



In peacetime

Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) is organised according to NATO standards and divided into the Command Group and nine Staff Divisions. The posts in the Command Group rotate between the three Framework Nations – Denmark, Germany and Poland. However, Denmark does not participate any more in the rotation process for the position of the Commander. Each "G" Division (G1 to G9), which, in turn, is divided into a number of branches, is headed by "Assistant Chief of Staff" (ACOS) with the rank of Colonel or equivalent. The positions "Assistant Chief of Staff" and "Branch Chief" have been firmly allocated to the nations. Each Division has one goal: to advise the Commander in its field of expertise and to pursue the common objective – to fulfill the tasks assigned to the Headquarters.

Moreover, Air Operations Co-ordination Centre (AOCC) has been collocated with the HQ MNC NE in order to enable the conduct of the Joint Air/Land Battle. A Maritime Liaison Cell can be established for cooperation with Naval Forces, once the Corps is deployed in the field headquarters mode. Additionally, a "Partnership for Peace" Office can be activated when necessary.

The multinational character of all branches, including the smallest cells, makes this headquarters unique. This structure ensures an extraordinary working environment that the Headquarters takes pride in. Successful cooperation among officers and non-commissioned officers from as many as twelve nations – Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the United States – depends not only on understanding the challenges involved, but also on making the best out of the opportunities available.

In its peacetime structure, the Headquarters has 242 posts, including 32 civilian ones. This manning is supplemented in the event of contingencies.

On Operations

Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast as a NATO Deployable Corps of Lower Readiness should be prepared to be deployed for a mission within 91 to 180 days after notification. This might include the entire Field Headquarters, its defined parts or selected personnel only.

When the Headquarters is turned into a Field Headquarters mode, Emergency Establishment Supplement (EES) as well as Crisis Establishment Supplement (CES) and additional manpower (Augmentees) constitute reserve personnel and active military personnel temporarily assigned to MNC NE. They man more than two-thirds of almost 800 Field Headquarters' posts. This number does not encompass the personnel of the Air Operations Co-ordination Centre or the Maritime Liaison Cell, which can be established for cooperation with Naval Forces. The naval forces of all three nations are obliged to provide personnel in this case.

The personnel staying at the Baltic Barracks will form a so-called Garrison Headquarters, which is in charge of running the Corps' current business in Szczecin, supporting the deployed soldiers in every way possible and assisting the soldiers' families. For the needs of fulfilling this latter task, a Family Care Centre will be activated. The main idea of the Centre is to provide care for families of soldiers deployed to a mission and, therefore, it becomes an integral part of the Corps' structure and a kind of a cultural centre, too. If you are interested in activities of the Family Care Centre performed during the Corps' missions in Afghanistan, click [here](#).



Each of the general officers has a personal staff consisting of a military assistant, a military

aide-de-camp, a civilian personal assistant and a military driver. The Command Group also encompasses the Director of Staff (DOS), Legal Advisers Office (LEGAD) and Information and Knowledge Management Cell (I&K MNG). The MNC NE Commander, [Lieutenant General Rainer Korff](#), German Army, is supported in his daily work by his Deputy [Major General Bogusław Samol](#), Polish Army, and the Headquarters' staff lead by the Chief of Staff, [Brigadier General Morten Danielsson](#), Danish Army.

Director of Staff (DOS) enhances information flow within the Command Group and supports the Chief of Staff in the coordination of work between the Command Group and Staff Divisions.

Legal Advisers Office (LEGAD) provides legal advice within the areas of application and interpretation of the MNC NE Founding Documents, NATO Status Agreements and other international treaties, and, if applicable, Host Nation Law. Direct input to the decision making process ensures all MNC NE activities withstand legal scrutiny.

Information and Knowledge Management Cell (I&K MNG) coordinates information flow within the HQ, document handling and document security procedures, manages the HQ document archives and carries an overall responsibility for the HQ internal web portal.



G1 Division, headed by a Danish Colonel, comprises the Personnel Branch (PERS), Public Affairs Office (PAO), Visitors and Observers Bureau (VOB) and Linguistic Services Branch.

Personnel Branch (PERS) is responsible for requisition, employment and management of all HQ personnel, including manning peacetime and field mode rosters, coordinating in- and out-processing personnel and keeping track of the evaluation processes. A separate management and administration system created for Local Wage Rate Personnel ensures working conditions in compliance with the Polish labour law. Morale & Welfare Section provides information on local activities and manages the co-funding of the clubs operating within Baltic Barracks.

Public Affairs Office (PAO) supports the MNC NE Commander by communicating to the public accurate information in a timely manner. The office runs the Corps' official Internet website and maintains good relations with the media. It also plans and executes programmes and events enhancing Internal Communications and Community Relations.

Visitors and Observers Bureau (VOB) advises on protocol and ceremonial issues. The Bureau plans and executes visits of civilian and military guests to Baltic Barracks – from presidential or ministerial level down to school level.

Language Services Branch contributes to work done at the Headquarters by proofreading and translating orders, directives, briefings, articles, correspondence etc. from and into the languages of the Framework Nations, i.e. Danish, German and Polish. The Service encompasses also interpreting during various events and visits.



G2 Division, headed by a Polish Colonel, is responsible for collecting, analyzing and disseminating intelligence information to support the Corps Commander and HQ staff in decision making processes as well as in planning and conducting operations. The Division also deals with military security, military geography/meteorology and electronic warfare.

Plans Branch develops intelligence scenarios for study periods, conferences and exercises, and contributes to preparing and updating plans. It is also accountable for the implementation of

appropriate security measures to ensure work in a safe and secure environment.

G2 X Branch coordinates all aspects of security, counterintelligence and human intelligence. It also liaisons with external HQs.

Collection/Production Branch is responsible for collecting intelligence information and preparing intelligence assessments, reports and analyses based on the Commander's guidance.

Geospatial/Meteo Branch (GEO/MET) analyses the influence of the environment and terrain upon military operations and provides assessments of possible consequences.



G3 Division, headed by a German Colonel, is in charge of all issues related to operations, in particular operational concepts, preparations, conduct and control of all Corps' employments. G3 Division contributes to the planning for both Article 5 as well as Crisis Response Operations within HQ MNC NE.

Operations Branch (OPS) supports current operations and planning. It develops and coordinates operational aspects to mission or exercise scenarios and operational study periods. It also contributes to the development of HQ structures, doctrine, operational plans, and manages all HQ MNC NE Standard Operating Procedures and Instructions.

Joint Fires Branch (JF) contributes to operational planning, refinement and execution in all

lethal/kinetic aspects of combined, joint operations. It provides expertise to HQ concepts, directives, instructions, operations, exercises and cooperates closely with AOCC.

Force Protection (FP) plans and coordinates all issues of force protection measures and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defence activities as well as environmental protection and countering Improvised Explosive Devices.

Engineer Branch (ENGR) develops and coordinates all engineer aspects of military operations and provides engineering support and advice to other partners etc. in missions. It also contributes to operational planning, refinement and execution of exercises.

Special Operations Forces Branch (SOF) advice COM MNC NE on all SOF related matters, coordinates SOF activities and bears responsibility for the integration of SOF in the Corps' overall operational architecture in exercises as well as in missions.



G4 Division, headed by a Polish Colonel, is responsible for all aspects of logistic planning, procedures and policy guidelines, also in terms of MNC NE training and exercise activities.

Logistic Operations Branch (LOG OPS) is responsible for defining requirements for logistic support, short- and medium-term planning as well as the refinement and execution of logistic support concepts.

Logistic Planning Branch (LOG PLANS) mainly focuses on long-term planning logistics, including the deployment and coordination of logistic plans and policies with integration of movement and medical aspects. The branch deals with support in the Corps and Joint Rear Area.

Movement & Transportation Branch (M&T) coordinates all surface and air movement and transportation matters including short-, medium- and long-term planning and operations. The branch is also responsible for conceptual and practical deployment and redeployment of MNC NE personnel during missions. The branch remains in regular contact with NATO and national transportation authorities, both military and civilian.

Medical Branch (MED) in G4 plays a vital in medical planning, monitoring and coordinating all medical issues and disseminates information on medical organization, equipment, doctrine and procedures. It also renders the first contact of medical treatment for HQ MNC NE personnel.

Headquarters Staff Support Branch (HQ ST SPT) coordinates all aspects of infrastructure management, maintenance and renovation works as well as the provision of non-IT equipment. The branch also deals with transportation issues, such as duty travels or transportation requirements.



G5 Division, headed by a Danish Colonel, develops and coordinates the overall policies, plans, leadership related issues, rules of engagement, concepts and structure of MNC NE, enhances the Operational Planning Processes of MNC NE training events, and manages lines of communication between the Corps and its supervisory body, representing the Framework Nations – the Corps Committee.

Plans Branch is responsible for the development and coordination of operation plans for Article 5 Operations and Non-Article 5 Crisis Response Operations as well as operational plans for any mission preparation of MNC NE. This branch also contributes to the preparation and conduct of MNC NE exercises, study periods and seminars.

Policy Branch spearheads the conceptual development and co-ordination of overall policies, doctrine, and structure of MNC NE; executes the relationship between MNC NE and its twelve member nations, and manages all matters related to the Corps Committee. In addition, the branch deals with issues related to Rules of Engagement and Joint Military Commissions.

Strategic Communications Support Branch (STRATCOM SPT) advises the Corps leadership on all aspects of information related activities, ensures coordinated and synchronized

communications efforts - both internally and externally, and supports following comprehensive approach to operations.



G6 Division, headed by a German Colonel, ensures efficient internal and external communication within the Headquarters by means of providing communications and information systems (CIS) and information and communications services (ICS).

CIS Plans Branch is responsible for the overall CIS planning process within the HQ related to the peacetime establishment as well as exercise and mission preparation and execution processes.

CIS Operations Branch's (CIS OPS) domain comprises all CIS matters within HQ MNC NE, including running information systems, installing new components and training HQ MNC NE staff personnel in new systems.

On behalf of the MNC NE Commander and within its functional capacity, G6 Division is also the tasking authority for Command Support Brigade which provides external support to HQ during exercises and missions.



G7 Division, currently headed by a German Lieutenant Colonel, develops the overall MNC NE Training & Exercise policy and directives being, in particular, responsible for planning, synchronizing and preparing MNC NE major training activities, including planning and

conducting mission preparation training and the related evaluation process.

Training Branch (TRG) develops, coordinates and evaluates the policy and directives lying behind all MNC NE training events, including mission preparation training and internal training events. It also plans, executes and evaluates training for affiliated troops as well as coordinates mutual training support with sister HQs and other NATO agencies.

Exercise Branch (EX) develops and validates the HQ MNC NE Exercise Concept being responsible for planning, preparing and executing HQ MNC NE exercises. It also coordinates the simulation support for exercises and contributes to the planning process of HQ MNC NE participation in other exercises.

Improvement Branch (IMPR) coordinates and supports Lessons Identified and Learned as well as the Exercise Evaluation process. It also contributes to the development of training objectives and supports the Main Event and Main Incident List in the preparation process of MNC NE exercises.



G8 Division, headed by a Polish Colonel, is responsible for planning, preparation, execution and statement of the annual budget and budgets for special employment. G8 Division maintains financial control of expenditures according to the current NATO regulations and recommendations of the Framework Nations and Participating States.

Budget Branch develops plans and programmes to accomplish the programming and budgeting functions of HQ MNC NE. This includes the preparation and coordination of staff actions leading to timely and accurate budget estimates and their subsequent adjustments. The branch generates plans of action to fulfill the execution of budgets in close coordination with the Fiscal Branch, including the allocation of funds.

Fiscal Branch supervises the execution and statement of specific operations within the annual budget. This involves setting up and keeping of treasury and fiscal accounts as well as proper

recording in the accounting system. The branch produces analyses and provides information required in support of the annual financial statement.

Contracting Branch controls and coordinates the contracting resources within HQ MNC NE and provides advice to the staff on contracting procedures. It manages contracting activities and monitors the ensuing contracts according to the regulations. It also performs internal control function by conducting internal audits in various cells of the HQ.



G9 Division, currently headed by a German Lieutenant Colonel, develops, plans and coordinates all issues related to civil-military cooperation (CIMIC) as well as the Headquarters' contribution to a comprehensive approach involving civil actors.

Plans/Operations Branch (PLANS/OPS) develops concepts and procedures with regard to the CIMIC planning process, plans CIMIC activities and contributes to the operational planning with regard to mission preparation and exercises.

Liaison Branch establishes and maintains close relations to International Organizations, Non-governmental Organizations, Governmental Organizations and other civil actors with regard to mission preparation and exercises. It supports the leadership engagement and synchronized communications processes.