Dr. Rory Cooper, PhD. inducted 2010

Dr. Rory A. Cooper, a U. S. Army Veteran, has distinguished himself by his selfless pursuit to improve his fellow veteran's and military member's lives. Dr. Cooper is a uniquely gifted scientist, engineer, inventor, educator, author, athlete, motivational speaker and public servant. For more than two decades his work has influenced scientific, engineering, academic, disabled, military and veteran communities. In 1994 Dr. Cooper formed the Human Engineering Research Laboratories. It is dedicated to improving the lives of veterans, service members, and other citizens with disabilities through advanced engineering with medical rehabilitation and development. In addition Cooper has been a volunteer for the National Veterans' Wheelchair Games for many years.

Cooper's expertise has led him to be called upon for many important boards and advisory roles. These include the White House Office of Science and Technology, the Department of Veterans Affairs, The National Center for Health Statistics, the Sub-committee on Amputee Care and Orthopedic Injuries of the Defense Health Board, and the Office of Management and Budget.

In 2002 Dr. Cooper was awarded the Veteran's Administration's highest honor for his contributions to war-injured veterans. From 2004, Dr Cooper was the co-director of the State of the Science Symposium on Research to Clinical Care and Medical Rehabilitation, For Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

In 2009 Dr, Cooper was elected to National Board of Easter Seals, especially for his advocacy of veterans and others with disabilities.

There are many disabled veterans who owe an improved quality of life to the tireless efforts and dedication of Dr. Rory Cooper.