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European and U.S. Noncommissioned Officers hold third annual professional development summit

HEIDELBERG, Germany— The Polish Land Forces along with U.S. Army, Europe will host senior noncommissioned officers from 40 European nations during the third annual Conference of European Armies for Noncommissioned Officers in Lagow, Poland, starting May 11.

The conference is cohosted by Polish Sergeant Major of the Army, Sgt. Maj. Mariusz Piwonski, and U.S. Army Europe's senior noncommissioned officer, Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph Beam. The event is one of USAREUR's premier theater security cooperation events and brings together representatives of ground forces from across Europe, Eurasia and North America.

The purpose of the conference is "to engage noncommissioned officers of European and Eurasian ground forces in sharing techniques and procedures to grow and expand our nations' capabilities, which – in turn -- further enhances our respective armies' goals and NCO corps' capacities," Beam explained.

Attendees generally hold top positions in their nations' land forces. The conference allows for discussion on matters of mutual interest and the opportunity to establish and maintain personal relationships between counterparts.

This year's event includes group discussions on key issues concerning the further development of a professional NCO Corps, as well as a training demonstration and field lunch presented by members of the Polish Land Forces. The participants will also embark on a terrain walk along the Miedzyrzecz Reinforced Region, a 30-kilometer labyrinth of bunkers and tunnels built by the Germans before and during World War II.

For more information on attending, please contact Sgt. Maj. Lisa Hunter at lisa.hunter@eur.army.mil or 06221 57 8831 or 0162 271 5805.

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Registration and accreditation:

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