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Dear Martin Herem
Dear General Martin Herem,

It is said that Spring can be a time of new beginnings and change, therefore, on behalf of the Latvian National Armed Forces, I would like to enrich our already active partnership by bringing together Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia for the Honor Guard Cooperation Program.

This program intends to promote the exchange of cultures, traditions, and military experience of each respective country's Honor Guard which in turn will cultivate cross-cultural understanding, military solidarity, and recruitment. This program will also bring forth a concordance across all partners and soldiers of the consequential and prestigious role that the honor guard plays in each of our Unit's and country's stateliness at home and abroad. I introduce this partnership not just to afford unique experiences, but with an aspiration that this program will affect change in recruitment tendencies and prospective soldiers to choose a military career as an honor guard.

During the week of September 9th of this year, we will be hosting the first exchange visit of the Honor Guard Cooperation Program, therefore, we would like to invite you for a two-day stay in Latvia. During your stay, you will be able to attend the very first official initiation of the State Defense Service soldiers into the ranks of NAF Joint Headquarters Battalion Honor Guard Company, a forum on the Honor Guard Cooperation Program's upcoming plans, and ascertain this Unit's history, traditions and every-day life.

We ask that you confirm your participation by contacting the Program's point of contact NAF Joint Headquarters Battalion Honor Guard Company's Commander Captain Kaspars Kukša (kaspars.kuksa@mil.lv; +371 26451679) no later than May 1, 2024. Upon confirmation, please provide a point of contact in order to better coordinate your visit. Additional information regarding the Program will be sent out to each respective point of contact at a later date.

Once again, we are honored to welcome you to Latvia and to augment our cooperation.

Lieutenant General Leonīds Kalniņš

General Martin Herem,
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Estonia