

Polish Independence Day

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On the occasion of 91st anniversary of regaining independence, Polish community invited all Headquarters members for an exhibition displayed at the Allied Officers' Club.

The main idea of the exhibition was to present Poland's history to representatives of other nations in the Corps. Additionally, it was also a good occasion for Poles themselves to think about a complex history of their country. On 11th November 1918, after 123 years of the foreign rule, Poland managed to return to the map of Europe. The exhibition included tables presenting different aspects of Poland's way to independence as well as the figure of Marshal Józef Piłsudski, Chief of State of the reborn Republic of Poland. Additionally, some documentary films and patriotic pieces of music were prepared to complete the exhibition. Polish officers were waiting for representatives of other countries to explain the complexities of the Polish history. One of the spectators, Danish Colonel Niels Hartvig Andersen found the exhibition very interesting especially because Danes do not follow traditions of such historical background, like Poles do.

Municipal celebrations

Apart from the exhibition displayed at Baltic Barracks, representatives of the Corps' nations took part in the municipal celebrations of the Polish Independence Day held on 11th November. It can be treated as a sign of solidarity with the Poles, the host nation of the Corps, in moments of

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importance for them.

Traditionally, the event took place nearby the Marshal Józef Piłsudski's bust. A multinational delegation with Commander MNC NE Lieutenant General Zdzisław Goral, Chief of Staff MNC NE Brigadier General Josef Heinrichs and Senior National Representatives of other Corps' nations laid wreaths at the bust.

Additionally, the day before Commander MNC NE General Goral took part in the official "capstrzyk" (the last post) organised by the 5th Engineer Regiment, supported by the music band of the 12th Mechanized Division.



"Upper photo taken by Marek Ronewicz, 12th Mechanized Division."