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SACEUR's first visit to CC-Air HQ Ramstein



Upon arrival SACEUR (middle) was greeted by Air Marshal Walker (right) Deputy Commander CC-Air Ramstein with General Brady watching on.

Ramstein, 10 November. Admiral James Stavridis, USA Navy, visited Allied Air Component Command Headquarters Ramstein first time since he took over as Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) in June this year.

The NATO Air Commander, General Roger A. Brady, U.S. Air Force, welcomed Admiral Stavridis at Ramstein Air Base in the morning for a brief first visit at the Alliance's northern air headquarters.

After the conclusion of the NATO Honour Guard welcome ceremony, Admiral Stavridis conducted a meeting in the Air Headquarters to discuss NATO and U.S. Air Force related topics with executive staff from both headquarters.

Before departing, Admiral Stavridis expressed his gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of this visit.

"I thoroughly appreciated my first visit to NATO's Air Component Command in Ramstein today," said the admiral, "I am pleased to see how the air headquarters works Alliance air power on a day-to-day basis at this U.S. Air Force Base in Germany. I had fascinating talks with General Brady, who is dual-hatted as senior U.S. airman in Europe and Alliance air commander north of the Alps. I appreciate this opportunity to see the good cooperation between the U.S. and NATO air forces who work hand in hand here."

The Supreme Allied Commander Europe is one of the two strategic commanders for NATO and the commanding officer of Allied Command Operations (ACO). He is responsible to the Alliance's Military Committee, the highest military authority in NATO, for the overall direction and conduct of military operations for NATO. SACEUR, a United States Flag or General officer, leads all NATO military operations and is dual-hatted as Commander U.S. European Command. His command is exercised from the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) at Casteau near Mons, Belgium. SACEUR commands military operations and conducts military planning, including the identification and requesting of forces required for the full range of Alliance missions, which include the promotion of stability, contribution to crisis management and provision for effective defence. He makes recommendations to NATO's political and military authorities. SACEUR has direct access to national Chiefs of Staff and may communicate with appropriate national authorities, as necessary, to facilitate the accomplishment of his missions.



General Brady, Admiral Stavridis and Air Marshal Walker (from left to right) during the Honour Guard Ceremony.

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