

Stamford Couple Honored



Alexander Koproski, Secretary of State Susan Bysiewicz and Pat Koproski

The Annual Polish Day at the State Capital in Hartford honored several Connecticut residents for their contributions to the community and the state of Connecticut. Among those honored were Patricia A. Koproski and Alexander R. Koproski of Stamford, CT. Mr. and Mrs. are founders of the National Polish Center in Washington, DC, are active in the Holy Name of Jesus Church in Stamford and the Polish American Cultural Society of Stamford. The Polish American Cultural Society hosted Polish Constitution Day on May 3rd at the Holy Name Athletic Club and Kościuszko Park. □

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Husaria Tour: August 12-24

Poland amid castles, knights and battlefields

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Your typical tour of Poland usually includes Warsaw, plus a side-trip to Chopin's birthplace in Żelazowa Wola, as well as the old royal Kraków and such nearby attractions as the Wieliczka Saltmine, picturesque mountain resort of Zakopane and Częstochowa's Jasna Góra, known as the Shrine of the Black Madonna. But there are also specialist excursions "for lovers". These include study trips for nature lovers, the Mazurian Great Lakes for sailing buffs, the Tatras for mountain-climbers, special events for steam-train devotees and vacations in the saddle for horse-lovers.

Included in that category is this year's Husaria Tour of Poland taking place from August 12th to 24th. It is being organized by one of Polonia's leading Polish historical re-enactors, Eric Jadaszewski of Dublin, New Hampshire (<http://www.polishhussarsupply.com>). His group not only re-creates old Polish battle scenes but his workshop actually custom-produces the necessary artifacts needed for such re-enactments.

"The Husaria Tour means 12 days in Poland, including great food, visits to castles, museums with hussar armor and ancient cities. The highlight of the trip will be the opportunity to participate in Poland's largest 17th-century re-enactment while staying with a great group of folks at an 800-year-old castle," Jadaszewski explained.

"You do not have to be a seasoned re-enactor to sign up, because you will pick up pointers as you go. Those not interested in taking part in the re-enactment are more than welcome to watch the excitement from the sidelines. Not speaking Polish is no problem, since English-speaking guides are being provided," he added.

The Polish-Lithuanian hussars were a legendary heavy cavalry formation which thundered across the plains of 16th and 17th-century Europe, crashing through enemy lines and often routing many foes times more numerous. Special wings attached to the armor of charging hussars with lances and sabers at the ready struck terror into the enemy and produced a humming sound that frightened their horses. It is no wonder that this formation is a favorite of Polish medieval re-enactors. America's oldest Polish re-enactment group of its kind is the Los Angeles-based Suligowski Hussar Regiment (<http://www.husaria.us/>).

Jadaszewski's tour will be like stepping back in time to Poland's Golden Age. As participants or spectators, tour members will get to smell the cannon smoke and experience the whirl of a medieval battle between Polish hussars, armored Cossacks and Swedish regulars clashing as they did back in the 17th century. There will be visits to ancient castles such as those at Gniew and Golub-Dobrzyń, the beautiful medieval city of Toruń and Europe's largest Gothic brick castle at Malbork.

But the excursion will also include the more standard attractions such as tours of Warsaw, Kraków, the Wieliczka Saltmine and Częstochowa's Jasna Góra Monastery. Incidentally, Kraków Royal Wawel Castle and Cathedral as well as the Jasna Góra Museum feature an impressive collection of medieval weaponry, regal jewels and the like. First-rate accommodation is included throughout the tour. The Baltic port of Gdańsk, now celebrating the 20th anniversary of Solidarity's triumph over communism, is the excursion's starting point on Polish soil. Its medieval and Renaissance

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and Władek Juszkiewicz, Director of the Polish Film Festival
Will be honored with special presentations at the BALL*