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**UNITED STATES EUROPEAN COMMAND
DEPUTY COMMANDER GENERAL WALD TO VISIT AZERBAIJAN**

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The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce that Gen. Charles "Chuck" Wald will visit Azerbaijan on November 20th and 21st. Deputy Commander of the Headquarters of the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, General Wald intends to visit Azerbaijani military facilities, meet with senior members of the security ministries and other key government officials during his visit.

Prior to assuming his current position, General Wald commanded the 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces, at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina. He has also served as Chief of the U.S. Air Force Combat Terrorism Center, Assistant Executive Officer for the Air Force Chief of Staff, Director of Operations, and the U.S. Senior National Representative of Headquarters Allied Air Forces in Central Europe.

General Wald commanded the 31st Fighter Wing at Aviano Air Base, Italy, and served as Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff for National Defense Review. He was the Director of Strategic Planning and Policy at Headquarters U.S. Air Force, and served on the Joint Staff as the Vice Director for Strategic Plans and Policy. General Wald is a command pilot with more than 3,200 flying hours, including more than 450 combat hours over Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Iraq and Bosnia.