Dr. Roy Bloebaum

VA Researchers Who Served

VA Salt Lake City Health Care System

Main area of study: **Prosthetics**

Dr. Roy Bloebaum, an Air Force Veteran, is the former director of the Bone and Joint Research Laboratory at the VA Salt Lake City Health Care System. He has devoted more than 30 years to orthopedic research, with a focus on developing implants for Veterans with arthritis and amputations. The implants for amputees are the product of a patented technology that allows Veterans to be more active and free of the inconvenience of socket suspension systems. In 2014, he received VA's Paul B. Magnuson Award for laying the groundwork for a new generation of prosthetics.

Bloebaum served as a pararescueman, the most elite unit in the Air Force, and received the Distinguished Flying Cross, among other medals, for his service during the Vietnam War. He will always believe in the pararescue motto: "So that others may live." He recently retired from VA but has returned to volunteer on amputee care research.

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