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Dr. Ronald Woody Honored with Major General Bill B. Lefler Federal Services Award *American College of Prosthodontists recognizes U.S. Army Dental Corps Veteran*



(Dr. Woody, center, with ACP Immediate Past President Dr. Susan E. Brackett, left, and Dr. John Agar, right, who nominated Dr. Woody for the award)

CHICAGO – Ronald D. Woody, DDS, FACP, was honored with the Major General Bill B. Lefler Federal Services Award at the Annual Awards & President's Dinner during the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) 47th Annual Session held in San Francisco from Nov. 1-4, 2017.

Named for the late Maj. Gen. Bill B. Lefler, who had an active military career of over 34 years and was a dedicated member and Fellow of the ACP, the award recognizes excellence in leadership, patient care, mentorship, and service to community. Dr. Woody was nominated for this honor by John R. Agar, DDS, MA, FACP, a colleague of Maj. Gen. Lefler and a past president of the ACP.

"Receiving this award is very significant due to my close relationship with General Lefler over the past 45 years," said Dr. Woody. "He was a mentor who stimulated and guided my professional growth and emphasized the importance of service to our profession."

Within the ACP, Dr. Woody has served in many roles, including president from 1992-1993, vice president and treasurer. Dr. Woody is a Fellow of the ACP and is also a past chair of the American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation (ACPEF). He previously received the Educator of the Year Award and the Distinguished Service Award from the ACP.

Outside of the ACP, Dr. Woody is a member of numerous dental and medical organizations. He is a past president of the American Board of Prosthodontics and the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists and International College of Dentists, and a member of the Academy of Osseointegration.

Dr. Woody served in the Army Dental Corps for 21 years, receiving many awards and honors for his dedication to the military. These include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal Meritorious Service Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster, and Army Commendation Medal, among others. He was active in research and also served as program director of prosthodontic programs from 1978-1984. For the past 33 years Dr. Woody has served at Texas A&M College of Dentistry, where he is professor emeritus in restorative sciences. Previously, Dr. Woody developed the prosthodontic residency program at Baylor College of Dentistry and served as program director for 20 years.

About Prosthodontists

A prosthodontist is a specialized dentist who focuses on the restoration and replacement of missing teeth and correcting other oral or facial issues. With their advanced training, prosthodontists are able to help patients with things like implants, dentures and veneers, all the way to a full mouth and jaw reconstruction.

About the ACP

The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) is the only ADA recognized organization for the specialty of prosthodontics, and is the only prosthodontic organization whose membership is based solely on education credentials. Founded in 1970, ACP is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing patient care, advancing the art and science of prosthodontics, promoting the specialty of prosthodontics to the public and other dentists and healthcare professionals, ensuring the quality of prosthodontic education and providing professional services to its membership. For more information, consumers can visit GOTOAPro.org and dental professionals can visit Prosthodontics.org.

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