

## US EMBASSY SOFIA BULGARIA

### America, Bulgaria Honor U.S. Pilots Killed in WWII



Members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts (AHAC)

The U.S. Embassy Sofia hosted a ceremony to dedicate a monument to honor U.S. military personnel who died in Bulgarian territory during World War II. At a solemn event on Monday, October 4, U.S. Ambassador James Warlick, dignitaries from the Government of Bulgaria, and invited guests joined the Bulgarian military Honor Guard, the Bulgarian Ceremonial Military Band and the United States Air Forces in Europe Band to honor those who gave their lives from both the U.S. and Bulgaria. The monument was donated by the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts (AHAC) whose members traveled to Bulgaria for this event. In his remarks to the guests, Ambassador Warlick said that it is “our duty to honor the young men who sacrificed for us.” He said that there was “no better fitting tribute to those men than us staying together as allies and partners side by side at this ceremony.” Mr. Veselin Stoyanov of the Dimitar Spisarevski Airmen’s Club joined the Ambassador by saying that “the peoples of Bulgaria and America have not forgotten their sons who got killed in that brutal war. Today, we stand together under the same flag. Our allied armies are composed of brave and strong spirited young people. We, their fellow countrymen, are proud of them.”