

Senior Enlisted Soldiers From Around the World Tour USASMA

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Senior enlisted soldiers representing about 55 countries toured the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy on Tuesday as part of the Army's first International Training and Leader Development Symposium at Fort Bliss, Texas.

The tour, led by Jeff Davis, USASMA's director of plans and operations, highlighted the academy's high-tech classrooms and the International Student Hall of Fame, where the seven international students inducted that morning saw their photographs and biographies already displayed.

"The main purpose of this symposium is for you to get to know us," Davis said while giving the tour. "We hope you will send students to this course, because it makes us better to have you here. You can learn from us and we can learn from you. It's a mutual partnership."

The tour ended with a walk down the hallway dedicated to former sergeants major of the Army, where almost every cell phone was busy snapping photographs of the NCO Creed and other documents on display, including a small card carried by William Woodridge communicating the duties and responsibilities of the sergeant major of the Army. The words written by Woodridge became the basis for the formal instructions given to all subsequent sergeants major of the Army.







