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BALTIMORE –The American College of Prosthodontists presents the Major General Bill B. Lefler Federal Services Award to Col. (Dr.) Alan Sutton during the ACP 42nd Annual Session in Baltimore. This award recognizes Dr. Sutton’s excellence in the areas of leadership, patient care, mentorship and service to the community. Awardees must be an ACP member prosthodontist who is an active in the Public Health Service, United States Air Force, United States Army, United States Navy, United States Coast Guard or Veterans Administration.

During his military career of more than 34 years, General Bill B. Lefler has held a wide variety of important command and staff positions. He was promoted to Brigadier General in 1979, and served as Deputy Commander and Director of Dental Services, United States Army Health Services Command. General Lefler has been awarded the Army Surgeon General’s “A” Proficiency Designator and the Army Medical Department’s highest honor for professional achievement. His long list of professional credentials include Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, Charter Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontics, Fellow of the American and International Colleges of Dentists, Member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, the Arkansas State Dental Association, American Dental Association, and the Association of the United States Army.

Col. Sutton received his D.D.S. from Baylor College of Dentistry in 1985. He then began his active duty Air Force career, with duty stations at Hanscom AFB, MA, Rhein-Main AB, Germany, Randolph AFB, TX, Lackland AFB, TX, Ramstein AB Germany, Peterson AFB, CO and again to Lackland AFB, TX. He completed his Air Force Prosthodontics Specialty Training at Wilford Hall Medical Center, in 1997, and accomplished a one-year Fellowship in Maxillofacial Prosthetics also at WHMC. In 1998 he attained his board certification from the American Board of Prosthodontics. His appointments have included: Director First-Year Resident Education, Director of Prosthodontics Research, Director Fixed Prosthodontics, Prosthodontics Program Director, and Director Peterson Area Dental Laboratory. He was the USAFE Prosthodontics Consultant and the Military Consultant to the Surgeon General for Dental Laboratories. Col Sutton is currently the Director, Maxillofacial Prosthetics at WHASC and SAMMC.

Col. Sutton will receive his award at this year’s 42nd Annual Session being held in Baltimore on Oct. 31-Nov. 3. More than 1,000 dental professionals are expected to attend, which includes prosthodontists, dental technicians, and other dental industry authorities and guests. Annual Session topics include: new developments in CAD/CAM technology and high-strength ceramics; creating affordable dental health opportunities; understanding the shift toward precision medicine in dentistry; the use of digital imaging; sleep apnea management; the role of clinical psychology in prosthodontic practice; recreating nature: the harmony of function and esthetics with digital technology; and a proactive team approach to avoid pitfalls with the cost-effective All-on-4 Concept.

Prosthodontists are specialized dentists with advanced training in oral health issues, who are committed to improving patient results. From implants, crowns, veneers and tooth whitening, to full- mouth reconstruction, prosthodontists are specialists in digital dentistry and CAD/CAM 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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