



Zoran Stankovic, who was born in the village of Tegoviste , the municipality of Vladicin Han, on November 9, 1954, is a retired medical major - general. Mr. Stankovic was the Minister of Health and Defense of the Republic of Serbia, the Minister of Defense of Serbia and Montenegro and the Head of the Military Medical Academy (MMA). Mr. Stankovic was also the Defense Minister in the Council of Ministers of Serbia and Montenegro until the dissolution of the state union. He was named the best young doctor within the medical corps of the Yugoslav People's Army , the best medical service officer, and apart from being regularly promoted, he was also three times promoted to the higher ranks, which include the ranks of major, lieutenant-colonel and medical major-general.

He completed primary school in Dzep, secondary school in Vladicin Han and the Nis-based Faculty of Medicine in 1980. After doing his military service, he completed the Reserve Officer School and entered into the active military service. Upon completion of the compulsory medical internship at the Military Hospital in Nis, he was transferred to Pec, where he held the post of the Head of the garrison hospital from 1982 to 1985. Immediately upon appointment to the said position, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant of the medical corps, and was, thereafter, named the best young doctor within the medical corps of the Yugoslav People's Army.

He completed his post-graduate studies in the field of forensic medicine at the MMA in 1988, and upon finishing off his specialization, he took up the post of a forensic doctor at the

MMA's Institute of Forensic Medicine. As a forensic doctor, he performed the forensic medical expertise for the military and civilian courts, and, on two occasions, for the High Court in Thessaloniki. From late 1991 to 1997, he conducted the autopsies of the remains of more than 5,000 persons that had got killed in the wars in the former Yugoslavia. He was both a member and the President of the Yugoslav Committee for Gathering Information on Violations of the International Humanitarian Law of the Government of the FRY. As of 1992, the United Nations engaged him, as the only forensic expert from the territory of the former Yugoslavia, along with 11 forensic experts from all over the world, to perform the autopsies of victims of the armed conflicts in those areas. The Chief of Staff of the Army named him the best senior officer of the medical corps in 1993.

He subsequently used the data from the autopsy findings to do his doctoral dissertation, which he defended in 1997. That same year, based on the collected material, he proposed the establishment of the research team regarding the consequences of NATO bombing of the territory of Republika Srpska (the Bosnian Serb Republic). In the past, he on several occasions provided his expert assistance to the Hague Tribunal.

He was promoted to the rank of medical major-general in 2001. He held the position of the Head of the Institute of Forensic Medicine and the Department of Pathology and Forensic Medicine of the Military Medical Academy until 2002, when he was appointed the Head of the MMA. He remained at that position until 2005.

In 2006, the Assembly of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro elected him the Defense Minister and a member of the Council of Ministers. He continued performing the tasks and duties of the Minister of Defence after the dissolution of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro, remaining at that position until 2007. When, upon the elections, a new Government of the Republic of Serbia was constituted in 2011, he became the Minister of Health in the reconstructed Government of Serbia.

He participated in the writing of several books, published over fifty scientific papers and contributed to the production of a number of documentaries and museum settings.

He held lectures on the victims of the war in Cambridge, London, Paris, the Hague, Utrecht, Amsterdam, Kiev, and the Parliaments of Great Britain and Ukraine.

He is married to Marina and they have twin daughters Iva and Ina.