

## Top Honors Go to . . .

### MAJ Andy Fisher Receives the 2018 Frank K. Butler TCCC Award

**M**AJ Andy Fisher was presented with the 2018 Frank K. Butler TCCC Award at the September meeting of the Committee on TCCC in San Antonio.

MAJ Andy Fisher is the former Regimental PA for the 75th Ranger Regiment. MAJ Fisher made multiple combat deployments with Ranger units and has been awarded 4 Bronze Stars (one with a combat “V”) as well as the Purple Heart. MAJ Fisher was named the US Army Physician Assistant of the Year in 2010. He is now in his third year at Medical School at Texas A&M. Despite the time demands of his medical studies, he continues to be very active in multiple military medical training activities. He also made time to serve as the CEO of the very successful national Stop the Bleed Day, which was held this past spring to promote civilian awareness of TCCC-developed external hemorrhage control techniques.

MAJ Fisher is an outstanding innovator and writer, having authored a number of well-received papers, including one on Tactical Damage Control Resuscitation as practiced in the 75th Ranger Regiment and another on far-forward REBOA. He is currently a collaborator in developing the proposed change to the TCCC Guidelines that would advocate for increased use of prehospital whole blood resuscitation in battlefield trauma



care and add REBOA to the list of lifesaving interventions recommended by TCCC. His many contributions to combat medicine were recognized by his being named as the US Army recipient of the 2018 Frank K. Butler TCCC Award.



### MSG (Ret) Harold (Monty) Montgomery Receives NAEMT's Scott Frame Service Award

**T**he Joint Trauma System and the CoTCCC would like to congratulate **MSG (Ret) Harold (Monty) Montgomery**. MSG (Ret) Montgomery was awarded with NAEMT's prestigious Scott Frame Service Award at the World Trauma Symposium in Nashville on 30 October, 2018.

The award was presented by CoTCCC Chairman Dr Frank Butler, whose remarks follow.

“I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the NAEMT for all that they have done to help the US Military, especially our departed friend, Dr Norman McSwain, as well as NAEMT President, Mr. Dennis Rowe, and NAEMT Executive Director, Ms. Pam Lane.

NAEMT has been a great partner in the Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) effort for the last 20 years and has helped to save the lives of thousands of wounded US servicemen and women through their training courses.

One of the heroes of the NAEMT effort was the late Dr Scott Frame. Every year this organization presents an award in his memory to an individual who has made truly outstanding contributions to prehospital trauma care.

Today it's my honor to present that award to my friend and colleague on the Committee on TCCC—Master Sergeant Harold “Monty” Montgomery.

Monty served in the 75th Ranger Regiment for 22 years and completed 12 full combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan as well as numerous shorter missions and was part of the medical leadership team that made the 75th Ranger Regiment synonymous with excellence in TCCC.

After his time in the Ranger Regiment, MSG (Ret) Montgomery was selected to be the Senior Enlisted Medical Advisor for the 70,000-person US Special Operations Command, a position of great trust and respect. He is also the current President of the Special Operations Medical Association.

MSG (Ret) Montgomery has been a member of the Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care for many years and is one of our hardest workers. Several years ago, he was honored with the TCCC Award, which is given annually to the person who has done the most to help advance TCCC. Now that he is out of the military, he is working full-time with the CoTCCC and has continued to be a force of nature working on behalf of combat medics, corpsmen, and PJs.

Monty authored one major TCCC change paper last year. He is now the change leader for an update on which tourniquets will be recommended by TCCC. This matters to you as civilian EMS providers because: (1) with Monty doing his usual superb job, this will be one of the best and most comprehensive papers on tourniquets in the literature; and (2) the American College of Surgeons-sponsored Stop the Bleed training course suggests that organizations buy tourniquets that are recommended by Committee on TCCC.

In the last 2 years, MSG (Ret) Montgomery has worked extensively with the team from the Defense Health Agency Deployed Medicine research program and the University of Miami Ryder Trauma Center to create 33 high-quality videos that have now been incorporated into the 2018 TCCC for Medical Personnel Curriculum that came out in August. These

videos have vastly improved the quality of the TCCC course content, both through standardizing the message delivered and through making the educational content more visually engaging to the student.

Another aspect of the Deployed Medicine research effort that Monty has guided has been to develop a TCCC application that can be downloaded onto a medic's smart phones. This is very helpful when they are in areas in which internet service is not available.

Monty has revolutionized TCCC's strategic messaging strategy. He has correctly pointed out that if we want to more effectively reach younger medics, we have to use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and other social media platforms—and he has made that happen.

Lastly, Monty realized the need for a comprehensive but more succinct TCCC reference document and went on to develop the TCCC Quick Reference Guide. This document is an outstanding educational adjunct for anyone trying to master TCCC concepts. The TCCC Quick Reference Guide also includes the first-ever and very well-done TCCC Clinical Algorithms. And did I mention that it is free? You can download it without charge from the Deployed Medicine, NAEMT, or other TCCC hosting websites.

So if you are a military or a civilian medic and you get a tweet about a new TCCC recommendation, or you pull up your TCCC Quick Reference Guide to walk through how to address a specific clinical scenario, or you go onto the Deployed Medicine website to look up a TCCC teaching module, or you are looking at a high-quality video on how to perform a surgical airway during the TCCC for Medical Personnel course—just think to yourself: “Thanks, Monty!”

I certainly say that many times each week.

Today I would like to say “Thanks, Monty” on behalf of the entire NAEMT organization as we present him with this year's Scott Frame Service Award.

### Dr Frank Butler Receives NAEMT's 2018 Rocco V. Morando Lifetime Achievement Award

Captain Frank K. Butler Jr (USN Ret), MD, was presented with the 2018 Rocco V. Morando Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing a lifetime of commitment, contributions and leadership to emergency medical services (EMS). The award is NAEMT's most prestigious and is generously sponsored by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT). The presentation was made during NAEMT's annual General Membership Meeting in Nashville on October 30.

Dr Butler has conducted, promoted, and applied the results of both Military Health System and civilian trauma research in his roles as the founder of Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) and – for the past decade – as the Chairman of the Department of Defense's Committee on TCCC.



(left to right) Craig Manifold; SSG Stephen Meyer; Captain Frank K. Butler, Jr. (USN Ret); MAJ Charles Moore; Paul Vecchio

Mr Bill Seifarth, Executive Director of NREMT, remarked, “Dr Butler has contributed greatly to the medical field, in particular to military medicine. His focus and attention to detail have resulted in many advancements, namely championing addressing preventable deaths. His systematic approach transferred the knowledge gained from the battlefield to the civilian arena. As a result, more lives are being saved . . . every day.”

Dr Butler’s first major contribution to prehospital trauma care was the publication of the landmark paper “Tactical Combat Casualty Care in Special Operations” in the journal *Military Medicine*. This seminal study introduced the concept of TCCC as a set of evidence-based, best-practice prehospital trauma care guidelines customized for use on the battlefield. TCCC was developed with a sharp focus on identifying the most common causes of preventable combat deaths and determining how best to address those conditions in the prehospital combat setting. An important innovation proposed in the paper was recognition of the need to use scenario-based training – to ensure that the combat unit’s response to a casualty situation incorporates both good tactics and good medicine.

TCCC was first implemented in the Navy SEAL Teams, the Army’s 75th Ranger Regiment, the Army Special Missions Unit, and the Air Force Pararescue community. TCCC was later mandated as the standard for battlefield trauma care by the US Special Operations Command and subsequently by the entire US military. It has been endorsed by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma and by NAEMT. The TCCC Guidelines, updated every year, are now used by combat medical personnel in many countries around the world and a number of these concepts have also been incorporated into civilian prehospital trauma care protocols.

Dennis Rowe, president of NAEMT states, “Dr Butler’s name is synonymous with prehospital and battlefield trauma care. He has dedicated his life’s work to ensuring medics are trained to the highest possible standard for combat medical providers, and that they have the full support of their senior medical providers and line commanders. Dr Frank Butler is a most deserving recipient of this award and we are grateful for his lifelong efforts and dedication to advance the medical care of those who bravely serve our country in all military branches.”

In 2002, Dr Butler worked with then NAEMT Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Medical Director Dr Norman McSwain to include his findings and best practices in battlefield prehospital trauma care in a military version of the PHTLS textbook. NAEMT has since published additional versions with military chapters written by Dr Butler and his colleagues at the Committee on TCCC that document the medical science behind the TCCC guidelines and curriculum.

Dr Butler has been integral in building bridges of learning between military and civilian prehospital trauma care. He has been instrumental in transferring knowledge gained on the battlefield to help address critical civilian trauma challenges. He has been key to the success of the national Stop the Bleed campaign initiated by the White House and now sponsored by the American College of Surgeons.

Dr Butler’s relentless pursuit of improvements in prehospital trauma care has earned him the respect of prehospital trauma care providers worldwide. Lessons learned from TCCC are adopted and applied in just about every country on our planet. Globally, Dr Butler is the single most recognized and respected voice in prehospital trauma care.



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