



## NHCA Honors Dr. Theresa Schulz with Lifetime Achievement Award

**Fort Worth, Texas — February 6, 2026** — The National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA) is proud to announce that Theresa Y. Schulz, Ph.D., has been awarded the prestigious NHCA Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honor bestowed by the association. This award recognizes a lifetime of extraordinary accomplishments in hearing loss prevention and service to NHCA, celebrating individuals whose contributions have shaped the field and inspired generations.

With over 35 years dedicated to hearing conservation, Dr. Schulz has served in both the United States Army and Air Force, conducted extensive research, established policy, chaired numerous committees, and mentored professionals across the globe. Her leadership and passion have been instrumental in advancing hearing conservation practices and policy, both nationally and internationally.

After retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel from the Air Force in 2004, Dr. Schulz continued her service as a research audiologist for the VA, Senior Service Fellow for NIOSH, and as founder of Schulz Consulting. She later joined Honeywell as Hearing Conservation Manager and the Defense Health Agency's Hearing Center of Excellence, where she led prevention and surveillance strategies for Service Members. Even after her retirement in 2025, she continues to contribute as a contract senior audiologist.



Throughout her career, Dr. Schulz has held numerous leadership roles within NHCA, including serving twice as part of the Presidential Trio. Her portfolio of publications and presentations spans decades, reflecting her commitment to advancing hearing loss prevention.

Colleagues describe Dr. Schulz as a selfless leader and a mentor who empowers others through empathy, trust, and authenticity. Her work has shaped best practices, influenced policy, and educated the next generation of hearing conservation professionals.

NHCA congratulates Theresa Schulz on this well-deserved recognition. Her legacy will continue to inspire and guide the hearing conservation community for years to come.

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