



Air Force

PATRON OF THE 43rd NORDIC MILITARY AERONAUTICAL PENTATHLON CHAMPIONSHIP

In the capacity of the Patron of the Championship it is my privilege to extend a warm and sincere welcome to you all - the Chiefs of Missions, athletes, Team Captains and coaches - to Finland, Tikkakoski and the Finnish Air Force Academy. Enjoy one of the best times of the year to visit our country when the nature rushingly blooms to take advantage of our short but light-filled summer.

The Finnish Air Force is proud and honoured not only to organize this sports event of a high profile but also to host all the competition teams representing Brazil, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and, of course, Finland.



The Finnish Air Force has several international projects going on, just like other Air Forces around the world. Multinational cooperation - also in the form of sports - contributes to make Air Forces more and more congruent with each other thus facilitating combined operations.

While attending to our daily service we should not forget the meaning of the basic skills of soldiers which enable them to perform their tasks well. To be a professional airman, a good physical condition combined with highly developed mental fitness is essential. Military aeronautical pentathlon is one of the few sports which is based on a pure military background and has been developed especially for air force personnel. Let's be proud of our own sport.

May the best athletes find their places at the podium on the 26th of May. Competitors, I wish you the best success in your performances. Organizers, who make this success possible, I wish you good luck in your duties.

Friendship through sport!

Patron of the Championship

Major General **Kim Jäämeri**
Commander of the Finnish Air Force

