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## **Capt. Robert M. Taft Elected President-Elect of the American College of Prosthodontists** *Officers Installed During 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the American College of Prosthodontists*



CHICAGO – <u>Captain Robert M. Taft, DDS, FACP</u>, has been installed as President-Elect of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) for a one-year term that will ascend to the role of President in late 2017. Captain Taft was sworn in during the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the ACP held in San Diego from October 5-8, 2016.

Captain Taft served as Dean of the Naval Postgraduate Dental School and Specialty Leader to the Surgeon General for Postgraduate Dental Education from June 2006 to June 2011, Deputy Chief, United States Navy Dental Corps from June 2011 to June 2013 and is currently Department Chair, Prosthodontics, at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School.

Captain Taft has been a dedicated ACP member for 26 years, and is committed to the service of his patients and the continued progress of Prosthodontists within the ACP. Captain Taft is a Diplomate, Board Examiner, and President of the American Board of Prosthodontics, Fellow and a member on the Board of Directors of the American College of Prosthodontists, Fellow of the Academy of Prosthodontics, Past President of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, National Prosthodontics Awareness Task Force Committee member, Director of Advancing Digital Technology North America, Commission on Dental Prosthodontics Review Committee, and past Specialty Leader to the Surgeon General for Maxillofacial Prosthetics and Implant Dentistry. Capt. Taft can also be seen in this <u>ACP video news release about Clinical Practice Guidelines</u>.

Captain Taft was recently awarded with the Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics' (AAMP) Andrew J. Ackerman Award for 2016. The award is dedicated to the memory of one of the pioneers of modern day maxillofacial Prosthetics and an original founding father of the AAMP, Dr. Andrew Ackerman. Dr. Ackerman was the first recipient of the award named in his honor presented 1 year posthumously in 1961. Since that time, the award has been presented 33 times to honor the individuals who have distinguished themselves in the specialty and who have admirably served the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics.

Prosthodontists are specialized dentists with advanced training in oral health issues, who are committed to improving patient outcomes. From implants, crowns, veneers, and tooth whitening, to full-mouth reconstruction, prosthodontists specialize in <u>digital dentistry</u>, <u>cosmetic dentistry</u>, and <u>sleep apnea</u> solutions.

The ACP is the only prosthodontic specialty organization whose membership is based solely on education credentials. ACP members must be in or have completed an ADA-accredited advanced education program in Prosthodontics.

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## About the ACP

The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) is the official sponsoring organization for the specialty of Prosthodontics, which is one of only nine recognized specialties of the American Dental Association. 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 consumer information visit <u>GoToAPro.org</u>, professionals can visit <u>Prosthodontics.org</u>.