

The Institute of Polish Military History (IPMH)



The Vision

In order to build on the momentum generated over the last 7 years by the PHS (UK) Military History conferences, a new Institute of Polish Military History will be established.

1. The Institute of the Polish Military History (Niezależny Instytut Historii Polskiej Wojskowości) be established in London in 2020.
2. The Institute is part of the Polish Heritage Society (UK) which is registered as a charity.
It will be associated with other relevant organisations.
3. The Institute will offer the following:
 - a. annual conferences based on the model so effectively pioneered by the Polish Heritage Society (UK);
 - b. regular lectures and courses, some of them on-line, on aspects of Polish military history;
 - c. a one-year part-time graduate diploma based on course work and a dissertation.
4. All lectures and courses to be delivered in English.
5. Dissertations to be written in English.
6. Conferences and lectures will be open to members of the public.
7. The Diploma course will be open to graduates of all ages and disciplines with a sound command of English.
8. Diploma students will pay fees comparable to those charged by PUNO.
9. Scholarships/financial aid may be available.

A message from our President,
Field Marshal The Lord Guthrie of
Craigiebank GCB LVO OBE



I am delighted to be associated with the work of the Polish Heritage Society (UK) and very honoured to serve as its President. The Society's work highlights the enormous contribution which generations of Poles have made to their adopted country. Preserving and celebrating that heritage will only further strengthen the ties between Poland and the United Kingdom.

I worked closely with the Society on the project to build a memorial to the Polish Allied Forces at the National Memorial Arboretum and saw at first hand the energy and dedication of those involved.

I encourage you to explore our website and learn about the many other projects the society has sponsored. Do please contact us if you would like to get involved in any way.

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General Overview

1. In addition to classroom sessions, courses will be delivered through the website and other digital platforms.
2. The regular lectures and courses will cover:
 - a. a survey in English of the history of East & Central Europe;
 - b. a survey in English of Polish military history through the ages.
3. Visiting lecturers will provide specialist talks.
4. The diploma course will comprise the following elements:
 - a. a survey in English of the history of East Central Europe;
 - b. a survey in English of Polish military history through the ages;
 - c. a short course in English on research techniques and sources of information;
 - d. a dissertation in English of 15,000 to 20,000 words.
5. Lecturers may include:
Richard Ciagliński, John Drewienkiewicz CB, Jarek Garliński, Dr Paul Latawski, Dr Halik Kochanski, Justin Maciejewski DSO MBE, Eugenia Maresch, Roger Moorhouse, Professor Antony Polonsky, Mike Russell, Dr Andrzej Suchcitz, Dr Dermot Turing.

Proposed Course in Polish Military History (details subject to change)

1. Key stages in the history of Poland and the problems of Poland's geographical location.
2. Poland's wars against her neighbours: Teutons, Tartars, Prussians, Russians, Turks, Germans.
3. Important Polish battles before the 20th century: e.g. Grunwald/Tannenberg, Vienna, Chocim.
4. The Swedish wars.
5. The Polish Army during the Napoleonic Wars: The Peninsular War, Napoleon's Grande Armée.
6. Józef Piłsudski as war leader and the Russo-Polish War of 1919-1920.
7. The development of the Polish Army 1920-1939.
8. Breaking the German Enigma cipher machine.
9. The development of the Polish Navy.
10. The development of the Polish Air Force. Polish airmen in the RAF 1939-1946: the Battle of Britain, Bomber Command.
11. Important Polish military events during WWII: the 1939 Campaign, the Polish Underground State 1939-1945, the French and Norwegian Campaigns 1940, Tobruk, Arnhem, Monte Cassino.

12. Major Polish military units during WWII: The Polish Carpathian Rifle Brigade, The Polish 1st Independent Parachute Brigade, The Polish 1st Armoured Division, Polish Second Corps, the Polish Army on the Eastern Front.
13. The development of the Polish Section of S.O.E. and Poland's *'Silent and Unseen'*.
14. Polish guerrilla forces over the years: e.g. 1830, 1863, the Wielkopolska and Silesian risings, the AK.
15. The great *'forlorn hopes'*: the uprisings of 1830 and 1863, the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943, the Warsaw Uprising of 1944.
16. The great romantic tradition - Polish military history in painting and literature: Wojciech, Juliusz and Jerzy Kossak, Jan Chelmiński, Artur Grottger, Jan Matejko, Henryk Sienkiewicz, Józef Kraszewski, Teofil Lenartowicz, Władysław Reymont.
17. Other possible related courses or topics of interest: Polish Military Medical Support and Education during 1939-1945 and post 1945, the search for the Polish WWII submarine Orzeł.

PHS (UK) Military History Conferences



30+ Visiting Lecturers 2014-2020



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15th Poznań Uhlan Regiment (Polish: 15 Pułk Ułanów Poznańskich) re-enactment at Błonia in Kraków.





The Polish Heritage Society

Organisation of the Polish Heritage Society (PHS)

Objectives of PHS

The Polish Heritage Society of the United Kingdom was founded on 04 February 2011 with the following aims:

- To act as an advocate for the continuing strong and historical relationship between the two nations of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Poland.
- To ensure that those ministers, monuments, buildings and other marks of excellence and presence of the Polish people in the United Kingdom are recorded and their names remembered for posterity.
- To promote greater community awareness amongst present and future generations of United Kingdom citizens of Polish origin of the historical links between the two countries and the promotion of acts of gratitude and remembrance across the United Kingdom.
- To work with other Polish groups, associations and societies in the common interest of the maintenance and promotion of examples of Polish heritage in the United Kingdom acting as a constant reminder of why the Polish community is here.

Structure of PHS

The PHS is a not-for-profit society of volunteers drawn together to achieve the objects of the society.
 Polish Heritage Society (UK) Limited was incorporated as a limited liability company on 04 February 2011 (Registered Number 07527963, England and Wales) and was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission (Registered Number 11437791) on 17 September 2011.
 All positions are held on a voluntary and honorary basis.
 PHS activities are entirely dependent on the goodwill of volunteers whose efforts are supported by public donations from companies and private individuals.

And those who always wholeheartedly supported Polish Heritage Society UK in our heritage projects but sadly departed:



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Professor Norman Davies, Dr Andrzej Suchcitz (PISM/PUMST 1939-1945), Peter Devit (RAF Hendon), Dr Paul Latawski (Sandhurst), George Cholewczynski, Gen Mungo Melvin, Dr Halik Kochanski, Dr Andrzej Maczek, Dr Marek Stella-Sawicki, Maj Gen John Drewienkiewicz, Col Richard Ciaglinski, Dr Jeffrey Bines, Dr Bogdan Rowinski, Col Michael Russell (Aldershot), Eugenia Maresch (PUMST 1939-1945), Col Dr Juliusz Tym (National Defence Academy Warsaw), Dr Stephen Hart (Sandhurst), Dr Wojciech Rappak (PUNO), Dr Waldemar Grabowski (IPN), Dr Karol Sacewicz (IPN), Captain Mark Ponting (RAF), Jarosław Garlinski, Jerzy Scibor-Kaminski, Michal Mołga, Piotr Sikora, Anna Stefanicka (Piłsudski Institute London), Agnieszka Brissey (Piłsudski Institute New York), Roger Moorhouse, Dr Chris Mann (Sandhurst), Col Piotr Gastal (JW Grom)

Conference/Conference Proceedings Editorial Advisory Board:
 Dr Mark Stella-Sawicki, Dr Andrzej Suchcitz, Dr Paul Latawski, Chris Januszewski



Who We Are

- **The Polish Heritage Society (UK)** in the United Kingdom, in short PHS(UK) was formed to promote greater community awareness amongst present and future generations of United Kingdom citizens of the historical links between Poland and the United Kingdom
- Incorporated as a limited liability company on 04 February 2011 (Registered Number 07517923, England and Wales) and was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission (Registered Number 1143791) on 13 September 2011.

The Polish Heritage Society of the United Kingdom was founded in 2011 with the following original aims:

1. To act as an advocate for the continuing strong and historical relationship between the two nations of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Poland.
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Our Track Record

- Many major projects in London (9), Manchester (1), National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas (2) and in Poland (1) were completed on Time and Budget
- PHS (UK) delivered 7 International Military History Conferences (RCDS, BCMH, Polish Embassy)
- PHS has published comprehensive Military History Conference Proceedings (4)
- PHS has restored many historic graves in England, (e.g. Christine Granville, Johan Zuckertort)
- PHS has erected their grey-blue historic plaques linked to British and Polish Heritage
- PHS has organised the Polish Contingent at the Cenotaph Parade on Remembrance Sunday with the Royal British Legion (6), also briefing BBC
- MBE Award for the above 100% *Pro Publico Bono* Community Work in 2012

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National Service of Remembrance PHS UK 10 Years



On Sunday 10 November 2019, the National Service of Remembrance was held at the Cenotaph on Whitehall, London attended by PHS (UK) and Polish Veterans. Below, The National Memorial Arboretum 2009, Alrewas.





The Polish II Corps, 1943–1947, was a major operational unit of the Polish Armed Forces in the West during World War II. It was commanded by General Władysław Anders who fought with distinction in the Italian Campaign, in particular at the Battle of Monte Cassino. During three subsequent battles it suffered heavy losses in the final stage of the Battle of Monte Cassino.



The Polish war cemetery at Monte Cassino holds the graves of 1,072 Poles who died storming the bombed-out Benedictine abbey in May 1944, during the Battle of Monte Cassino.



17-18 May 1944, The Second Polish Corps took key German defensive positions at Monte Cassino, breaking the Hitler's Gustav Line and opened the way to Rome. It was replaced in the line by the U.S. 5th Army on 4 June. The 2nd Polish Corps paid a very heavy price for its victory: 923 dead, 2,931 injured and 345 missing in action of whom 251 were eventually retrieved.



General Władysław Anders (first from the left), General Jake Devers (US), General Oliver Leese (UK) and General Kazimierz Sosnkowski (Poland) during the 1944 Allied Italian campaign.



The three-part WWII spy story based on six remarkable stories 1939-1962. *The Remarkable Trilogy (RT)*. Below: Krystyna Skarbek (Christine Granville) S.O.E., PHS (UK) restored her and Andrew Kowerski's grave at Kensal Green in 2013. Maria Krystyna Janina Skarbek, OBE, GM, Croix de Guerre, also known as Christine Granville, was a Polish agent of the British Special Operations Executive (S.O.E.) during the Second World War. She became celebrated for her daring exploits in intelligence and irregular-warfare missions in Nazi-occupied Poland and France.



The grave of Krystyna Skarbek (Granville) S.O.E. was restored by PHS (UK) at Kensal Green Cemetery in 2013.





POLISH MILITARY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

June 20-21, 2014

It included a full assessment of 3 Polish Battlefield Generals (1939-1945), and The Battle of Britain performance of Polish Air Force 303 RAF Fighter Squadron



The role of senior Polish military commanders in the Allied effort during World War II was examined in depth at a conference in London, organised jointly by the British Commission for Military History and the Polish Heritage Society. Norman Davies, UNESCO Professor at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, was the keynote speaker at the event, which was supported by the Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum and the Embassy of the Republic of Poland. The conference specifically considered the contributions of three Polish generals and 303 Polish Squadron of the RAF - the most successful Allied air force unit during the Battle of Britain. The generals discussed were: General Władysław Anders, who commanded the 2nd Polish Corps in the battle for Monte Cassino during the Italian campaign; General Stanisław Maczek who commanded the Polish 1st Armoured Division in the Netherlands and Northern Germany; and General Stanisław Sosabowski who commanded the 1st Polish Parachute Brigade's in its attempt to cross of the river Rhine at Driel and Arnhem during Operation Market Garden.

Polish Heritage Society (UK) Conference Proceedings



Selected examples of the Conference Proceedings of the Military History Conferences 2014-2019, organised by the Polish Heritage Society (UK) in London. Combined attendance was in excess of 800.



Polish WWI Commanders, from the top left: Gen Władysław Anders (1882-1970), Premier IG Gen Władysław Sikorski (1882-1943), Gen Kazimierz Sosnkowski (1883-1965), Gen Stanisław Maczek (1892-1994), Gen Stanisław Sosnkowski (1887-1957), Vice Admiral Jerzy Świrski (1887-1958), Gen Stanisław Kopcański (1855-1926), Gen Tadeusz Bór Komorowski (1895-1946), Gen Stefan Grot-Rowicki (1895-1944).



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Since 2014 the Polish Heritage Society UK has organised the following Military History Conferences:

1. Polish Military Leadership in WWII (2014) together with BCMH at RCDS
2. The Polish Section of S.O.E. or “Cichociemni” (2016)
3. Major General Stanisław Maczek DSO, an Assessment of Leadership and Command 1938 - 1945 (2016)
4. The Polish Underground State during WWII (2017)
5. The Battle of Britain -The Polish Story (2017)
6. The Military Road to Polish Independence (2018)
7. Revisiting the September Campaign 1939 - 80 Years Later (2019)
8. Back in the Fight: **The Polish Armed Forces in Norway and France 1940** (10th October 2020)

Note: The above conferences were organised at the Polish Embassy in London, with the exception of the first two-day conference in 2014 which was jointly organised with British Commission for Military History (BCMh) and held at the Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS).

For more information please contact us by email: info@polishheritage.co.uk





Jaroslaw (Jarek) Garliński was born in London, England, and grew up bilingual in English and Polish. His father was noted historian and author Józef Garliński, a former prisoner at Auschwitz-Birkenau. His mother Eileen Short-Garlińska was one of only a few Britons who spent World War II in Warsaw. Both parents served in the Polish Underground Army during the war. Educated at the University of Nottingham, the University of Grenoble, and the School of Slavonic and East European Studies at the University of London, Garliński is fluent in English, French, Polish and Russian, with a distinguished career in education. Garliński is a member of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America and has been decorated by the Polish Ministry of Defence and the Association of Polish Knights of Malta UK for services to Polish culture.



Dr. Andrzej Sucheitz PhD., FRHist.S. Educated at Divine Mercy College Fawley Court, Forest Hill Comprehensive, he studied history at the University of London (School of Slavonic and East European Studies). Since 1983 Assistant Keeper and since 1989 Keeper of Archives of the Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum and the Polish Underground Movement (1939-1945) Study Trust. He has written extensively on Polish political and military history of the 20th century. Andrzej is the author, co-author, editor and co-editor of nearly 300 books and articles in Polish and English. He was a member of the Anglo-Polish Historical Committee concerning wartime co-operation between the two intelligence services. His English language publications include *“Poland’s contribution to War”* (1995, 1996, 2011). Co-editor and contributor to: E. R. Sword, *“The Diaries and Despatches of a Military Attaché in Warsaw 1939-1939”* (London 2001).



Dr. Paul Latawski is a Senior Lecturer in the War Studies Department, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. His interest areas cover the Central and Eastern Europe with particular emphasis on modern Poland. In addition his current research interests include: the Second World War with particular reference to the Normandy and Italian campaigns, the Polish Armed Forces in the West, Polish resistance to occupation 1939-45, urban operations, problems of coalition command, and the history of British Army doctrine. He has published extensively on these topics.

He is currently writing a history of 1st Polish Armoured Division operations in Normandy.



General (Retd.) John Drewienkiewicz (General DZ) CB was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1966 and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 1968, captain in 1972 major in 1978, lieutenant colonel in 1984 and colonel in 1988. Promotion to brigadier came on 31 December 1989, with seniority from 30 June 1989. Drewienkiewicz attained general officer rank with promotion to acting major general on 15 December 1994 and was appointed Engineer in Chief (Army). He was granted the substantive rank of major general on 25 April 1995 with seniority from 1 July 1994. He was appointed to the NATO role of Director of Support at Joint Force Command Brunssum on 28 July 1995 and to the honorary role of Colonel Commandant, Corps of Royal Engineers in 1997. In 1998 he served as military assistant to the High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina and was appointed Companion of the Order of the Bath.



Colonel (Retd.) Richard Ciagliński BA MEd. Graduated from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and served with the Adjutant Generals Corps. Knowledge of Slavonic languages and interest in defence intelligence resulted in appointments to British embassies in Poland and Bulgaria as a Military /Defence Attache. In 1998/9 was attached to the Kosovo Verification Mission where he was awarded a Mention in Despatches and subsequently testified against Slobodan Milosevic at The Hague. In retirement was seconded by the FCO to Darfur as the EU representative of the Ceasefire Commission and to Georgia with the EU Military Monitoring Mission. Colonel Richard Ciagliński is a member of the British Commission for Military History, BCMH, and an active supporter of the Polish Heritage Society (UK).



Sir John Dermot Turing, was educated at Sherborne School and King's College, Cambridge. He then undertook a DPhil degree in genetics at New College, Oxford, before moving into the legal profession. He first worked in the Department of the HM Treasury Solicitor. He then worked at the international law firm Clifford Chance, where he was a partner until 2014 and latterly a consultant. Turing is the nephew of Alan Turing. In 2012, the centenary year of Alan Turing's birth, Dermot Turing became a trustee of Bletchley Park, where Alan Turing worked as a cryptologist during World War II. In 2015 he wrote a book on Alan Turing and in 2017 he contributed a chapter to *The Turing Guide*. He is a trustee of the Turing Trust. His interests also include cryptanalysis and naval history. Dermot Turing has commented on the accuracy of the 2014 film *The Imitation Game*, a dramatization of Alan Turing's life. In 2018 he published *XY & Z: The Real Story of How Enigma Was Broken*.



Professor Antony Polonsky was born in South Africa. His father was from a Yiddish speaking family from near Grodno and his mother was from a Russified Jewish family from Lithuania. Polonsky was not raised in a Polish speaking background. A Rhodes Scholarship took him to England to read modern history at Worcester College and St Antony's College. His doctoral thesis at Oxford was a study of Józef Piłsudski's relationship with parliament, subtitled: *The Crisis of Parliamentary Government in Poland, 1922-1931*. Polonsky became a lecturer in International History at the London School of Economics in 1970, and was appointed as professor in 1989. Polonsky moved to Brandeis University in 1992, and in 1999 was appointed Albert Abramson Professor of Holocaust Studies. He has served as a visiting professor at the University of Warsaw, the Institute for the Human Sciences, Vienna and the University of Cape Town; he has also been a visiting fellow at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies. Polonsky has played a leading role in setting up the Institute for Polish-Jewish Studies in Oxford. Polonsky also spent time at the Department of Hebrew and Jewish Studies at University College, London,



Eugenia Maresch, a committee member and Chairwoman of the PUMST - Polish Underground Movement (1939-1945) Study Trust in London. Eugenia Maresch is the author of an acclaimed body of work on WWII, including "*Katyń 1940: The Documentary*" published in June, 2010, regarding the mass murder of 22,000 Polish officers in Katyń by the Soviet NKVD. Information surrounding perestroika in the Soviet Union on Katyń, made it possible after the disclosures of a key documents indicating the circumstances of the massacre. A bitter dispute is ongoing between the Russian and Polish governments to declassify the rest of the documents.



Col. Michael Russell MA MBA FCILT MCGI. A Graduate of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in 1978. He spent the majority of his 35-year career serving with British Airborne Forces when at Regimental Duty. He served in Northern Ireland, Central Africa, Kosovo and Iraq. A Trustee of the Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces Museum with a keen interest in military history. He was Commander of Aldershot Garrison, traditionally known as the 'Home of the British Army, former Commander of Army' MOD's Defence. Logistics School. In 2013, Col Russell was invited to write a biography of Major General Stanisław Sosabowski, holder of the Knight's Cross of the Virtuti Militari, Polonia Restituta, Honorary Commander of the British Empire award, The Bonze Lion award bestowed by Dutch Royal Family.



Dr. Halik Kochanski is a British historian and writer. Kochanski was educated at Downside School and at Balliol College, Oxford, where she was awarded an M.A. in Modern History. She obtained her Ph.D from King's College, London. She has taught history at King's College London and University College, London. She has written a number of historical articles and two books: "*Sir Garnet Wolseley-Victorian Hero*" (1999) and "*The Eagle Unbowed-Poland and the Poles in the Second World War*" (2012). She is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, and a member of the Army Records Society, the Society for Army Historical Research, the British Commission for Military History and the Institute for Historical Research. As of 2012 she is a judge for the Templer Medal book prize.



Application Form

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Last First Title

Residential Address: _____
Street Address Apartment

City/Town Country Post Code

Phone No: _____ Email _____

Mobile No: _____ Other Contact: _____ Preferred Contact _____

Course Applied for: _____

Are you resident in the United Kingdom YES NO

Are you resident in the Republic of Poland YES NO Other Country _____

Nationality _____ Country of Birth _____

Knowledge of Languages: _____

Education

School: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO

Higher Education _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Degree: _____

Other: _____ Address: _____

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Employment

Company: _____ Phone: _____

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I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

All data collected on this form will only be used for the purpose of the course administration as required by IPMH and may be disclosed as appropriate to organisations associated with such courses.

I understand that this application in its entirety become the confidential property of IPMH and will not be returned to originator.

*Before completing this Application Form please read relevant information on our website:
<http://www.polishheritage.co.uk/>*

Please write in BLOCK CAPITALS and in black ink

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Dr. Marek Stella-Sawicki MBE KM RUSI served as Chairman of Polish Armed Forces War Memorial Project in The National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire 2008-09. His father was an officer in 5th Lancers (Polish Cavalry in 1939), Chairman of The Polish Heritage Society (UK) since 2010, Chairman of Chevaliers de Malte UK (Association Polonoise). Awarded The Polish Army Gold Medal 2010, The Officer's Cross Polonia Restituta 2010, The Officer's Cross Pro Merito Melitensi (SMOM) 2011, The UK Airborne Forces Association Medal - *Utrinque Paratus - Ad Unum Omnes* 2013. Awarded an MBE in Her Majesty Birthday's Honours List 2012. He obtained his PhD from King's College, London 1974 - 1978. Military History at University of Buckingham 2013 - 2017. Visiting Professor at UCL since 2007. Producer and director of the 2013 documentary film on a Polish story of the Battle of Arnhem, covering the fate of Major General Stanisław Sosabowski's Airborne Brigade at Arnhem and Driel in September 1944. Member of the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) in Whitehall.



Mr. Chris Januszewski, a committee member of The Polish Heritage Society UK. In 2013, Chris helped to organise our 1st two day Conference on the Polish Military Leadership at the RCDS (Royal College of Defence Studies) in conjunction with BCMH (British Commission for Military History). He worked on both of the two 2016 conferences, the first, The Polish Section of SOE or the '*Cichociemni*' in June and also in October 2016, The Falaise Gap and General Stanislaw Sosabowski – '*An Assessment of Leadership and Command 1938-1945*' conferences. All held at the Embassy of the Polish Republic in London. Chris is the son of the 1939 Polish Cavalry Officer who takes the family historic traditions very seriously. Without his commitment and time freely given, PHS UK conferences would not be the same.



Operation Freston - Somewhere in Poland

We wish to thank Dr Jeffrey Bines for supplying the reproduction of the illustration by Gary M. Bines

HRH The Duke of Kent, KG



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My dear Polish Friends,

10 years ago, I had the honour of unveiling the Polish Military Memorial at the National Arboretum in the presence of the then Polish Ambassador H E Mme Barbara Tuge-Erecińska and many Polish Veterans. It was a privilege to be able to pay my respects and pass on the thanks of the British Nation to the Poles who had fought so bravely and steadfastly for their freedom and ours.

Once again I congratulate Dr. Mark Stella-Sawicki and the late Dr. Andrew Messon-Kielanowski for their determination to bring this project to fruition together with the assistance of the Polish Veterans Association (SPK), the Polish Air Force Association and all the private donations together with those from many widows of the men commemorated in this magnificent monument. This memorial truly epitomises the sentiment, "We Will Remember Them!"

With kind regards,

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