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Dear Martin

Dear General Martin Herem,

Fierce fighting took place around Cēsis in June 1919, when the Latvian War of the Independence was fought for Latvia's right to exist. The turning point of the war occurred on the front-line of Northern Latvia near Cēsis when Latvian and Estonian troops defeated the Landwehr army.

This year the 105th anniversary of decisive victory over the Landeswehr and the Iron Division in Cēsis will spread particularly wide by highlighting the joint responsibility, involvement and protection of our values not only through the prism of the past, but through that of present-day regional challenges and future endeavours.

In appreciation of our close bilateral cooperation and friendship, I would like to invite a group of standard - bearers and unit (consists of 26 soldiers) from the Estonian Defence Forces to participate in the military parade in Cēsis on June 22, 2024.

The point of contact for this event will be Major Vendija Stāmere, chief of the Protocol and Ceremony's branch of JHQ of Latvian National Armed Forces (phone: +371 20208417, e-mail: vendija.stamere@mil.lv).

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration and I am looking forward to seeing soldiers from Estonia marching in parade in Cēsis.

Lieutenant General Leonīds Kalniņš

**General Martin Herem
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