



MÜNSTER - Brigadegeneraal Theo Ent – tot voor kort chef-staf van I (German/Netherlands) Corps – heeft op woensdag 12 januari namens de Duitse minister van Defensie Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg het *Ehrenkreuz der Bundeswehr in Gold* ontvangen.



Het glimmende blijk van waardering voor bijzondere verdiensten tijdens zijn drie werkperiodes/functies voor het multinationale korpshoofdkwartier werd hem opgespeld door de plaatsvervangend commandant van I (German/Netherlands) Corps, generaal-majoor Werner Kullack. Kullack verklaarde dat Ent het eremetaal onder andere verdient wegens zijn inzet ten behoeve van de goede samenwerking tussen verschillende nationaliteiten en hun families. Kullack gaf aan dat de rustige, humoristische Ent veel heeft betekend voor het Duitse leger.

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EHRENKREUZ DER BUNDESWEHR IN GOLD

Brigadier Theo Ent is a member of the Dutch army since 1976 and is currently employed as Chief of Staff of the multinational HQ of I (GE/NL) Corps.

Between January 1995 and July 1997 he was for the first time posted as Military Assistant (MA) of the Chief of Staff to the then binational I (GE/NL) Corps and subsequently held the post of commander of the binational DEU/NLD Command Support Brigade in Eibergen. In April 2008 Brigadier Ent returned once again to the now multinational headquarters of I (GE/NL) Corps and took over the tasks as chief of staff.

During his first assignment in Münster the amalgamation of the I (DEU) and I (NLD) Corps to the common I (GE/NL) Corps took place. During the difficult integration phase of the two nations towards a joint activity the at that time Lieutenant Colonel Ent showed enormous energy and great commitment and made a decisive contribution to the successful achievement of the envisaged objectives.

Also during his subsequent assignment as commander of the command support brigade his main emphasis was on the successful integration of both nations in this new joint element. He commanded the soldiers with just the right feel and, furthermore,

looked after the integration of the families with just the right amount of care.

During his present assignment Brigadier Ent commands the staff of a multinational corps with 12 participating nations. With great personal commitment he successfully realised the deployment of large parts of the HQ to HQ ISAF in Kabul in 2009 as well as the execution of the ambitious exercise NOBLE SWORD in 2010. The staff could demonstrate especially with the very good accomplishment of the "ISAF" operational task that Brigadier Ent had excellently prepared the staff in technical, procedural, but also in physical and psychological respect in such a way that all members of the HQ were highly motivated and finally returned satisfied from the mission.

With his calm, humorous kind Brigadier Ent is an officer who actively and intensively has done great service to the strengthening of the bonds between the members of the different nations and especially with regard to the German members of the headquarters. With his efforts towards the co-operation of the nations and his formal performance has rendered outstanding services to the Federal Armed Forces of Germany.

*Signed: Bundesminister der Verteidigung
Dr. Karl-Theodor Freiherr von und zu Guttenberg*



De zojuist gedecoreerde bgen Theo Ent en genm Werner Kullack