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The Day of the Polish Armed Forces

On Sunday, August 17, the celebration on the occasion of the Day of the Polish Armed Forces took place at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. This year the ceremony was exceptional, as it marked the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino and the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising.

The Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in New York was represented by the Consul General Ewa Junczyk-Ziomecka. The head of the Office for War Veterans and Victims of Oppression, Minister Jan Stanislaw Ciechanowski and the chaplain of the Polish Army Veterans' Association, father Krzysztof Wieliczko, also took part in the celebration. The event was honored, for the first time in the history, by the presence of the Italian delegation from Cassino with Mayor Giuseppe Golini Petrarcone. Another special guest was a daughter of general Wladyslaw Anders – Anna Maria Anders, who placed flowers at her Father's memorial. She was positively surprised by the veterans' dedication to their commander and by the engagement of the teenagers, who holding the symbol of "Polska Walczaca" (Fighting Poland) take great care of keeping alive the memory of the soldiers. There were also members of veterans' organizations, scouts, representantatives of the Polish armed forces and pilgrims who came to pay tribute to Polish veterans. About 500 people took part in the ceremony.

At 11:00 veterans and scouts began the celebration by marching to the Veterans' Cemetery - to the monument of the Hussar-Avenger, where the laurels were placed. The special guests were officially introduced and all the people sang Polish and American anthems. Brigadier General Jaroslaw Strozzyk, the Military Attache at the Polish Embassy in Washington, reviewed the subunits, together with the representatives of the combatants' organizations. He was accompanied by, amongst others, Major Bronislaw Gruszka from the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington and Senior Military Advisor at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations in New York, Colonel Jacek Stochel. At 11:30 all the guests took part in the ceremonial speech at the square in front of the Sanctuary, as well as in salutes and the parade with the participation of cadets from West Point. At 12:30 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa a Concelebrated Mass to honor veterans and soldiers took place. The last part of the celebration was the ceremonial academy with the participation of guests, artists and Choir 'Angelus, followed by a typical soldier dinner.





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