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Lago Patria (Naples), Italy

Lieutenant General Andrus Merilo
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Dear Lieutenant General Andrus Merilo

ESTONIAN NATIONAL DAY - 24 FEBRUARY 2026

On behalf of all the military and civilian personnel of Allied Joint Force Command Naples, please accept my best wishes to you, your staff, and your Armed Forces on your Independence Day. The anniversary of 24 February 1918 stands as a powerful reminder of your unwavering commitment to freedom, sovereignty, and democratic values.

The Estonian Armed Forces have contributed with distinction to NATO missions and you continue to demonstrate leadership and commitment to our collective defence.

On this important national holiday, I extend my sincere congratulations and deep respect to you and to all Estonian military personnel. I wish you continued success in your role and extend heartfelt gratitude to all who serve in defense of Estonia's independence.

Palju õnne Vabariigi aastapäeva puhul.

Yours sincerely,

G. M. WIKOFF
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