

## Romanian senior leader becomes 77th member of the international hall of fame

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Lt. Gen. Iulian Berdila, the Chief of Staff of the Romanian Armed Forces, has been inducted as the 77th member of the Army War College's International Hall of Fame. The ceremony was held at Carlisle Barracks's Bliss Hall on 14 April 2023.

During his dialogue with the class of 2023 after the presentation, Berdila shared his thoughts on various topics, including the relevance of the land domain in today's conflicts and the challenges of recruitment facing our Armies.

He emphasized the importance of the land domain and how the army still stands relevant to today's challenges and conflicts. He highlighted the need for the military to be prepared for new capabilities being introduced on

existing current UAVs, ISR, and cyber tools. Integration of these tools is essential for success on the battlefield.

Berdila also spoke about the army's challenges in the most critical acquisitions program for the land domain, "the Soldier." He noted the quality of a Soldier and their effectiveness could determine having a fully operational brigade or not.

He believes the army's priority is to work on its selection, recruitment, and retention tools. Competing in the labor market is becoming increasingly complex, and other jobs and professions can be more attractive. Therefore, the army must develop force management policies and solutions to select, recruit, and retain soldiers in the military.

He also stressed to the class the importance of their education. He stated that as students, they are getting "reforged" at the War College, and they may not realize it today. However, he pointed out that parts of them as professional leaders are being reshaped to face the challenges above them in the strategic world that is about to come.

Lt. Gen. Berdila's induction into the Army War College's International Hall of Fame recognizes his contributions to the Romanian military. His insights and thoughts on various military topics are invaluable and serve as a reminder of the importance of the military in today's world. The ceremony was an opportunity for students to learn from a distinguished military leader and better understand the challenges facing the military today.