Poland's Security, NATO, and Cooperation with the United States

Anna Maria Anders
Senator of the Republic of Poland

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Where: **Associated Polish Home (Dom Polski), 9150 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114**

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About the Lecturer

Anna Maria Anders is a Senator and a minister of the Republic of Poland. She is a Secretary of State in the Polish government, where she serves as Plenipotentiary for International Dialogue. Anna Maria Anders is the daughter of General Władysław Anders, the legendary World War II commander of the Polish Armed Forces and hero of the victorious Battle of Monte Cassino, and of his wife, the singer and actress Irena Renata Anders, also known as Renata Bogdańska. Anna Maria Anders graduated with honors in modern languages from Bristol University. She holds a master's degree in administration and business from the University of Boston in the United States. In 1986 Anna Maria Anders married Robert Alexander Costa, a colonel in the United States Army, with whom she has a son, Robert Władysław Costa, who is also an officer in the U.S. Army. In 1994 Anna Maria Anders moved to the United States with her family. After her mother's death in 2010, she began to carry on her mother's promotional work and started coming to Poland regularly, visiting schools named after Gen. Władysław Anders and taking part in many military, veterans', and government ceremonies and celebrations.

For her services to Polish veterans in Great Britain and for popularizing the military successes of the Polish II Corps during World War II, she was awarded the Gold Cross of Merit by the President of the Republic of Poland, Bronisław Komorowski. In 2015 she received the Honorary Badge of the Union of Siberian Deportees (Związek Sybiraków). Since 2015 A.M. Anders has been an honorary member of the Reserve Officers Association in Poland (Stowarzyszenie Oficerów Rezerwy w Polsce). Anna Maria Anders works with many Polonia organizations in the United States. She is a member of SWAP (the Polish Army Veterans' Association in America) and an honorary member of the "Polonia Technica" Association of Engineers. Senator Anna Maria Anders regularly represents Poland at conferences and meetings abroad, with a particular commitment to matters concerning the Polish Army, former combatants, and veterans in Poland and around the world.

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