



In Memoriam, Martin L. Dresner, MD, FACS, 1940-2020

Dr Martin Dresner, has passed away on December 20, 2020, Tucson, AZ. Dr Dresner was a loyal and very active member of many medical associations, currently retired yet rarely ever missed a meeting.

A well-versed urologist, he utilized his extraordinary expertise to serve as a Program Director of the Urology Section within Southern Arizona VA Health Care System in Tucson, Arizona. With 45 years of experience in the challenging branch of urology,

Dr. Dresner has been highly regarded for his knowledge and skills in the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of problems of the male and female urinary tract and the male reproductive organs. His career had military service origins for which he was rewarded.

He was drafted into the Army after internship at Abington Memorial Hospital and served in Vietnam with the First Air Cavalry Division. He holds significant military awards, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (meritorious), Air Medal, U.S. & Vietnamese airborne wings, Combat Medical Badge, and the Commander's Coin for Excellence. He received the Vietnam Campaign and Vietnam Service medals. He was designated with the coveted "A" prefix denoting professorial status and the Order of Military Medical Merit Dr. Dresner has served in the U.S. Army

between 1966 and 1994, when he retired as a Colonel.

While serving, he received the Henry M. and M. Paige Laughlin Lifetime Educator award by Ursinus College and was the recipient of the prestigious Presidential Citation by the American Urological Association in 2015. He was also an Adjunct Associate Professor of Surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He worked full time training urology residents at the University of Arizona and the Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System. In that capacity, he has received "Best Teacher" awards four times from University of Arizona urology residents.

He also received the top surgical teacher award from the senior medical students at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii in 1994. After medical school, he completed his residency in general surgery at Martin Army Community Hospital at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He completed urology residency at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, followed by a fellowship in pediatric urology at the Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. His clinical specialties are urology and pediatric urology. He is proud of the fact that he was the first Military Urologist to complete a fellowship program in Pediatrics. He has also been involved in his local veterans post, part of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America. He is serving as Senior Vice Commander and has for eight years in the past. He has been a member and served for three years as head of the City of Tucson Veterans Affairs Committee. He retired in 1994 with 33.5 years of military service before his current positions with the VA and University of Arizona Hospitals.

He has many works published and attributes his success to dedication, hard work, love of the medical profession and excellent colleagues. He enjoyed reading the Journal of Urology and is passionate about music, jazz, and spending time with his grandchildren and best friend, Ellen. Affectionately called “Dr. Jazz” if a piano was accessible on the hotel floor, Dr Dresner could be heard playing popular songs to everyone’s delight at the many meetings he attended. A friendly, lively and kind person who loved to share his vast experiences, Marty will be greatly missed.

Professional Society Memberships

- Western Section of American Urological Association, Inc. (Past President, Past Arrangements Chairman and Historian)
- American Association of Clinical Urologists
- Arizona Chapter of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, (Past President)
- Arizona Urological Society (Historian, Distinguished Member 2018)
- Society of Government Service Urologists. (CHARTER Member, Parliamentarian and Historian, Honored with Lifetime Membership for dedicated service, 2016)
- American College of Surgeons (Board of Governors)
- American Urological Association, Inc. (Judicial and Ethics Committee)