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**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL**  
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**AWARD OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL**

By direction of the Governor, under the authority granted by Section 3701 of the Military Code, the Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is awarded to:

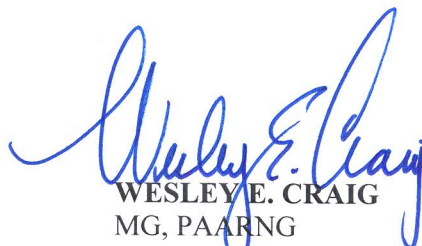
**BRIGADIER GENERAL JOSZEF SZPISJAK**

**HUNGARIAN ARMY**

**CITATION**

Brigadier General Jozsef Szpisjak has distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service in support to NATO Headquarters Sarajevo in Bosnia and Herzegovinian (BiH) currently commanded by a Pennsylvania Army National Guard Commander. As the Chief of Staff of the European Union Forces (EUFOR) stationed at Camp Butmir, BG Szpisjak was instrumental in improving the communications, collaboration, and esprit de corps between the NATO and EUFOR staffs which, in turn, enhanced the NATO and EUFOR Commanders' ability to work more closely together to build a stronger partnership and closer ties between their own headquarters, officials of the BiH Ministry of Defense and Armed Forces, and senior leaders of the international organizations operating in BiH. BG Szpisjak's inspirational leadership empowered the staffs of NATO and EUFOR to streamline and standardize many processes and procedures that govern the activities on Camp Butmir which is shared and jointly operated by NATO Headquarters, EUFOR Headquarters, and the Headquarters of the BiH Armed Forces Operations Command. BG Szpisjak's efforts enabled the NATO and EUFOR Commanders to ensure a stable and secure environment in BiH, supporting both NATO and EUFOR mandates. BG Szpisjak's cooperation and support of the common NATO and EU goals in BiH have enhanced the NATO Commander's success in this very unique Pennsylvania Army National Guard Mission. BG Szpisjak's strong leadership abilities are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Hungarian Army, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR:**

  
**WESLEY E. CRAIG**  
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The Adjutant General