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On 17 September 2012, representatives of Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) and Command Support Brigade (CSB) participated in two out of many other held countrywide ceremonies paying homage to the dead and deported Poles during the Soviet aggression on Poland in 1939 and the following years.

In spite of the fact that MNC NE is currently involved in Anakonda 12 exercise and most of staff are taking part in so-called mini exercise conducted in Wałcz, the MNC NE Command Group joined in the ceremony of 17 September held in Wałcz, whereas Senior National Representatives of the Corps' Framework Nations, i.e. Denmark, Germany and Poland, took part in the remembrance event held in Szczecin.

Many prominent guests attended the ceremony organised in Wałcz at the Józef Piłsudski square, including members of the Parliament, representatives of municipal and regional authorities, uniformed services, veterans' associations, schools, inhabitants of Wałcz. Among the invited guests were also service members involved in the Anakonda exercise: the MNC NE Commander Lieutenant General Rainer Korff, his Deputy Major General Bogusław Samol and the MNC NE Chief of Staff Brigadier General Morten Danielsson as well as the Commander of the Polish 2nd Mechanized Corps Major General Jerzy Biziewski and Commander of the

Command Support Brigade Colonel Wojciech Kucharski along with the delegation. Additionally, Command Support Brigade mounted the guard of honour and colours for the ceremony.

After official speeches, a wreath laying ceremony took place.

A similar remembrance event was organised at the Katyń Cross Memorial at Central Cemetery in Szczecin. Colonel Søren B. Bojesen, Colonel Norbert Hanisch and Colonel Jacek Pawlewicz representing the Corps' Framework Nations – Denmark, Germany and Poland, also laid wreaths at the memorial paying homage to the victims of the Soviet aggression on Poland in 1939 and the following years.

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