barry, Alisha Bloom, Evan Hughes, John Novosel-Lingat, Lynnea Vis

**Committee Name:** Newsletter

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Bri Staley Shumaker

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 5 min

## **2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Launched the 5-Year Thematic Retrospective Series: A recurring feature exploring dominant themes from five-year periods in the newsletter archives (e.g., "What was top of mind in 1980–1985?").
2. Continue and expand the Featured Flashback section, and actively recruit new article submissions at APA 2026 to build our content pipeline for future editions.

### **Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. The Spring 2026 edition has been submitted for editing. The Featured Flashback section continues as a recurring feature. Future plans include growing our contributor base at APA 2026 and continuing to develop the archival retrospective series.

### **Action items for Discussion:**

1. Encourage all members to continue to actively soliciting article submission from colleagues and students in their networks. Specifically, the Spring edition has chronically run low on submissions due to the holiday season. The deadline for this edition is January 20th each year. Please consider contributing a piece!

**Committee Name:** Knowledge Management

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Johnny Novosel-Lingat

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 5 min

### **2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Transition all G-Suite accounts to incumbent or current/correct point of contact.
2. Identify backfill for Knowledge Management operations

**Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Knowledge Management operations are stable and reliable. All transitions during January 2026 completed. Several accounts are identified for no or minimal activity.

**Action items for Discussion:**

1. Requesting approval to close or reassign non-active accounts that are associated with a monthly cost.

**Officer/Committee Name:** Secretary

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Samantha Daniel

**Request time to speak?** Yes

**Amount of time needed:** 5 min

## **2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Familiarize myself with and maintain the SOP for the Secretary position and duties.
2. Review prior and maintain all official Division correspondence in the Google Suite.
3. Develop 2026 Midyear Agenda and Meeting Book.
4. Establish set deadlines for yearly EXCOM report submissions (e.g. midyear and annual meetings).
5. Document meeting minutes, passed motions and other pertinent info in the Google Suite.

### **Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Reviewed past meeting minutes, passed motions lists, past meeting books, by-laws, and other pertinent documents on the Division shared drive.
2. Developed 2026 Midyear Agenda and Meeting Book, saving all files to the Google Suite.
3. Will draft and post meeting minutes within two weeks of a meeting.

### **Action items for Discussion:**

1. *Proposed Motion:* Approve the 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes and the passed motions list.
2. *For discussion:* Propose establishing set deadlines for report submissions of March 1 for the Midyear and August 1 for the Annual EXCOM meetings.

**Committee Name:** Chief Science Officer

**Officer's Name/Committee Chair:** Kris Highland

**Request time to speak?** No

**Amount of time needed:** 0

## **2026 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PLANNED ACTIVITIES REPORT**

1. Improve the efficiency of the grants review process.
2. Increase the number of grant applications.

### **Actions and progress to date associated with goals, objectives, or planned activities listed above:**

1. Improved website, changed submission process, clarified instructions, coordinated with ECP to have a single application website, created dissemination/advertisements and working toward implementation.

### **Action items for Discussion:**

1. Advertise grant application opening; submissions can occur 1 APR to 1 JUN.
2. The Trio to report the final funding amount for research grants ASAP.

# Research and ECP Grants

Funded 6 Student Research Grants in 2025

- All recipients have completed their mid-year check-in

No Member/Affiliate Research Grant applicants in 2025

2026 portal extended to include ECP grants.

Please spread the word:

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Submissions accepted  
**April 1 to June 1**

**Appendix C: Society for Military Psychology Description and Mission**

## Society for Military Psychology

The Society for Military Psychology is one of the original 19 charter divisions established by the American Psychological Association (APA Division 19) in 1945. The Society for Military Psychology seeks to serve as the premier organization for military psychology. Society members include a growing network of psychologists and other social scientists who are united by their interests in applying psychological principles to a broad range of issues related to global security, peace and stability, and to improving the lives and well-being of millions of men and women who serve in the Armed Forces and Defense agencies of nations throughout the world.

Society members may be civilian or uniformed personnel. Their academic backgrounds may reflect virtually any specialty area in the field of psychology. Society members work in diverse settings, which may include clinical, research, and academic settings, as well as government and private sector. Society members benefit by joining a diverse network of scientists and practitioners who exchange knowledge and practices developed to solve problems and challenges within military environments.

Society membership entitles individuals to a wide variety of benefits, which include:

- A right to vote on matters of interest to the Society.
- A subscription to *The Military Psychologist*, a biannual newsletter describing society's business and activities.
- A subscription to our quarterly journal, *Military Psychology*, which publishes behavioral science research articles having military applications in the areas of clinical and health psychology, training and human factors, manpower and personnel, social and organizational systems, and testing and measurement.
- A Regional Symposia on contemporary science and professional issues related to the application of psychology to military environments.
- A program of papers, workshops, symposia and special addresses at the annual APA convention.

Our small size is also an advantage if you are looking for camaraderie and easy access to colleagues who share your research and/or practice interests. We are a small, friendly, energized division that is committed to advancing the science and practice of military psychology worldwide.

## **Military Psychologists**

Military psychology is comprised of a microcosm of psychology disciplines and specialties. Driskell and Olmstead (1989) proposed that military psychologists can be "defined neither by a common set of techniques (as is experimental psychology) nor by a common set of problems (as is developmental psychology) but rather by the area or context of application—the military."

Military psychologist may work on range of problems that encompass the full range of psychological perspectives from basic to applied issues. Accordingly, military psychologist can be described as:

- Scientist who use psychological principles to study the military and national defense environment
- Practitioners who apply psychological principles to solving problems of interest to military and defense agencies
- Teachers of who train individuals in the science and practice of psychology as applied to military environment

## **Membership in the Society for Military Psychology**

Membership in the Society is open to APA members/associates/fellows, dues exempt members (dues exempt APA members), affiliates (non-APA members), and student affiliates (APA student affiliates or not). APA members, associates, and fellows are accepted as *Members*, dues exempt APA members can become society *Dues Exempt Members* by paying to cover publication printing and mailing costs. Individuals who are not APA members (this includes APA student affiliates) may become society *Affiliates, International Affiliates, or Student Affiliates*.

## **Appendix D: Bylaws**





**BYLAWS  
SOCIETY FOR MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY**

**DIVISION 19 OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE**

1. The name of this organization shall be the Society for Military Psychology (Division 19 of the American Psychological Association), hereinafter referred to as the “Society.” The American Psychological Association (APA) will hereinafter be referred to as the “Association.”

2. The purposes of this organization shall be:

a. To advance the science and practice of psychology, promote human welfare and organizational effectiveness, and advocate for the public interest on issues related to the military and national defense through education, research, and training.

b. To foster wide dissemination and application of scientific knowledge and state-of-the-art advances in areas relevant to military psychology.

c. To promote the open exchange of ideas and provide opportunities for mentorship, development, and growth of leaders across the professional lifespan of our membership.

d. To forge relationships in the spirit of engagement and collaboration with various APA Divisions and to serve as a resource for understanding military culture within the Association and the broader psychological community.

e. To develop relationships with external organizations that support military psychology and enhance the core mission of the Society.

**ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP**

1. The Society shall consist of four classes of members (Fellows, Members, Associates, and Graduate Student Members), and three classes of affiliates (professional, international, and Undergraduate students). The requirements for these classes of membership and affiliates shall be those provided in the Bylaws of the Association with additional requirements as noted below. Eligibility for any class of membership or affiliation must include evidence of accomplishment, participation, or sustained interest in furthering the goals of military psychology.

2. Fellows of the Society shall be persons who (a) have been a Society member for at least three years, (b) have been selected for their unique and/or outstanding contributions to military psychology, (c) have had at least five years of work experience related to

military psychology, (d) are actively engaged in the performance or administration of research or application relative to military psychology, and (e) are approved by the Association for Fellow status therein. Waivers of any Society requirements will only be considered in the most exceptional circumstances.

3. Members of the Society shall be persons who (a) are Members of the Association, and (b) are elected as Members by the Membership Committee of the Society in accordance with the Association's guidelines.

4. Graduate Student Members shall be persons who are pursuing graduate studies in the field of psychology. The minimum requirement for acceptance to Graduate Student Member status shall be enrollment in good standing within the past twelve months in a regionally accredited graduate or professional school for graduate work in the field of psychology. Graduate Student Members shall be permitted to vote on such Society matters not directly a concern of the Association, as determined by the EXCOM of the Division. In such cases, each such person shall have one vote, and no proxy votes shall be permitted.

5. Associates of the Society shall be persons who (a) are Associates of the Association, and (b) are elected as Associate Members by the Membership Committee of the Society in accordance with the Association's guidelines.

6. Affiliates of the Society shall be persons who (a) are not Fellows, Members, or Associates of the Association, but (b) are elected to affiliate status by the Membership Committee of the Society. In accordance with the Association's guidelines, student affiliate members must be an undergraduate or graduate student studying psychology.

7. Individuals interested in the Society's international affiliate status must meet the Association's criteria for international affiliate status. In accordance with the Association, international affiliates shall be psychologists outside the United States and Canada who are members of the national psychology association in the country in which they reside if such an organization exists.

8. Professional affiliates shall be persons who are not members of the Association but have interest in military psychology and support the general purposes and philosophy of the Society as outlined in these Bylaws.

9. New Members and Affiliates will be notified of membership status after submission of application and payment.

10. On all matters calling for action by the membership of the Society, each Fellow, each Member, and each Associate who has achieved voting status in the Association shall have one vote, and no proxy votes shall be permitted.

11. Fellows and members who are expelled by the Association shall have the circumstances of their expulsion reviewed by the Society's EXCOM, and a majority of EXCOM votes will be required for similar expulsion from the Society.
12. Any person may be expelled from the Society for cause by a two-thirds vote, taken by secret ballot, of the EXCOM. Such a vote shall be taken only upon the recommendation of a select committee of no fewer than three persons appointed by the President of the Society to investigate the specific case. The committee's recommendation will be submitted only after
  - (a) The committee has accumulated the relevant facts and has given the person in question an opportunity to answer the charges against him/her both in writing and by appearing in person before the committee.
13. Other Associates and Affiliates of the Society shall be permitted to vote on such Society matters, not directly a concern of the Association, as determined by the Executive Committee of the Division. In such cases, each such person shall have one vote, and no proxy votes shall be permitted.

### **ARTICLE III - OFFICERS**

1. The Officers of the Society shall be the (a) President, (b) immediate Past President, (c) President-Elect, (d) Treasurer, (e) Secretary, (f) Society Representative(s) to the Council of Representatives of the Association, and (g) four Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee of the Society. Only Fellows and Members of the Society shall be eligible for nomination or election as Officers of the Society, with the exception of one Member-at-Large position, which will be designated for a Graduate Student Member who is enrolled full-time as a graduate student in psychology. The Student Member-at-Large is eligible for voting privileges in the Society for the duration of their term as the Student Member-at-Large.
2. The term of the President-Elect shall be one year, after which he/she shall serve one year as President and one year as immediate Past President. The Treasurer and the Secretary shall serve terms of three years, but they shall not serve more than two terms without at least three years intervening. The term(s) of the Society Representative(s) to the Council of Representatives of the Association shall be governed by the provisions of the Bylaws of the Association. The non-student Members-at-Large of the EXCOM of the Society shall serve for a term of three years, but they shall not be eligible for re-election without at least one-year intervening. The student Member-at-Large of the EXCOM of the Society shall serve for a term of one year and will be eligible for re-election continuously while they remain a student affiliate (based on their status as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of their prospective term).

3. No person may serve concurrently in more than one Society Office, except that any Society Officer may also serve as Representative to the Council of Representatives of the Association. In the event of election or succession to more than one Office in the Society, the selection of the Office in which to serve and the Office(s) from which to resign shall be decided by the individual, or on his/her written petition, by the EXCOM of the Society. In the case of the death, incapacity, or resignation of a Society Officer, the EXCOM shall elect a successor-pro-term to serve until either (a) the term expires, or a person elected by the membership for the unexpired term is installed at the next annual business meeting, the President excepted.

#### **ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. The EXCOM shall be a standing committee of the Society, with membership and duties as provided in Articles II, III, IV, V, and IX of these Bylaws. It shall meet twice annually, with one meeting corresponding with the first Association Council of Representatives meeting of the year and the other corresponding with the Annual meeting of the Association. It shall meet additionally, if necessary, upon call by the Society President. The Parliamentarian shall be present, virtually or in person, at the twice annual meetings to advise the presiding officer on parliamentary procedure. They shall be appointed by the presiding officer, not elected, and must be an objective and impartial advisor, providing advice on procedure when requested by the presiding officer. The Parliamentarian does not vote or make rulings. Ad hoc and electronic meetings (e.g., phone and video conferences) may be held at the discretion of the President of the Society. A quorum (majority of voting members; greater than 50%) of the EXCOM voting must be in attendance in order to pass motions for consideration of related Society business.

2. The Society shall have an EXCOM consisting of all Officers of the Society (as listed in Article III, Section 1) as voting members. In addition, the chairpersons of the standing committees of the Society, the Chief Science Officer, and the editor of the Society Newsletter shall attend meetings of the EXCOM of the Society, with the right to make and second motions, to participate in the discussions and debate, and to report regarding the progress of the work within the areas of their responsibilities as well as advise the EXCOM with regard to the likely impact of matters under consideration.

3. The EXCOM shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society. All actions of the EXCOM that are of a continuing or policy nature are subject to the approval, by majority vote, of the membership present and voting at the annual business meeting, by postal or electronic mail ballot, or by website.

#### **ARTICLE V - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

1. The Officers of the Society shall be elected by the Fellows, Members, and voting Associates of the Society (see Article II, Section 9), voting by mail or electronic ballot according to the preferential voting system employed by the Association.

2. A standing Elections Committee shall consist of the President-Elect (Chairperson) and the four Members-at-Large of the EXCOM.

3. The Committee Chairperson and Election Committee shall transmit the names of the persons nominated for each office to be filled to the Elections Committee of the Association in accordance with the Association's deadlines for inclusion in the election ballot mailed or electronically sent by the Association in accordance with the provisions of the Association's Bylaws.

4. Officers shall assume office on the first day of January of the year after their election; they shall hold office until their successors are elected and installed, normal terms of office notwithstanding.

## **ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS**

1. There shall be at least one business meeting of the Society each year, in conjunction with the annual Association meeting.

2. A quorum at the annual business meeting shall consist of no fewer than the lesser of twenty-five voting members or five percent (5%) of the voting membership.

## **ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES**

The following committees shall be standing committees of the Society.

- a. Elections Committee
- b. Fellows Committee
- c. Membership Committee
- d. Awards Committee
- e. Program Committee
- f. Military Psychology Journal Committee
- g. Early Career Psychologists Committee
- h. Continuing Education Committee
- i. Student Affairs Committee
- j. Diversity in the Military Committee
- k. International Military Psychology Committee
- l. Ethics Committee
- m. Communications Committee
- n. History Committee
- o. Student Leadership Program
- p. Reserve Affairs Committee
- q. Advocacy Committee

1. The President of the Society, in consultation with the EXCOM, shall appoint chairpersons of standing and select committees. Standing committee chairs are authorized to

recommend candidates for subsequent chair to the President for nomination.

2. The purpose of each committee, membership requirements, and the specific procedures and processes of each committee shall be codified in committee charters to be maintained by the respective committee chairs. Committee charters will be reviewed annually by committee chairs, and proposed changes will require EXCOM approval.
3. In addition to the standing committees of the Society provided for by these Bylaws, the President, with the approval of the EXCOM of the Society or of the membership voting at the annual business meeting, may establish such select, special, or ad hoc committees as are deemed desirable. Unless otherwise authorized by the membership or by the EXCOM at the time of approval for the establishment of such committee(s), the committee(s) shall serve for a term no longer than that of the President who appoints the members to such committee(s).
4. In accordance with Article V, Section 7, of the Association's Bylaws, all Society committees shall be subject to review by the Association's Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

1. The Society dues are established by the EXCOM and shall be paid annually by Members and Affiliates.
2. Membership additional dues, and special assessments, may be recommended by the President with the approval of the EXCOM of the Society, and shall be established by majority vote of the membership present and voting at an annual business meeting, or by mail or electronic ballot.
3. Upon receipt of Society membership dues by the Association (or the Society in the case of affiliates), applicants for membership shall be considered "provisional" for purposes of receiving the Society Newsletter and the Journal, pending full acceptance as provided in Article II.

#### **ARTICLE IX - STUDENT CHAPTERS**

1. The Student Chapters are intended to: (a) enhance contact and communication between students and Society membership, (b) facilitate communication among students interested in military psychology, and (c) promote the professional development of psychologists-in-training in areas relevant to military psychology. Membership is open to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing graduate education in psychology or related fields. The Student Chapters are housed in psychology undergraduate and graduate programs and require an identified faculty sponsor. Faculty sponsors are not required to be

Society members; however, membership in the Society and Association are desirable. Student Chapter representatives are selected by the Student Committee and approved for a one-to-three-year term by the Executive Committee in consultation with the Student Committee Chairs. The President-Elect serves in an advisory role to the Student Committee and Chapter Representatives.

2. Society for Military Psychology (Division 19) Student Chapters consist of student members who share a common interest area and are organized to represent and further the educational, scientific, professional, and public interests relevant to the Society mission and members. Chapters may be established by the EXCOM provided that (a) they represent at least one student affiliate member of the Society; (b) their proposed purposes and objectives are consistent with the purposes and objectives of the Society and Association; (c) The Society's EXCOM may delegate the authority to the SAC in order to establish the chapters, provided that they are formed with administrative structures subject to EXCOM oversight and control; (d) they operate in a manner consistent with applicable Association and Society Bylaws; and (e) the establishment of any new Chapters is not inimical to the welfare of the Association, the Society, or any Student Chapter already established. The Society's EXCOM may dissolve a Student Chapter by a two-thirds vote following a review.

## **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS**

1. The Society, by two-thirds vote of the membership present and voting at any annual business meeting, or by a majority vote of the Society membership voting by mail or electronic ballot, may adopt such amendments to these Bylaws as have been (a) presented and read at the preceding annual business meeting, or (b) circulated to the Society membership at least one (1) month prior to the final vote on the proposed amendment(s). Circulation may be carried out either (a) by publication in the Society's Newsletter, (b) by separate mailing, postal or electronic, to the last known addresses of the membership, or (c) by website.

