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The American Academy of Pain Medicine Announces this Year's Presidential Commendations and Awards

March 28, 2011, Glenview, IL— The American Academy of Pain Medicine (AAPM) is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's [Presidential Commendations and Awards](#) presented by the Academy's President, Perry G. Fine MD. This year's recipients were recognized at AAPM's 27th Annual Meeting held in National Harbor, MD, last week, where more than 900 scientists and physicians convened to learn the latest in Pain Medicine.

The following individuals were honored with the Academy's *Presidential Commendation* for their contributions to Pain Care and the specialty of Pain Medicine.

Colonel Chester C. Buckenmaier, MD - Chief, Army Regional Anesthesia & Pain Management Initiative, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, received AAPM's *Presidential Commendation* in recognition of extraordinary and courageous leadership in developing pain services in the military, including the Defense Veterans Pain Management Initiative (DVPMI) and the Army Pain Management Task Force, and particularly for support of a continuum of expert pain care from injury to recovery, in addition to the successful launch of the Acute Pain Section of *Pain Medicine* and service as Editor of *Military Medicine*.

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Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Galloway, AN - Chief of Staff of the Army's Pain Management Task Force and Action Officer for the Army's Comprehensive Pain Management Campaign Plan, was honored with AAPM's *Presidential Commendation* in recognition of great skill and perseverance in corralling and coordinating a diverse, multidisciplinary Army Pain Management Task Force through 6 months of weekly meetings, 3 retreats, 29 site visits to best practices around the world, and the writing of the ATF Report that has recommended Pain Departments, expansion of pain medicine training, and needed research, as well as for leadership in the process of implementing the Task Force Recommendations.

Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoemaker, MD, PhD - Army Surgeon General, received AAPM's *Presidential Commendation* in recognition of extraordinary wisdom in chartering the Army Pain Management Task Force to thoroughly evaluate pain management in the United States Army Medical Command, by making recommendations for a comprehensive pain management strategy for our warriors in the field, in all military treatment facilities and in the Veterans Health System, and supporting necessary research and education to accomplish these tasks.

Brigadier General Richard W. Thomas, MD - US Army Assistant Surgeon General was awarded AAPM's *Presidential Commendation* in recognition of leadership as Chair of the Army Pain Management Task Force, and unswerving support of its members and mission, leading to the 160 page ATF Report with 34 specific recommendations calling for a reorganization of pain care to assure prompt, effective care of pain for injured warriors as they transition from the battlefield through military treatment facilities and into veterans health care facilities and their communities.

Lisa A. Robin, MLA - Senior Vice President, Federation of State Medical Boards, was presented AAPM's *Presidential Commendation* in recognition of leadership in and commitment to advancing the Responsible Opioid Prescribing CME initiative with the state boards of medicine and their constituent physician members.

Jeffrey M. Tiede, MD – Managing Partner, Columbia Interventional Pain Center, received AAPM’s *Presidential Commendation* in recognition of outstanding leadership in developing superb scientific poster sessions over the past 5 years.

AAPM also recognized several other individuals that have made outstanding contributions to Pain Medicine and congratulates the following award recipients:

The *Philipp M. Lippe, MD Award* is given to a physician for outstanding contributions to the social and political aspect of Pain Medicine. Social and political accomplishments could be those that benefit the science, the practice or the recognition of the specialty.

The 2011 Philipp M. Lippe, MD Award recipient is: **Douglas Throckmorton, MD.**

The *Founders Award* is given to an individual for outstanding contributions to the science or practice of Pain Medicine. This award is given for continued contributions for the basic or clinical science of Pain Medicine or for demonstration of clinical excellence or innovation in the practice of Pain Medicine. The 2011 Founders Award recipient is:

Daniel B. Carr, MD.

The *Distinguished Service Award* is given to an individual for commitment and contributions to the American Academy of Pain Medicine. This award is given to an individual for specific outstanding contributions. The 2011 Distinguished Service Award recipient is: **Timothy R. Deer, MD.**

The *Patient Advocacy Award* recognizes activity of an individual in advocating for appropriate evaluation and treatment of patients suffering from pain. This award was created to honor those healthcare professionals whose deeds reflect their recognition of the importance and impact of the specialty of Pain Medicine. The 2011 Patient Advocacy Award recipient is: **Will Rowe.**

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The American Academy of Pain Medicine is the premiere medical association for pain physicians and their treatment teams with over 2,600 members. Now in its 27th year of service, the Academy's mission is to optimize the health of patients in pain and eliminate it as a major public health problem by advancing the practice and the specialty of pain medicine through education, training, advocacy and research. Information is available on the practice of pain medicine at www.painmed.org.

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