

The Military Suicide Research Consortium (MSRC) Co-Directors, Drs. Peter Gutierrez and Thomas Joiner, are honored by the recognition of the MSRC and their efforts as recipients of the 2018 Military Health System Research Symposium (MHSRS) Outstanding Research Accomplishment (Team/Academia) Award and the American Psychological Association (APA) Division 19 Society of Military Psychology's 2018 Charles C. Gersoni Military Psychology Award.

The MHSRS Outstanding Research Accomplishment (Team/Academia) Award recognizes outstanding contributions by a team of research scientists with focus on significant accomplishments of high impact achieved during the past year. Drs. Gutierrez and Joiner acknowledged the significant contributions of the Principal Investigators within the MSRC Research Program as part of the MSRC Team effort.

The Charles C. Gersoni Military Psychology Award from the Society for Military Psychology, Division 19, recognizes outstanding contributions in military psychology in the form of excellence in research, service, product development, and administration. Drs. Gutierrez and Joiner are pleased that their efforts in military suicide research have been recognized as advancing the profession of military psychology, improving the effectiveness of military psychology systems, and being of service on behalf of the welfare of military personnel.

Drs. Gutierrez and Joiner are grateful for these honors, but also respect the significant efforts that continue to be needed to improve the mental health outcomes for our men and women in uniform. It is a priority of many individuals within and outside the MSRC to prevent suicide, treat those at risk for it, and enhance the quality of life of military personnel who are affected by suicide-related concerns.

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The MHSRS is the Department of Defense's premier scientific meeting. It provides a venue for presenting new scientific knowledge resulting from military-unique research and development. The MHSRS is the only military or civilian meeting that focuses specifically on the unique medical needs of the Warfighter. The MHSRS provides a collaborative setting for the exchange of information between military providers with deployment experience, research and academic scientists, international partners, and industry on research and related health care initiatives falling under the topic areas of Combat Casualty Care, Military Operational Medicine, Clinical and Rehabilitative Medicine, Medical Simulation and Information Sciences, Military Infectious Diseases, and the Radiation Health Effects.

The APA is a leader in the advancement of the creation, communication and application of psychological knowledge to benefit society and improve people's lives. Division 19 Society of Military Psychology is dedicated to the advancement of science, improvement of practice and development of leaders, goals that are anchored in an unwavering commitment to ethics and a call to service. Division 19 members engage across the spectrum of the field – clinical, consulting, research, education, leadership and policy – in the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, operational and international settings, private practice and academia.

