

Change of command at CSB (Video)

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The change of command ceremony at the Command Support Brigade (CSB), a unit subordinated to Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE), was held in Wałcz on 14 November 2012.

The ceremony was held in the barracks of 100 Signal and 104 Support Battalions in Wałcz, in the presence of the Commander of the Polish Land Forces Lieutenant General Zbigniew Głowienka and other honorable guests – the MNC NE Deputy Commander Major General Bogusław Samol, the MNC NE Chief of Staff Brigadier General Morten Danielsson as well as members of the Parliament, local authorities, representatives of the uniformed services, clergy and many others.

After almost two years, Colonel Wojciech Kucharski handed over the command of the Command Support Brigade to Colonel Krzysztof Król. *“I would like to thank you so much for your outstanding service and work. During your tenure you proved your commitment and professionalism,”* General Głowienka addressed Colonel Kucharski, wishing him good luck on a new assignment as the Commander of the 21st Podhale Riflemen Brigade. General Głowienka also directed his words to the new Commander of the Command Support Brigade, Colonel Król: *“I truly believe that under your command this Brigade will be an integrated community, raising qualification on multiple exercises both here and abroad”.*

“Today I am standing in front of you, soldiers and civilian employees, being proud of your

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professionalism and diligently fulfilled duties. I am saying with great satisfaction that the Brigade is the guarantor of the soldier's work of the highest quality," said Colonel Wojciech Kucharski to all the gathered guests. Colonel Kucharski thanked all his superiors and subordinates as well as civilian authorities for support and wished them more successes and satisfaction from work.

"Your skills and professionalism have been helpful in resolving uncountable issues and making tough decisions, decisions that will lead this Corps to a better future. You have been well-known for your skillful leadership and quality of being a trustworthy and reliable partner. On both a professional and personal level, I really appreciate the time that you served as the Commander of the Command Support Brigade," the MNC NE Deputy Commander Major General Bogusław Samol quoted the letter written by the MNC NE Commander Lieutenant General Rainer Korff and, on behalf of the MNC NE Commander, thanked Colonel Kucharski for his contribution and earnest support to Multinational Corps Northeast.

Then, the floor was taken by Colonel Król: *"I will make every effort to confirm the highest evaluation received by the Brigade both in operations of the Polish Land Forces as well as in international circle in NATO exercises of MNC NE."*

He also reassured that:

"Continuing great effort made by my predecessor, Colonel Kucharski, I will be aspiring for further developing operational capabilities of the Brigade."

The change of command ceremony ended up with a military parade of troops from 100 Signal Battalion and 104 Support Battalion from Wałcz as well as 610 Signal Battalion from Prenzlau. The colours were presented by 100 Signal Battalion and 610 Signal Battalion. The Military Band of Garrison Szczecin provided the musical setting for the whole ceremony.

Command Support Brigade (CSB) is a formation assigned to the Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) for exercises, operations or missions. The CSB's tasks include establishing, operating and maintaining four "bodies" or levels of command, i.e. Main Headquarters, Alternate Command Post, Forward Command Element and Headquarters Support Cluster. It enables MNC NE to operate independently by means of providing security and force protection, accommodation, transportation, power supply etc. Establishing, operating and maintaining the Communication and Information System (CIS) also belongs to the CSB's responsibilities.

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