Polish Soldiers in the American Army

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When: **Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 3 PM**

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

Free admission

Join us for the lecture, with pączki and coffee!

About the Lecture

The author will present the contribution of Poles to American history and culture, introducing her book "The Polish Accent in the American Expeditionary Forces: True, Fascinating, and Almost Forgotten Stories" („Polski Akcent w American Expeditionary Forces. Historie prawdziwe, fascynujące i prawie zapomniane") (Opole, 2022).

Until now, this research topic has not attracted sufficient interest from researchers in Polonia or in Poland. The book is not a compendium of knowledge about the participation of Poles and Americans of Polish descent in Gen. J. Pershing's army, but it brings the subject closer and shows the need for in-depth research in this area.

Its value lies not only in its use of many documents but also of numerous photographs from American archives, museums, historical foundations, and libraries, and from extremely interesting Polish private archives on both sides of the ocean.

About the Lecturer

Dr. Danuta Piątkowska is the author of more than 100 publications. She received her habilitation in 2005 from the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw. She has twice held a scholarship from The Kosciuszko Foundation in New York. Since 1991 she has lived and worked in the United States, focusing on the history of American Polonia. Dr. Piątkowska's major books include "The Alliance of Polish Socialists in America (1900–1914)" („Związek Socjalistów Polskich w Ameryce (1900-1914)"), „Wyspa wiary", "Island of Faith", "From Polish to American Częstochowa" („Od Polskiej do Amerykańskiej Częstochowy"), "Faith and Reason", and "A Road of No Return: The Emigration Trail of Tomasz Drewniak" („Droga bez Powrotu. Emigracyjny szlak Tomasza Drewniaka"). Dr. Piątkowska has received many awards, including the Medal for Merit to Culture – Gloria Artis („Zasłużony Kulturze Gloria Artis") and the medal of the Society of Friends of Prokocim named after Erazm and Anna Jerzmanowski (Towarzystwo Przyjaciół Prokocimia im. Erazma i Anny Jerzmanowskich).

She is a laureate of the Outstanding Pole in America competition („Wybitny Polak w Ameryce") in the Science category. The diploma and statuette were presented to her in May 2022 at the Consulate of the Republic of Poland in New York.