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Brig. Gen. Craig A. Manifold, DO, Recognized Posthumously with Rocco Morando Lifetime Achievement Award

Clinton, Miss. – Brigadier General (ret), USAF, Craig A. Manifold, DO, FACEP, FAAEM, FAEMS, is recognized today with the 2021 Rocco V. Morando Lifetime Achievement Award for his lifetime of commitment to excellence, tremendous contributions and outstanding leadership to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in both the civilian and military sectors. The award is NAEMT’s most prestigious, generously sponsored by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT). The presentation will be made during NAEMT’s annual General Membership Meeting on October 5 in Atlanta, Georgia, at 5:30 pm EDT.

Dr. Craig Manifold (April 1963-September 2020) was a devoted family man, invaluable member of the EMS community, and an especially cherished member of both the National Registry and NAEMT Boards. He served on the NREMT Board of Directors and as Past Chair of the National Registry’s Research Committee and International Committee.

“The National Registry is honored that Dr. Manifold’s wife, Denise, one of his daughters, Della, and her husband Steven Stolle are able to attend the ceremony in person to receive the award on his behalf,” noted Dr. Heather Davis, Board Chair for NREMT. “We know that for every volunteer who gives countless hours of service to our profession in patient care, leadership, teaching and on committees, important family moments get missed. We are grateful to the entire Manifold family.”

Dr. Manifold also served as NAEMT’s Medical Director on the NAEMT Board, Chair of the NAEMT Military Relations Committee, Editor of the Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS) 3rd edition textbook, as an advisor, mentor and dear friend. He served the EMS community as medical director for several EMS agencies in the San Antonio, Texas, area, as assistant professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center, on the South Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC), on the Governor’s EMS and Trauma Advisory Committees, as well as other boards in Texas and nationwide.

NAEMT President Bruce Evans said, “Dr. Manifold leaves a legacy to EMS for which we will always be grateful. In the field, in institutions, and on the battlefield, he educated and served his students, colleagues, and comrades to be their best as practitioners. His service to medicine and efforts to progress patient care was of the highest standard. Dr. Manifold is fondly remembered and carries on with honor through the hearts and lives of so many. EMS has been made better because of him.”

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As an advocate on behalf of Paramedics and EMTs, Dr. Manifold helped educate members of Congress on the critical service EMS practitioners provide to their patients and communities. He was a true patriot on and off the battlefield, seeking to unite people and organizations in the interest of providing better medical care.

Dr Manifold's stellar career includes serving as Joint Surgeon for the Texas Air National Guard and Commander for the 149th Medical Group of the Texas Air National Guard in San Antonio. He also held leadership positions at the American College of Emergency Physicians, the National Associations of EMS Physicians, the Special Operations Medical Association, and the Metropolitan EMS Medical Directors ("Eagles") Global Alliance.

About NAEMT

Formed in 1975 and more than 72,000 members strong, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians is the only national association representing the professional interests of all emergency and mobile healthcare practitioners, including emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders, paramedics, advanced practice paramedics, critical care paramedics, flight paramedics, community paramedics, and mobile integrated healthcare practitioners. NAEMT members work in all sectors of EMS, including government agencies, fire departments, hospital-based ambulance services, private companies, industrial and special operations settings, and in the military.

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