

Worth Noting

Senegal, Trinidad and Tobago officers join CGSC's International Hall of Fame

Two new members were inducted into the Command and General Staff College International Hall of Fame in a ceremony Oct. 3, 2019, in the Lewis and Clark Center's Eisenhower Auditorium. Their portraits now hang in the IHOF hallway alongside 283 other inductees representing 75 different nations.

The newest inductees are Maj. Gen. Francois Ndiaye, chief of staff of the Senegalese Army, CGSC class of 1994; and retired Maj. Gen. Rodney Smart, former chief of Defence Staff of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, CGSC class of 2009-01.

"Each (IHOF member) became eligible for this recognition through years of distinguished service to their nation, rising to the highest positions of uniformed leadership within their home military," said Brig. Gen. Stephen Maranian, CGSC deputy commandant and Army University provost.

Ndiaye previously served as senior military adviser at the U.N. Office for Central Africa prior to being promoted to brigadier general and appointed chief of staff of the Senegalese Army. Currently, he is serving as the inspector general of the Senegalese Armed Forces. Ndiaye is the third IHOF inductee from his nation.

Ndiaye said he is proud of the education he received at CGSC. "Twenty-five years later, the world has changed. In fact, it is a whole new world with its complex strengths and challenges. The future will not be what we expected, but it still expects a lot of us."

Smart served as the chief of Defence Staff, the nation's senior military adviser to the president as well as the Minister of National Security on matters of national defense and security. Currently, he serves as chief executive officer of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management. Smart is the sixth IHOF inductee from his nation.

Smart said he is the officer he is today because of CGSC. "I wish to say thank you for the wonderful work that you are doing here at CGSC in the leadership development of our armed forces and the peace and stability throughout the world."

During their induction, the honorees were presented with a Certificate of Honor from Maranian and an eagle statuette from the CGSC Foundation.

The IHOF was established in 1973 by CGSC, the Kansas City Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars, and the then-CGSC Alumni Association, now the CGSC Foundation. Induction into the IHOF is for international graduates of the Command and General Staff Officer Course who have attained one of the highest positions of military importance in their country's armed forces through military merit.

The 285 current inductees are out of more than 8,300 international CGSOC graduates from 165 countries since 1894.

- Fort Leavenworth Lamp