

Dear General,

having in mind the exceptional relations between our armed forces, I wish to invite a military team from your esteemed armed forces to participate in the International Winter Survival Championship of the Czech Armed Forces 2026. This traditional endurance competition will take place in the Hruby Jeseník Mountains, Czech Republic, from 25 till 30 January 2026.

The international event Winter Survival 2026 is hosted by the General Staff of the Czech Armed Forces and organised and arranged by the University of Defence. With respect to the extremely demanding and difficult activities included in the competition, it is necessary and vital for the participants to have extensive experience with open-air survival in the mountains in the winter season, to be able to execute military level skills in rope climbing, mountaineering, using ski equipment, staying outdoors overnight without tents etc. By sending the entry form, the team declares all team members are physically fit for the extreme competition and in possession of the complete mandatory and optional equipment.

Due to organisational reasons, the total number of participating teams is limited. Therefore, the organiser reserves the right of accepting or denying a team to/from the competition based on the entry forms on the "first come, first served" basis, preferably one team per country. The decision will be communicated to the point of contact mentioned in the Initial Entry form. The essential technical and organisation information on the Winter Survival 2026 event may be found in the enclosed document or on the competition website: <https://edu.unob.cz/wintersurvival-en/>.

To express the intention of sending representatives of your forces to participate in the Winter Survival 2026 international championship, you are kindly asked to use the included Initial Entry Form and answer not later than 30 September 2025. I look forward to seeing your armed forces' representatives in the endurance competition.

Sincerely,