



CC-Air Ramstein

Allied Air Component Command Headquarters Ramstein

Public Information Office



Press Release

NATO CAOC Commanders Conference held in Warsaw



Warsaw/Ramstein (ang). The Commanders of NATO's European Combined Air Operation Centres (CAOCs) met in Warsaw, Poland, this May for their annual conference. Almost 40 general officers from the two European regions attended the meeting in the Polish Capital to discuss current programmes and developments. In addition to the busy two-day schedule there were many formal and informal meetings offering an opportunity to exchange views and experiences

away from a tight official protocol.

The Headquarters at Ramstein, Germany, and Izmir, Turkey, are each in charge of Europe's two air components in, and five CAOCs each report to the Air Commanders General Hobbins at Ramstein and Lieutenant General Moorhead III at Izmir, respectively.

The official conference programme reflected a wide range of topics, with the focus on Air Policing matters. The commanders took a special interest in the Air Policing situation in the Baltic States, particularly with regard to the pending NATO Summit in Riga, Latvia. Other issues included the NATO Response Force (NRF) – specifically, intensive discussions dealt with the manning of this NATO force – and the expansion of the ISAF mission to the south and south-east of Afghanistan, which holds some challenges for NATO's armed forces and of course the member nations.



The agenda also covered aspects of further technical development such as "status of the CAOCs' modernisation measures" and issues like "Unmanned Aircraft Systems" (UAS) or "Unmanned Aerial Vehicles" (UAV). Several official and unofficial occasions to meet with highest-level representatives of the Polish Air Force completed the conference schedule.

EDITORIAL STAFF:

CC-Air HQ Ramstein, Public Information Office
Ramstein Air Base , Bldg 313
66877 Ramstein – Miesenbach
www.airramstein.nato.int

Tel.: 06371/402060 or 402063
Fax: 06371/401093
e-mail: pio@airnorth.nato.int