On 22 August 2012, a group of officers from the 411th Armoured Infantry Battalion paid a visit to Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) to get acquainted with the Corps' tasks, missions and organisation.

"Today, we conduct a farewell ceremony to a few of the officers and we decided to go on a tour to Szczecin," said Lieutenant Colonel Heiko Bohnsack, the Battalion's Commander.

411th Armoured Infantry Battalion is a unit located closely to the Corps Headquarters but on the other side of the Polish-German border, in Viereck near Pasewalk. Lieutenant Colonel Bohnsack even recalls the soldiers of the 411th Armoured Infantry Battalion carrying the German colours during the inauguration ceremony of the Corps back in 1999. *"I was here at the inauguration ceremony, the day when it rained so hard,"*
he says and explains that he was assisting the commanding general of the 4th German Corps at that time.

Lieutenant Colonel Bohnsack admits that many of the Battalion's soldiers dream of being

appointed to Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast. *“It was the opportunity to tell the officers how a multinational corps works, how it trains others,”*
he says. Another thing was to present them the peacetime establishment of the Headquarters and the actual number of German staff serving at Baltic Barracks in Szczecin.
“Also what Chief Visitors and Observers Bureau Lieutenant Colonel Boris Schnelle said about life in Szczecin, in Poland, which is just across the border was very interesting,”
he added.

Service members of the 411th Armoured Infantry Battalion listened to a briefing delivered by the Lieutenant Colonel Boris Schnelle presenting the organisation, tasks and missions of Multinational Corps Northeast as well as many aspects of everyday life in Poland. After visiting Baltic Barracks, they set off on a guided tour around Szczecin.

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