

New Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff at MNC NE

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On 14 January 2013, less than four weeks after the change of command, new Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff started their tours of duty at the Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) in Szczecin.

The former Chief of Staff, Brigadier General Morten Danielsson, stepped into the Deputy Commander's post and handed over his duties to the new member of the MNC NE family and the new Chief of Staff, Brigadier General Lutz Niemann. The handover-takeover ceremony was held in Baltic Barracks on 14 January 2013 in the presence of the HQ staff and National Support Elements. *"You did a great job. Your policy of open doors, open-minded discussions and, in the end clear, precise guidance let the staff work perfectly,"* the MNC NE Commander said about General Danielsson's performance. He also addressed the new General at MNC NE:

"It is a pleasure to welcome you in our Headquarters. I wish you a great start here in Szczecin, not only in the military sense but also to feel home here in Poland as soon as possible."

General Danielsson was glad that although his tour of duty as Chief of Staff came to an end, he continues to serve at the MNC NE family as Deputy Commander for a couple of upcoming months: *"You know I've had a big heart for this Headquarters. I enjoy my time here and I am happy that I can stay."*

Also the new Chief of Staff took the floor to address the MNC NE staff. *"I am looking forward to working with you, and me and my wife are looking forward to living here,"*

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he reassured.

After the speeches, General Danielsson was released from duty as the MNC NE Chief of Staff and took over the responsibilities as the Deputy Commander, whereas General Niemann took over the tasks as the MNC NE Chief of Staff. Afterwards, a small reception for the MNC NE family was held.

Brigadier General Morten Danielsson has been a member of MNC NE and served as Chief of Staff since May 2010. In his professional career, he held several positions at the Defence Command Denmark, including Chief of the Defence Organisation and Structure Branch and Chief of the Executive Office. He shared his military experience as Instructor Operations & Logistics at the Royal Defence College. The position of the Deputy Commander is General Danielsson's third assignment to MNC NE. He also served as Chief Military Assistant at the HQ from 2001 to 2004.

Brigadier General Lutz Niemann during his professional career held several commanding positions, including the Commander of the 12th Armoured Brigade and the Multinational Brigade South/KFOR in Kosovo. He was the Senior Military Assistant to the German Minister of Defence. In Eurocorps, he served as the Deputy Chief of Staff Training & Resources. Directly before assuming the position of the MNC NE Chief of Staff, he attended the Course at the Royal College of Defence Studies in London.

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