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On 12 September 2012, Lieutenant General John W. Morgan III, the Commander of the Allied Force Command Heidelberg, paid a visit to Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE).

'The purpose of the visit to Multinational Corps Northeast is the continuing building of relationship between NATO Command Structure and NATO Force Structure,' said Lieutenant General John W. Morgan III.

'Within Allied Force Command Heidelberg, one of my principle responsibilities, in addition to working the deployable aspect of the force commands, is the set of framework tasks that the force command has to work land expertise and land competency within NATO Force Structure. The only way, in my opinion, that you best do that is get out and about to each of the Graduated Readiness Headquarters and the High Readiness Headquarters,'

General John W. Morgan III said, explaining that this is the best way to understand their training requirements, requirements set by their Framework Nations and how they provide the best capabilities for the Alliance from a land perspective.

The Commander of the Allied Force Command Heidelberg also underlined a very good personal relationship with the MNC NE Commander Lieutenant General Rainer Korff, which had

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been developed over the years through attendance of numerous conferences and other meetings. For that reason, the visit to HQ MNC NE positively contributed to the reinforcement of the relationship already established.

General Morgan III was briefed about most current developments within Multinational Corps Northeast as well as the future role and challenges in relation with the ongoing reform of NATO Command Structure. An important topic was also the preparation process for the upcoming mission in Afghanistan in 2014.

'What I really like about Multinational Corps Northeast is that it continues to remain focused on its land expertise mission and its land role as a land or army corps headquarters. Because of that, there is a clear opportunity to work directly with the new changed NATO Command Structure, the land command,' said General Morgan III. *'The take-away for me is how you continue to connect the requirements of Multinational Corps Northeast with the emerging new requirements,'* added also General Morgan III.

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