

New Polish General in MNC NE family (Video)

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Major General Bogusław Samol assumed the position of Deputy Commander of Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) on 2 April 2012, but the official inauguration and welcome ceremony was held at Baltic Barracks on 18 April 2012.

Staff of Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) and honourable guests, including Lieutenant General Mieczysław Gocuł, Deputy Chief of Polish General Staff, Lieutenant General Zbigniew Głowienka, Commander of the Polish Land Forces, representatives of local and regional authorities, uniformed services, honorary consuls, friends of General Samol and others, gathered at Baltic Barracks in Szczecin to welcome a new Polish General in the family of Multinational Corps Northeast.

"I wish you all success in your further service. I am convinced that your high qualifications and experience which you used so well thus far in your service, will also contribute to your successful service in Szczecin," said Lieutenant General Gocuł, Deputy Chief of Polish General Staff.

"I wish you many successes in fulfilling the bestowed upon you duties, realization of your plans and intentions and may you enjoy a relentlessly accompanying good health and endurance in this highly responsible assignment," General Gocuł addressed new MNC NE Deputy Commander.

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The ceremony took place two weeks after General Samol took over the responsibilities and the MNC NE Commander, Lieutenant General Rainer Korff officially, in the presence of MNC NE staff and invited guests, welcomed his new Deputy to the MNC NE family: *“With your background and more than 34 years of military experience, including multinational posts as well as high ranking commanding and staff functions in different levels, you are well prepared to take over the duties of the Deputy Commander in Multinational Corps Northeast. I welcome you and your wife once again. We are glad that you are here,”* he said.

General Samol, born in 1959, during his professional career served, among other positions, as the commander of a platoon, battalion, chief of staff and deputy commander of a mechanized regiment and brigade. He was the Commander of 10th Armoured Cavalry Brigade and 16th Mechanized Division. Major General Samol held positions at the General Directorate of Military Reconnaissance, General Staff and Operations Command. From 2010 to 2012, General Samol served in Afghanistan as the Deputy Chief of Staff Resources at International Security Assistance Force Headquarters (ISAF HQ), which was the highest position assumed by a Polish officer in ISAF structures. His professional knowledge has been complemented with education gained among other things at the National Defence Academy in Warsaw, NATO Defence College in Rome and National Defence University in Washington D.C.

Along with taking over the responsibilities of MNC NE Deputy Commander, Polish Major General Samol joins German Lieutenant General Rainer Korff and Danish Brigadier General Morten Danielsson in the command of Szczecin Corps. Multinational command and multinational composition of the staff coming from as many as twelve nations is a recognized trademark of the Corps and a source of pride.

The ceremony turned out to be an excellent opportunity to decorate the MNC NE Chief of Staff Brigadier General Morten Danielsson with the Cross of Honour of the Bundeswehr in Gold for his special achievements for the Bundeswehr. General Korff, who handed over the Cross of Honour, underlined the fact that former Deputy Commander Major General Ryszard Sorokosz also received a similar decoration when he was retiring.

During a small reception organised after the official ceremony, Major General Bogusław Samol, the new Deputy Commander of Multinational Corps Northeast addressed the MNC NE staff and honourable guests: *“This is a great honour and my pleasure to take over the post of Deputy Commander in this Corps,”* he said. General Samol reassured he would support the Corps Commander in all matters and keep developing cooperation with local authorities, uniformed services and other organisations of the region.

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