



# CC-Air Ramstein

Allied Air Component Command Headquarters Ramstein

Public Information Office



## Press Release

### CC-Air HQ Ramstein hosts JAPCC Conference



**Ramstein (ang).** The Joint Airpower Competence Centre (JAPCC), based at Kalkar on the Rhine river in the Northwest of Germany, was hosted by Allied Air Component Command Headquarters Ramstein to conduct its AIR FORUM, which is regularly held twice a year. The subject of the spring forum was the so-called “Unmanned Aircraft Systems” (UAS) also known as “Unmanned Aerial Vehicles” (UAV).

CC-Air Ramstein’s Commander, General William T. Hobbins, welcomed the guests and invited them to come up with future scenarios for UAS/UAV. Consequently, the JAPCC Director, Lieutenant General Hans Joachim Schubert, also named the goal of the conference: “The challenge is to identify ways and procedures for how to improve on NATO’s option for the future use of UAS/UAV.” The forum’s audience was comprised of almost 50 representatives from different areas and levels of NATO and the industry, but also of countries where the military already has had some experience with UAS/UAV, e.g. the United States, Germany or Israel.

The conference focused on four main aspects under which the use of UAS/UAV has to be considered: airspace management, evolution of forces and structures, command and control capability as well as interoperability, i.e. the interaction with other (weapon) systems. The results found during the forum will be combined to form a proposal for the further evolution of Air Power and potential operational options for the Alliance. The proposal will be tabled during the NATO Air Power Conference at Kleve near Kalkar this fall.



Picture 1 shows the participants of the JAPCC Air Forum in front of the HQ’s main entrance.

Picture 2 shows the attending Generals, from left: LtGen Hans Joachim Schubert (JAPCC), LtGen Horst Martin (CC-AIR HQ Ramstein), from backside: MajGen Davis Clary (CC-AIR HQ Izmir), General William T. Hobbins (CC-AIR HQ Ramstein) and BrigGen Elia Baldazzi (JAPCC).

EDITORIAL STAFF:

CC-Air HQ Ramstein, Public Information Office  
Ramstein Air Base , Bldg 313  
66877 Ramstein – Miesenbach  
[www.airramstein.nato.int](http://www.airramstein.nato.int)

Tel.: 06371/402060 or 402063  
Fax: 06371/401093  
e-mail: [pio@airnorth.nato.int](mailto:pio@airnorth.nato.int)