

“When Tigers Gather”



The Rafale

NATO Tiger Meet 2018

The 2018 edition of the NATO *Tiger Meet* took place in Poland at the 31st tactical air base Poznań-Krzesiny during 14-25 May. Every year, the European ‘Tiger units’ send their aircraft to the *Tiger Meet* to intensively train together. This year, various CAMAO war scenarios were flown, simulated contemporary reality of war. Besides intensive training, the NATO *Tiger Meet* also concerns the social aspects of the annual meeting, intention being to bring the audience and the participating units closer to each other.

The Tiger Meet history

The origin of the NATO *Tiger Meet* dates back to the beginning of the 1960s when the 79th Tactical Fighter Squadron of the USAF and No.74 Squadron of the RAF became involved in a joint training operation. More than a year later, a new tradition was born to bring squadrons together in a meeting with the *Tiger* as their

squadron emblem. These meetings were so successful that the American Mike Dugan (in those days a Lieutenant, ending his USAF career as a 4 star General) set up the *NATO Tiger Association (NTA)*.

Hosting the Tiger Meet

Colonel Rafał Zadencki has been commander of the 31st Tactical Air Base in Poznań since June 2017. The 6.elt (6th Squadron) is based at Poznan-Krzesiny and operates



Eurofighter Typhoon