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You're Invited: Tin Store Grand Opening, 15 May 2026

Welcome to the seventh edition of *The Bulletin Extra*, created to bring you updates about the on-going projects of the Polish-American Foundation for the Commemoration of POW Camps in Szubin and the Friends of Oflag 64. *The Bulletin Extra* borrows its name from the wartime daily news-sheet, *The Oflag Daily Bulletin*, handwritten and published by a small group of Oflag 64 POWs from the Fall of 1943 until their last days at camp in January 1945.

Our scores of Foundation and Friends volunteers have been working together for almost ten years to fulfill the Foundation's cornerstone goal of opening a museum to commemorate the World War II POW history in Szubin. So, it is with great excitement that we invite you to:

Join us for our opening ceremony:

Tin Store: POWs in Szubin 1939-1945

May 15, 2026

Szubin, Poland

Your support and contributions have helped to bring us to this exciting occasion.

Thank you.

If you are considering attending, or you would like to stay up-to-date on the ceremony details, please click below to join the Grand Opening mailing list.

[*Add your name to the Grand Opening mailing list here*](#)



We look forward to welcoming you to the Tin Store.

TIN STORE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS HONOR SZUBIN POWS

Donors to our 2025 Capital Campaign made a minimum donation of \$10,000, either as an individual or as a bundled group, to honor a specific Szubin POW and to support an exhibit section. Thanks to the donors listed below, we exceeded our fundraising goal of \$100,000.

The responses reflect a shared recognition of the importance of preserving this history. The strong bonds formed by the POWs during their captivity created a foundation that is now carried forward by their descendants, friends, and all who have supported this campaign.

In honor of 2nd Lt. Seymour R. Bolten

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We are grateful to all who contributed to the 2025 Capital Campaign.

In addition to our section sponsors, we wish to recognize the following generous supporters:

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Francesca Anderson
Nancy & Tom Cobb
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Robert Sutton
Patricia & Carl Thompson
John Warthen

EXPERT CARPENTERS IN GDANSK BUILD WITH PRECISION

Our fabricator in Gdansk, Littera Expo Designs, has begun the detailed carpentry work for our display cases. The carpenters assigned to our project are cutting and assembling each case according to the precise specifications of our designer. They are customizing each case according to its artifacts—whether displaying an escape map, a POW-handmade shoe, or playing the soundtrack of the Oflag 64 Glee Club.

Upon completion of the cases, the Littera team will transport the cases to Szubin for installation. They will also oversee the installation of the video monitors, audio stations, and customized lighting. And, of course, place our exceptional artifacts in their cases.



Audio Case Exterior, Littera Expo Designs Workshop, Gdansk



Audio Case Front, Littera Expo Designs Workshop, Gdansk



Audio Case Interior, Littera Expo Designs Workshop, Gdansk.

VOLUNTEERS HONOR POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

By Congressional Proclamation, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed the third Friday of every September. Since 2020, when volunteers from Friends of Oflag 64 visited 22 Oflag 64 gravesites, we have observed this day by placing a small American flag and an explanatory tag on the Arlington National Cemetery burial sites of our Oflag 64 Kriegies. Each year, as we gather more information, the number of honored ex-Oflag 64 POWs increases. This year, thanks to Elodie Caldwell's research, we are thrilled to be honoring 100 former Oflag 64 men.

On Friday, September 19, 2025, volunteers from Friends of Oflag 64 will disperse throughout ANC to place our small memorials at each of our former POWs' gravesites or columbarium niches.

We are grateful for the sacrifices of these brave men, and honored that we can recognize them in

this small way. We encourage family and friends of former Oflag 64 Kriegies interred elsewhere to join in celebrating them in some way on this yearly observation.





Friends of Oflag 64

MISSION: Friends of Oflag 64 supports the Polish-American Foundation by fundraising, collecting artifacts, publicizing and promoting the Museum of POWs in Szubin, so that the history of the POW camp in Szubin and the courageous Polish citizens who assisted them will be preserved for generations to come.

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The staff of "Headlines by the AP," (l-r) 1st Row: Leonard Feldman, Gerald Long, Seymour Bolten. 2nd Row: Richard Rossbach, Larry Allen. Photo taken January 1944 at Oflag 64. Photo courtesy of Susanna Bolten Connaughton.



Polish-American Foundation

for the Commemoration of POW Camps in Szubin

MISSION: The Foundation contributes to the knowledge of World War II by studying and commemorating the experiences of Allied prisoners-of-war. In addition to the history and operations of the German POW camps, its projects focus on the thousands of POWs who the Germans incarcerated in Szubin, Poland, and the brave Polish citizens who assisted those prisoners. Its cornerstone project is the creation of a museum in Szubin at the original site of one of the camp's barracks.

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The Oflag 64 POWs hand-lettered this masthead for their daily news-sheet. U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center. Photo Susanna Bolten Connaughton.

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