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### **Air Force Veteran Receives Award for Excellence in Prosthodontics**

*Dr. Rodney Phoenix honored with the Major General Bill B. Lefler Federal Services Award by the American College of Prosthodontists*



CHICAGO – Rodney D. Phoenix, DDS, MS, FACP, was honored with the Major General Bill B. Lefler Federal Services Award by the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP).

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.

“I am truly honored to receive this award, and would like to thank those who were central to my personal and professional development,” said Dr. Phoenix. “Of particular significance are my longtime Air Force colleagues, residency classmates, and graduate prosthodontic instructors. They are undoubtedly among the most dedicated, knowledgeable, and gifted individuals within our specialty. Their service to our Nation is noteworthy, and their impact upon our profession is incalculable. Hence, I am pleased to accept the Lefler Award on their behalf.”

After 34 years of active and reserve service, Dr. Phoenix retired from the Air Force in the rank of Colonel. During his time in the military he serves as Program Director for the United States Air Force Graduate Prosthodontics Residency Program, and as Military Consultant for Prosthodontics to the Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services.

A graduate of The Ohio State University College of Dentistry, Dr. Phoenix earned a Certificate in Prosthodontics from Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, a Master of Science in Prosthodontics from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and a Certificate in Dental Biomaterials from the University of Florida.

Dr. Phoenix currently serves as Associate Dean for Dental Research at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. He is a Fellow of the ACP, Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, and a well-published author.

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#### **About Prosthodontics**

A prosthodontist is a dental specialist who focuses on the restoration and replacement of missing teeth and other oral or facial issues. Prosthodontists specialize in helping patients with implants, dentures and veneers, all the way to full mouth and jaw reconstructions.

#### **About the ACP**

The American College of Prosthodontists is the only ADA recognized organization for the specialty of prosthodontics. Founded in 1970, the ACP is dedicated to advancing the art and science of prosthodontics and promoting the specialty to the public and dental professionals. For more information, consumers can visit [GoToAPro.org](http://GoToAPro.org) and dental professionals can visit [Prosthodontics.org](http://Prosthodontics.org)

**Photo Caption:** Dr. Rodney D. Phoenix (right) accepts the Major General Bill B. Lefler Federal Services Award from ACP Immediate Past President Dr. Robert M. Taft.