

# RECORDS

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If you are looking for Military Records or other information about relatives, you should start locally by contacting any Veteran's Association that your relative belonged to. These groups often maintained some records on their members. If you can't find an organization in your area, you may consider contacting the following organizations to find the branches nearest you. You may also want to contact the Polish Embassy or Consulate nearest you. They may be able to help you find Polish Veteran's Organizations near you.

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## VETERAN'S ORGANIZATIONS

**SWAP** -Stowarzyszenie Weteranow Armii Polskiej (w Ameryce) meaning Polish Army Veteran's Association (of America) or PAVA. Persons who fought in Polish units in the First World War, the 1918-21 War and the Second World War who live or lived outside Poland (USA, Canada and France especially) were often members of this Association. Haller's (Blue) Army is closely associated with SWAP because American Veterans who fought under Haller returned to the USA after the war and formed SWAP in 1922.

Their National address is:

**Polish Army Veteran's Association of America  
National Headquarters,  
119 East 15th Street,  
New York, NY USA  
10003-2392**

There is a database of most names of the American and Canadian WW I Blue Army Volunteers at:

<http://feefhs.org/pol/pafi/halrdesc.html>

Haller's Army searchable Index

<http://www.pgsa.org/haller.htm>

## **POLISH COMBATANTS ASSOCIATION in CANADA (SPK)**

Stowarzyszenie Polskich Kombatantow Prezes Marian Fijal  
Polish Combatants' Association in Canada  
206 Beverly Street; Toronto, Ont M5T 1Z3  
Tel.: 001-416-591-6584, Fax: 001-905-881-9039

E-mail: [jferenc@execulink.com](mailto:jferenc@execulink.com) (John Ferenc)

<http://www.polish-combatants.ca/>

## **POLISH LEGION OF AMERICAN VETERANS**

<http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/Quarters/1331/>

For Information on Exile Veterans groups, see the list of Veterans Associations in UK & Australia below.

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## **OFFICIAL RECORDS**

You can write to this address for information about Official Polish Government pre-WW II records. They will not likely have too much on specific individuals and it may take a long time for a reply.

**Centralne Archiwum Wojskowe**

**00-910 Warszawa-Rembertow**

**ASG Blok 124**

**Poland**

Information relating to the award of medals and orders to specific individuals is maintained by the Cabinet of the President of Poland. This office will not do the research. Research must be conducted in person, in Warsaw.

**The Central Military Library in Warsaw** (Centralna Biblioteka Wojskowa) has a website:

<http://www.cbw.pl>

They have books and reference material relating to military topics.

WW II Exile records are maintained by the Sikorski Institute. These will be the Polish service records:

**Polish Institute**

**and Sikorski Museum**

**20 Princes Gate**

**London, SW7 1PT**

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## **POLISH SOLDIERS WHO SERVED IN BRITISH UNITS IN WW II**

The British Government records of Poles who served under British Command

during WW II can be obtained from the British Ministry of Defense. You will be required to prove a family relationship to the individual that you are researching.

**The Ministry of Defense**  
**Army Records Center, POLISH SECTION**  
**Bourne Avenue**  
**Hayes Middlesex, England UA3 1RF**  
**PHONE 0181-573-3831 FAX 0181-569-2751**

### **REPLACEMENT MEDALS FROM THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE**

The British Army Medals Office issues WW II medals to those entitled persons who have never received them. It also issues replacement medals under certain conditions for entitled personnel.

Send a letter to the Medal Office explaining the precise request and the circumstances behind it. As much of the following information as possible concerning the original recipient or entitled person should be included. Send PHOTOCOPIES of any supporting documents that you have.

Include:

Full Name,  
Date of Birth,  
Service Number,  
Date of joining first unit,  
Date of leaving/transfer/demob.

Inquiries about British Medals granted to Polish Soldiers serving in British units made be made to the following address:

**Officer in Charge**  
**The Army Medal Office**  
**Government Buildings**  
**Droitwich Spa**  
**Worcester**  
**WR10 8AU**

For more details, visit:

<http://www.army.mod.uk/contacts/divisions/medals.htm>

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## **A List of Veterans Associations in England**

Obtained from: <http://www.zem.co.uk/polinuk/fed/members.htm>

(Federation of Poles in Great Britain site)

### **Instytut Jozefa Pilsudskiego**

(Jozef Pilsudski Institute)

240 King Street, London W6 0RF

Tel: 44 181 748 6197 (UK: 0181 748 6197)

Prezes - Mieczyslaw Stachewicz

### **Instytut Polski i Muzeum im. gen. Sikorskiego**

(Polish Institute and General Sikorski Museum)

20 Princes Gate, London SW7 1Pt

Tel: 44 171 589 9249 (UK: 0171 589 9249)

Prezes - Ryszard Dembinski

### **Stowarzyszenie Polskich Kombatantow w W Brytanii (SPK)**

(Polish Ex-combatants Association)

240 King Street, London W6 0RF

Tel: 44 181 741 1911 (UK: 0181 741 1911)

Fax: 44 181 748 4558 (UK: 0181 748 4558)

Prezes - Czeslaw Zychowicz

### **Kolo Oficerow Dyplomowanych na Obczyźnie**

(Circle of the Staff Officers in Exile)

10 Leigh Gardens, London NW10 5HP

Prezes - plk Jan Sochacki

### **Zwiazek Zolnierzy 5 KDP**

(Association of the Soldiers of the 5th Infantry Division)

58 Rydal Gardens, Wembley, Middx. HA9 8RZ

Tel: 44 181 908 4951 (UK: 0181 908 4951)

Prezes - Waldemar Szczepanski

### **Zwiazek Karpatczykow 3 DSK**

(The Third Carpathian Division Association)

21 Noel Road, London W3 0JD

Prezes - Jozef Wojtecki

### **Stowarzyszenie Lotnikow Polskich**

(Polish Air Force Association)

14 Collingham Gardens, London SW5 0HT

Tel: 44 171 373 1085 (UK: 0171 373 1085)

Prezes - Ludwik Martel

## **Stowarzyszenie Marynarki Wojennej**

(Polish Naval Association)

14 Collingham Gardens, London SW5 0HT

Tel: 44 181 560 5319 (UK: 0181 560 5319)

Prezes - Konstany Zubkowski

## **Zwiazek Polskich Oficerow Marynarki Handlowej**

(Polish Merchant Navy Officers Association)

240 King Street, London W6 0RF

Tel: 44 181 876 0794 (UK: 0181 876 0794)

Prezes - Boleslaw Pogorzelski

## **Zwiazek Polskich Spadochroniarzy**

(Polish Paratroops Association)

240, King Street, London W6 0RF

Tel: 44 181 876 9315 (UK: 0181 876 9315)

Prezes - Zbigniew Gasowski

## **Kolo b. Zolnierzy Armii Krajowej**

(Ex Home Army Soldiers Circle)

240 King street, London W6 0RF

Tel: 44 181 992 7421 (UK: 0181 992 7421)

Prezes - Jozef Huczynski

## **Kolo Oficerow Artylerii**

(Artillery Officers Circle)

13 Chatsworth Road, Croydon, Surrey CR0 1HE

Tel: 44 181 688 4784 (UK: 0181 688 4784)

Prezes - Ferdynand Pasieczniak

## **Zwiazek Inwalidow Wojennych PSZ**

(Association of the Disabled Polish Ex-Servicemen)

240 King Street, London W6 0RF

Tel: 44 181 563 2528 (UK: 0181 563 2528)

Prezes - Karol Lesiak

## **Kolo Szkoły Podchorazych Piechoty**

(Circle of Infantry Officer-Cadets)

8 Marsden Road, London SE15 4EE

Tel: 44 171 732 8612 (UK: 0171 732 8612)

Prezes - Jozef Kovar

## **Kolo Junackie Szkoly Kadetow**

(Cadet School Members Circle)

27 Hamilton Road, Bedford Park, London W4 1AL

Tel: 44 181 994 5911 (UK: 0181 994 5911)

Prezes - Jerzy Kulczycki

## **Zwiazek Kadetow 1918-1939**

(Association of the Cadets of 1918-1939)

c/o Instytut J. Pilsudskiego, 240, King Street, London W6 0RF

Prezes - Boleslaw Gozdek

## **Kolo Kobiet Zolnierzy PSZ**

(The Circle of the Women Soldiers of the Polish Armed Forces)

14 Warrick Mansions, Cromwell Cresc., London SW5 9QR

Tel: 44 171 373 3836 (UK: 0171 373 3836)

Prezes - Jadwiga Morozewicz

## **Kolo Pomocniczej Lotniczej Sluzby Kobiet**

(Circle of the Auxiliary Women's Air Force)

14 Stanley Avenue, Wembly, Middx

Tel: 44 181 902 4675 (UK: 0181 902 4675)

Prezes - Alicja Kaliniecka

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# **AUSTRALIA**

## **1-st Polish Armoured Division Association**

20 Merrilands Road

Reservoir Vic 3073

## **Carpathian Club Melbourne Polish Rats of Tobruk**

61 Elwood Street

Brighton North Vic 3186

## **Polish Branch Air Force Association Victoria**

Greenways Road

Glen Waverley Vic 3150

## **Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association**

13 Saunders Street

Westall Vic 3169

## **Polish Home Army Ex-Servicemen**

3 Libra Court

Tempelstowe Vic 3106

Kolo SPK Nr 2 w Adelaide

Kolo SPK Nr 14 w Adelaide

## **Stowarzyszenie Polskich Kombatantow Kolo Nr. 8**

Polska Szkola Brisbane - Capalaba

Holland St., Capalaba, QLD 4157, Brisbane

## **Krajowe Stowarzyszenie Polskich Kombatantów w Australii**

Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association in Australia

GPO Box 1509, Adelaide 5001

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## **Information about other Polish State Records**

<http://ciuw.warman.net.pl/alf/archiwa/index.eng.html>

## **Helpful site for those requesting records from Poland**

<http://www.polishroots.com/genpoland/index.htm>

Many more military resources can be found at:

[http://maxpages.com/poland/Military\\_Records](http://maxpages.com/poland/Military_Records)

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