On 21 April 2012, for the 67th time, representatives of local authorities, uniformed services, clergy, veterans associations, scouts and students as well as veterans who participated in the events of 1945 met in Siekierki to commemorate the Odra River Crossing. Among the guests was also the Commander of Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE), Lieutenant General Rainer Korff.

The commemoration event started with the Holy Mass for the fallen Polish soldiers who took part in the Odra River Crossing in 1945. A letter from the President of Poland Mr Bronisław Komorowski was also read out loud to all the gathered guests of the ceremony. A part of the event was a traditional appeal to the fallen and wreath laying ceremony. Then, the ceremony was continued in Gozdowice. Several actual participants of the Odra River Crossing of 1945 were present during this part of the event.

About 2000 Polish soldiers died in the Odra River Crossing in 1945 and annual remembrance celebrations are held to commemorate the fallen.

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