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Polish NATO Commander promotes American Lieutenant, Alliance

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BYDGOSZCZ, Poland – A first lieutenant serving with the Kaiserslautern-based 16th Sustainment Brigade, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, was promoted to captain by a NATO Polish Army colonel in a unique multinational promotion ceremony held outside of the NATO Force Integration Unit Headquarters Building here May 6.

Polish Army Col. Arthur Bogowicz, NFIU Poland commander, promoted 1st Lt. Briana Bailey, the executive officer of the 5th Quartermaster Theater Aerial Delivery Company, 39th Transportation Company, during a ceremony that illustrated the personal dimensions of the alliance.

"I am honored to share this step with my new NFIU Poland friends from whom I've received support and professional development by working in this international environment," said Bailey. "It's inspiring to see so many countries working together towards the same goal."

Bailey and Maj. Samuel Eskew, the 16th Special Troops Battalion executive officer, who administered her oath of office, have been embedded with NFIU Poland since January.

“As a lieutenant, I never imagined that I would be able to see firsthand the strategic impacts that individuals make in strengthening the alliance and building a ‘Strong Europe,’” said Bailey. “This experience has given me the resources to be a better leader and operate in a multinational environment.”

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Each of these NIFUs has about 40 personnel, including a major and a lieutenant from the 16th Sust. Bde.

“As a lieutenant in 1996, I was able to attend a U.S. Army lieutenant’s promotion in the states,” said Bogowicz. “I am happy that now it has come full circle and I had the opportunity to promote this U.S. Army lieutenant here in Poland.”

As a junior leader, Bailey conducted joint assessments with NFIU logistics planners of Poland’s major reception and staging infrastructure.



BYDGOSZCZ, Poland – U.S. Army Capt. Briana Bailey salutes Polish Army Col. Arthur Bogowicz, NATO Force Integration Unit Poland commander, after he promoted her outside of the NATO Force Integration Unit Headquarters Building here April 6. NATO established six NIFUs following the 2014 Wales Summit, a meeting of the NATO heads of state. Each of these NIFUs has about 40 personnel, including a major and lieutenant from the 16th Sustainment Brigade, 21st Theater Sustainment Command. (Photo by Polish Warrant Officer Piotr Bartniak, NFIU Poland)



BYDGOSZCZ, Poland – Maj. Samuel Eskew administers the oath of office to newly promoted Capt. Briana Bailey outside of the NATO Force Integration Unit Headquarters Building here April 6. NATO established six NIFUs following the 2014 Wales Summit, a meeting of the NATO heads of state. Each of these NIFUs has about 40 personnel, including a major and lieutenant

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