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German Air Force thanks General Roger A. Brady

Ramstein, 13 January. Overseen by Lieutenant General Aarne Kreuzinger-Janik, Chief of the German Air Force Staff, a reception and special military ceremony took place at Bonn in the evening of 12 January to express the Luftwaffe's appreciation for General Roger A. Brady, Commander Allied Air Component Command Ramstein.

Lieutenant General Kreuzinger-Janik, who did not yet want to bid farewell to General Brady, thanked the Four-Star-General for his leadership and friendship. "As a NATO commander you have placed a special focus on Afghanistan and ISAF, responsive to the need for better Air-Land integration and pushed the standardisation of training and operations of Joint Terminal Attack Controllers across the Alliance," said the Bundeswehr Air Chief. He also praised General Brady's commitment to Airpower in the Baltic and the major Air command and control restructuring within his area of functional responsibility.

General Brady arrived at NATO's Air Component Command at Ramstein in January 2008 from an assignment as Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at the U.S. Air Force Headquarters, Washington, D.C. In addition to being the Alliance's senior airman in the north, the general has also served as Commander U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein, and Director Joint Air Power Competence Centre, Kalkar. In the spring of 2010, General Brady will leave Germany and retire from active duty.

Originally, a grand tattoo - traditionally known as "Großer Zapfenstreich" - had been scheduled. However, due to inclement weather it was replaced by a serenade in the foyer of the Guest Casino at the Federal Ministry of Defence. The ceremony was attended by several guests of honor. From the local Palatinate area the Mayor of Kaiserslautern, Mrs. Wimmer-Leonhardt, the Mayor of Ramstein-Miesenbach, Mr. Klaus Layes, the President of the Zweibrücken Higher Regional Court, Mr. Willi Kestel, as well as the Head of the Westpfalz Police Headquarters, Chief of Police Wolfgang Erfurt witnessed the special ceremony and demonstrated their solidarity and good relationship to the NATO community in the Palatinate.

"This great honor represents the excellent cooperation that has always existed between the Luftwaffe and both the NATO Command Structure and Allies like the United States," said General Brady, "I am privileged to serve in this capacity and have the opportunity to work side-by-side with outstanding airmen like General Kreuzinger-Janik. I look forward to establishing even stronger bonds with German forces as we all move forward creating a more secure Europe."

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Listening to the US National Anthem: General Roger Brady and his wife Litha, Mrs. and Lieutenant-General Kreuzinger-Janik (from left) and guests in the foyer of the Guest Casino at the Federal Ministry of Defence.
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Note to editors:

Please send an email to airn.pao@airn.nato.int to receive high-resolution pictures and a biography of General Brady.

Further information about the “Großer Zapfenstreich” is offered at the German Ministry of Defence webpage, where a PDF brochure with information in German, English and French can be downloaded.

<http://www.bundeswehr.de/fileserving/Der+Grosse+Zapfenstreich.pdf> DEU ENG FRA.