



**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE GOVERNOR  
AS AUTHORIZED BY THE MILITIA LAW HAS  
AWARDED**

**THE STATE OF MARYLAND  
MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL**

**TO**

**BRIGADIER GENERAL JOSEF SZPISJAK**

For exceptionally meritorious service while assigned as the Chief of Staff to the Commander of European Union forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Brigadier General Szpisjak's superb leadership and oversight enabled the NATO and EUFOR commanders to ensure a stable and secure environment in Bosnia and Herzegovina, thus contributing to the advancement of the goals set forth in the Maryland National Guard's State Partnership Program. Brigadier General Szpisjak's exemplary service reflects great credit upon himself, the armed forces of Hungary, the Maryland Military Department, and the State of Maryland.

From June 2013 to September 2013

