

Liberation Day of Denmark celebrated in multinational family (Video)

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On 5 May 2012 representatives of all 18 nations participating in the exercise Crystal Eagle 2012 at Camp Nymindégab in Denmark gathered next to the flagpole to commemorate the liberation of Denmark 67 years ago, which took place on Saturday, 5 May 1945.

A few days after the celebrations of the Polish Constitution Day and the Day of the Polish Flag held during the Multinational Corps Northeast's exercise Crystal Eagle 12, another important event has been conducted. Soldiers representing every nation taking part in Crystal Eagle 12 lined up next to the flags flapping in the wind to commemorate the 67th anniversary of liberation of Denmark.

In Denmark this day, 5 May, is commemorated as the national liberation day. On the evening before the Danes received a radio broadcast from BBC in London, announcing the surrender of all Nazi forces in Denmark as of 8 o'clock the following morning – the morning of 5 May.

During a solemn ceremony the Commander of Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) Lieutenant General Rainer Korff delivered a speech providing historical background and expressing solidarity with all the fallen: *"This day is also an occasion for us all to pay tribute to freedom and democracy as fundamental values in our society. Or should I say in any society. The day today reminds us, that freedom is always earned – never given. Freedom – wherever and whenever – has always required courage, will and determination from those, who dared standing up against cruelty and oppression. Today we honour the men and women, who took*

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upon them, an overwhelming risk, in the cause of freedom... To those who paid the highest price – home and abroad; then and now – I say: You shall not be forgotten. We will remember you.”

After the speech, representatives of the MNC NE framework nations, the Corps Commander, German Lieutenant General Rainer Korff, his Deputy, Polish Major General Boguslaw Samol and the Chief of Staff, Danish Brigadier General Morten Danielsson, laid a wreath at statue of the Danish Homeguard Man. The wreath laying ceremony was accompanied by a special Danish song “On your way! Be brave and true!” sang by the Danish Senior National Representative Colonel Soren Bojesen.

[Listen to the Commander's speech](#)

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