

The Corps' Commander on the Harvest Fest

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On 28 August 2011 Commander of the Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) Lieutenant General Rainer Korff on the invitation of Archbishop of the Kamień and Szczecin dioceses Andrzej Dzięga participated in the Harvest-Fest organized in Pyrzyce.

According to the tradition, people from different parts of diocese bring self-made sculptures, like eagles, boats and even a harvester, all made of weed or grain and other natural products to thank the Lord for the good harvest. More than 600 people came to see the different harvest crowns and artfully prepared ensembles, which were presented by parties from different parts of the diocese. The people who prepared decorative masterpieces put enormous efforts in the preparation of the ensembles and invested often more than two months to prepare it for that special day. A main product out of the harvest was special artfully prepared bread, brought by every delegation which was later on blessed by the Bishop.

After celebration of a holy mass all gathered people from the area of West Pomerania together celebrated the Harvest Festival. During a nice picnic in which folk bands from Italy and Ireland

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played music, everybody enjoyed the regional products.

"It was really amazing how much efforts the people put in the preparation of the different harvest ensembles," said general Korff. "The participation was a good cultural experience" he added.

Commander of MNC NE eagerly participates in all events in the West Pomeranian Region, not only organized by authorities but also by local citizens. This Harvest Festival in Pырzyce was a great occasion to familiarize with the history and national heritage of Poland, the Host Nation.