

# THE XIX<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE LEADERSHIP OF REPRESENTATIVE ORGANIZATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS, RESERVISTS AND MILITARY PENSIONERS OF THE VISEGRAD GROUP COUNTRIES



## JOINT STATEMENT

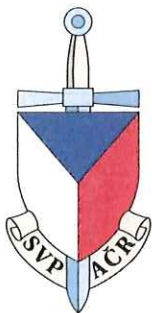
Bearing in mind their statute obligations, their role in the armed forces and the conclusions of their XIX<sup>th</sup> meeting, the leadership of representative organizations of professional soldiers, reservists and military pensioners of Visegrad Group Countries, state as follows:

We unanimously agree, that contemporary threats concerning Central Europe Countries, such as the unstable tense situation in international relations, information of escalating terror attacks in Western Europe Countries and of uncontrollable migration demand an increased engagement of security institutions. Those factors affect the future structures of the armed forces.

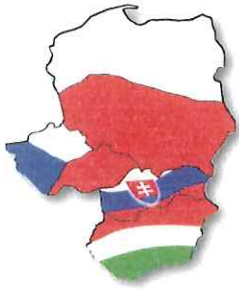
Therefore we would like to point out that facing these challenges require a parallel investment in the social care as well as the economic situation of professional soldiers, reservists and military pensioners, who are an integral part of national communities and European commonwealth.

One of the primary elements of the social care is an adequate salary, as an equivalent to the sacrifices and efforts related to soldiers military service. Long-term separation from families, unregulated duty time and limitations of the civil rights and freedoms cause that soldiers – citizens in uniform – require special care from states governments. Therefore it is essential that every professional soldier, reservist and military pensioner in the Visegrad Group Countries has a conviction of a strong representation, which protects his European social care standards. Taking this into consideration, we appeal to the states authorities to permanently keep in mind all needs of professional soldiers, reservists and military pensioners.

Representatives of Honvédszakszervezet from Hungary, Svaz vojáků z povolání Armády České republiky from the Czech Republic, Zväz vojakov Slovenskej republiky from the Slovak Republic and Konwent Dziekanów Korpusu Oficerów Zawodowych from the Republic of Poland met on 3 to 6 October 2017 in Poland on their XIX<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Leadership of Representative Organizations of Professional (active) Soldiers, Reservists and Military Pensioners of the Visegrad Group Countries. Also representatives of Latviesku Strelnieku Apvieniba from Republic of Latvia and Kariu Teisiu Gynimo Centras from the Republic of Lithuania attended the meeting in the position of observers. The main topic of the XIX<sup>th</sup> Meeting, which took place in Warsaw and Dęblin was “The training of military personnel for the needs of the Armed Forces”.



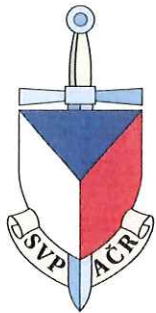
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Bearing in mind, that the efficiency of armed forces depends on the military education system and on permanent training, we reviewed and compared the systems existing in countries of the region. Technical modernization and maintaining the ability of cooperation in international environment are the inherent elements of that process.



The training of members of the armed forces for present and future combat field challenges mean not only training of specialists. Its vital part is the creation of the morale stature, which is a guarantee of required behavior in the toughest moments of military service. Patriotism, discipline and sacrifice should be the basic attributes of soldiers ethics. Well prepared didactic and commanding staff should be responsible for spreading these values. Education programs should not be limited only to inside of gates of military schools, academies and military units. The values should also be applied during soldiers off - duty time. It is one of the most important role of the representative organizations to promote and protect these values.



The leaders of the representative organizations have also agreed that their next – jubilee XX<sup>th</sup> Meeting in 2018 will be held by the Hungarian Honvédszakszervezet Chairmanship. As a sign of approval, the undersigned representative of Honvédszakszervezet took over the presidency symbol in form of the mace.



The Joint Statement was written in English language in four copies, one for each mentioned above parties. All translation of this statement must be identical in content and the same.

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