



46th Corps Committee Meeting, held in Szczecin on 26 and 27 June 2012, brought a summary of the first half of the year 2012 and a way ahead for the upcoming months. And it also brought the Corps Medal of Multinational Corps Northeast for Lieutenant Colonel Volker R. Quante, an HQ MNC NE officer responsible for managing all Corps Committee related matters.

The Corps Committee, the supervisory body of Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE), convenes regularly to keep track of current matters of the Corps, and to advise and authorize all major developments. The last meeting before summer, chaired by Colonel P.O. Knudsen from Denmark and co-chaired by Lieutenant Colonel Thorsten Fries from Germany and Colonel Robert Konopka from Poland, was rich in fruitful discussions and decisions.

A number of talks during this session were devoted to ideas of co-operation with current and new partners, and integration of new member states. The Corps' openness was appreciated by the Corps Committee members. In fact, the Corps was given a green light to further develop relations with Sweden and Hungary, which, hopefully, may evolve into solid co-operation in the future at least in the training & exercise area. Also concepts of co-operation with other non-NATO nations than Sweden gained approval from the Corps Committee side.

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In the context of the multinational character of the Corps and the importance of identification with the formation, a symbolic decision was taken by the Corps Committee allowing the Corps to purchase common berets for all service members from the twelve nations serving at the Corps.

The Corps Committee members were presented with the Corps assessment of the recent Crystal Eagle 2012 exercise, the biggest training event since 2008, and expressed their appreciation of the results. Excellent performance of the MNC NE staff during the exercise in Denmark has raised standards for upcoming exercises with the Corps' involvement. Moreover, all upcoming major exercises in 2012 and 2013 were on the agenda of the Corps Committee Meeting.

Special guests of the Corps Committee were the representatives of the Polish General Staff who would take over Poland's responsibility for the Corps Committee issues from the Polish Land Forces starting next year.

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