

A solemn prayer to commemorate the events of 26 April 1945

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On the 67th anniversary of the events of 26 April 1945 a delegation from Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) participated in the ceremony at Szczecin's Central Cemetery.

The representatives of Szczecin regional and local authorities including Mr. Krzysztof Soska, the Vice President of Szczecin, the Archbishop Andrzej Dzięga and representatives of uniformed services as well as inhabitants of the city gathered in front of the memorial "Brotherhood of Arms" at Szczecin's Central Cemetery. Also the MNC NE Commander Lieutenant General Rainer Korff, his Deputy Major General Bogusław Samol assisted by the Senior National Representatives from Denmark, Germany and Poland were present there to prove the importance of the event for the members of the Corps.

A solemn prayer and wreath laying at the memorial and soldiers tombs marking annual celebrations symbolizes the Corps' respect for history and deep interest in life of Szczecin, home garrison of Multinational Corps Northeast.

Every year, at the memorial "Brotherhood of Arms" wreaths are laid to pay tribute to those who died during fights for Szczecin and those who contributed to the rebuilding of Szczecin after World War II. The ceremony commemorated events of 1945, when the 65th Russian Army

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entered Szczecin on 26 April and seized it from the Wehrmacht. The Polish administration eventually took over the city on 5 July 1945.

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