

Vision restoration is a key focus of MTEC's work. Among the most prevalent injuries warfighters sustain are those related to the eye, which account for 12-15% of all battlefield wounds. There are no current treatments that elicit visual recovery after injury to the optic nerve, or in degenerative disorders such as glaucoma. MTEC's research program will draw from the expertise of leaders in the field and aim to translate promising approaches for optic nerve regeneration, striving to ultimately improve the quality of life for both wounded warfighters and civilians.

The Allergan Foundation, established in 1998 by Allergan, has given over \$66 million since its inception to a variety of philanthropic causes, all in line with its mission to improve lives and elevate communities. Its grant to MTEC was approved by the Allergan Foundation Board of Directors in August.

Skip Auch was pleased to represent MTEC at the reception. "We, at MTEC, are proud and grateful to have received a grant from the prestigious Allergan Foundation in support of our vision restoration program. Injuries to the eye are among the most prevalent battlefield injuries. The Allergan Foundation's contribution will help us strive to improve the quality of life for our wounded Service men and women."