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**SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER EUROPE
COMMANDER, U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND
SHAPE, BELGIUM**



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Dear Lieutenant General Merilo,

Andrus

On behalf of the men and women of Allied Command Operations and U.S. European Command, I extend my warmest congratulations to you as you celebrate the 108th Anniversary of the Republic of Estonia.

I deeply appreciate your commitment to our Alliance and to the NATO operations, missions and activities. It remains an honor to stand with you and the Estonian Defence Forces.

Thank you for your leadership and for all the Republic of Estonia does to sustain peace in the Euro-Atlantic.

Sincerely,

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