

Polish Constitution Day celebrated in Denmark

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On behalf of the Polish community of the Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE), Deputy Commander Major General Bogusław Samol invited personnel who participate in the exercise Crystal Eagle 12 for the celebration of the Polish Constitution Day and the Day of the Polish Flag in Nymindegab, Denmark, held on 2 May 2012.

General Samol welcomed all invited guests, including the Commander Multinational Corps Northeast Lieutenant General Rainer Korff, the Chief of Staff Brigadier General Morten Danielsson, commanders of units, representatives of 18 nations participating in exercise Crystal Eagle 2012, Assistants Chief of Staff, Senior National Representatives, Commander of the Command Support Brigade, Commander Home Guard School, Host Nation Battalion representative as well as all Polish personnel taking part in the exercise.

"This year, we are celebrating this important anniversary during exercise Crystal Eagle 2012 in Denmark." said General Samol in his speech. "Today, we intend to manifest our pride in achievements of our predecessors, which shall be present in the forming of the contemporary Polish country by our generation," he added.

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All guests gathered at the auditorium had also an opportunity to watch the Polish Minister of Defence Mr. Tomasz Siemoniak's address who referring to the Day of the Polish Flag emphasised: "The flag is a special symbol for soldiers as it connects them with the nation".

A lecture provided by Major Michał Leszczyński from HQ MNC NE enabled the invited guests to get familiar with historical background of the Polish Constitution Day, the Day of the Polish Flag as well as with the overview of the Polish history.

3 May, the Constitution Day, is always an excellent occasion to honour soldiers for their exceptional service. This time selected Polish personnel of the Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast were awarded with Stars of Afghanistan - MAJ Arkadiusz Celiński, MAJ Cezary Rybicki, SGT Maksymilian Halec and Medals of the Armed Forces Serving for the Homeland in Gold - MAJ Andrzej Błaszyński, in Silver - WO Dariusz Niewiadomski, and in Bronze - MAJ Mariusz Kaczmarzyk. Additionally, the MNC NE Deputy Commander Major General Bogusław Samol awarded Lieutenant Colonel Peter Klaus Bomhardt, the Commander of the 610th German Battalion, one of the units subordinated of Command Support Brigade, with the Silver Medal of the Polish Army.

When the official part came to an end, all participants spent some time together congratulating all the awarded soldiers and chatting about the Polish history.

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