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U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy inducts Sergeant Major of the Army of Republic of Macedonia into hall of fame

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HEIDELBERG, Germany -- Command Sgt. Maj. Boban Stojanovik of the Army of the Republic of Macedonia was one of three Soldiers from allied nations inducted into the newly created International Student Hall of Fame at the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas, June 26.



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Command Sgt. Maj. Boban Stojanovik of the Army of the Republic of Macedonia was inducted into the International Student Hall of Fame at the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas, June 26.

The Hall of Fame recognizes those noncommissioned officers who have achieved prominent leadership positions in their countries' military and made lasting contributions to leadership development and the education of their country's NCO Corps.

“The significant contributions of qualifying sergeants major around the world deserve recognition,” explained Michael Huffman, the director of the USASMA International Military Student Office. “International students who train at the academy visit the Hall of Fame and realize the potential of our graduates and emulate their standards of conduct and academic achievements. Since USASMA is the proponent for the U.S. Army NCO Education System, the academy provides a proper and fitting setting in which to recognize international military students who have reached the pinnacle of their professions, Huffman said.

Nomination to the International Hall of Fame is highly selective. Only graduates of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Resident or Non-resident Course are eligible to be inducted. The service member must be appointed to the highest enlisted

position in the his or her nation's armed forces or be the appointed senior enlisted member of an operational combined command while holding a rank equal or senior to the highest rank held in his or her nation's service component.

“This honor speaks volumes about [Command Sgt. Maj. Stojanovik's] professionalism and dedication and also about the quality of the Army of the Republic of Macedonia,” said U.S. Ambassador to Macedonia Philip Reeker in a July 15 speech at a ceremony at the Army Hall in Skopje recognizing Stojanovik's achievement. “Our continued efforts to further modernize the Macedonian military will result in more soldiers like Sergeant Major Stojanovik, and I am pleased that he will now be an integral part of our joint efforts to shape tomorrow's leaders.”

The International Military Student Program at the academy continues to grow, affording service members from allied nations the opportunity to develop expertise and systems needed for effective management and operations of their armed forces. “Our academy strives to provide international students with a better understanding of the United States, its people, political system, military, institutions, and way of life through the Department of the Army's Field Studies,” Huffman said. In its 36-year history, the academy has trained more than 500 noncommissioned officers from 66 countries.

To date, 12 soldiers from the Army of the Republic of Macedonia have graduated the academy's Sergeants Major Course and six have graduated the First Sergeant Course. Stojanovik graduated from Sergeants Major Course, Class 58 in May 2008. He is also a graduate of the NATO Senior NCO Orientation Course at the NATO School in Germany and the International Senior NCO Seminar at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch, Germany.



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