



H.E. Mrs Melissa Foelsch Wells

Your Excellency,

Ambassador Wells, Your sincere interest in Estonian defence forces and contribution to its development has been outstanding.

Your Excellency has done indispensable work to enhance the co-operation and partnership between the defence forces of the United States and Estonian. Your diligent work, knowledge and commitment has helped us enormously.

The United States have displayed a good deal of good will to our country. Estonia has received substantial aid and assistance in very different fields from your country. The United States has provided us with material aid and good advice. The recent visit and recommendations of the United States assessment team has been greatly appreciated by Estonian Defence Forces.

Joint exercise Cornerstone taking place last year was an excellent example of our countries' remarkably good working relationship. Estonian and American soldiers trained side by side, we gained a lot from your experiences and hopefully we were able to teach something to our American counterparts.

Your Excellency, we wish you all the best for your future and we hope you will not forget your roots in Estonia, and perhaps one day you might decide to come to Estonia to stay.

I am most honoured to award you this Cross of Merit.

Tarmo Kõuts

Rear Admiral Tarmo Kõuts

