



TIN STORE

Szubin POWs
Museum



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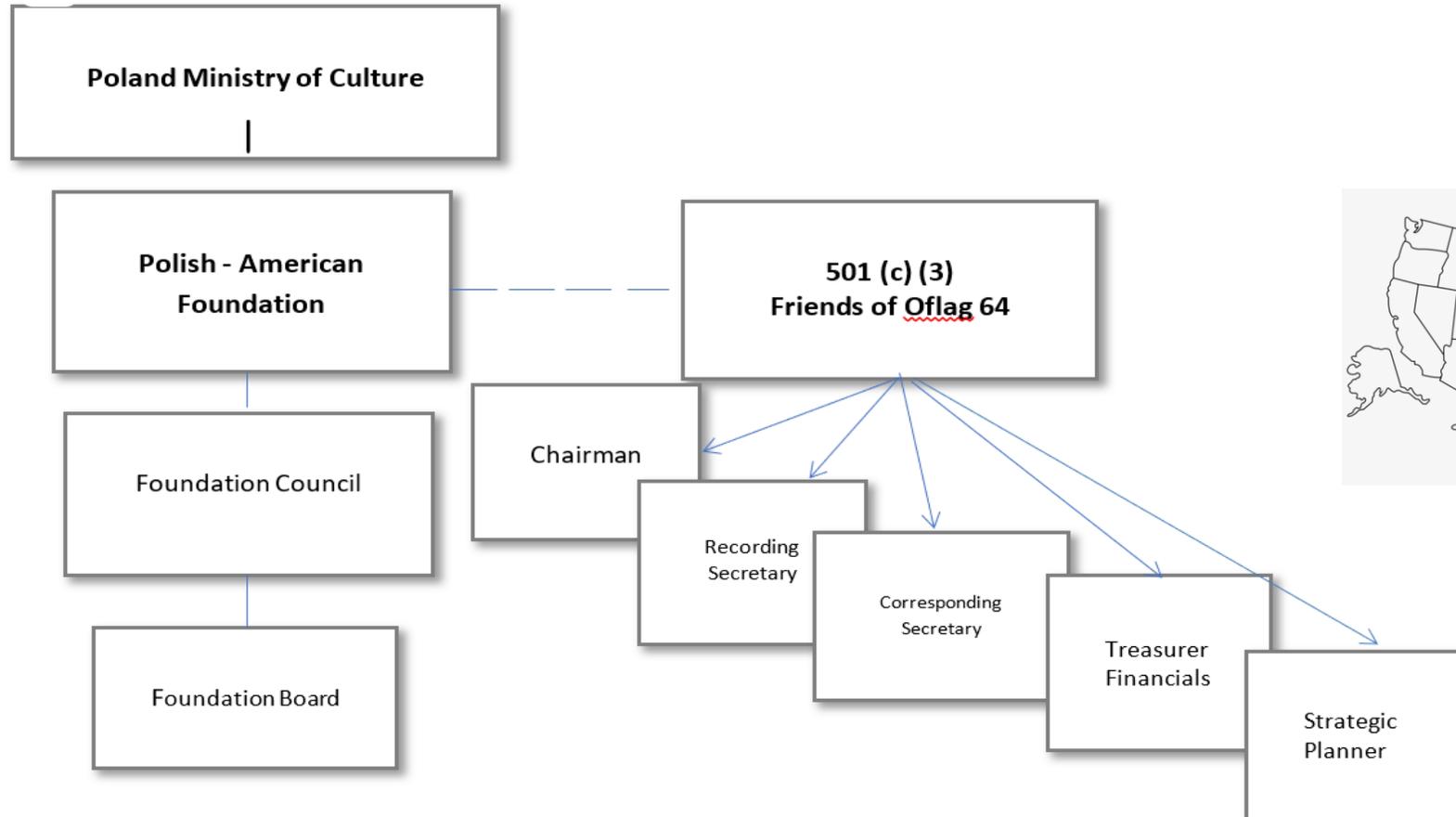


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Oflag 64 Remembered

Honoring our WWII Kriegy Patriots and Heroes

Website: oflag64.us
Newsletter
Kriegy Research Group



Foundation Council
Charter Members



Committees

- Artifact
- Strategic Planning
- Social Media

A screenshot of the website's homepage. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Home, History, Galleries, Archives, The ITEM, POW Database, Taps, Links, Search, Site Index, Contact Us. Below the navigation bar is a large banner with the title "Oflag 64 Remembered" and the subtitle "Honoring our WWII Kriegy Patriots and Heroes". On the left side, there is a "What's New?" section and a sidebar with links: A Brief History of Oflag 64, Galleries, Archives, Video/Audio Interviews, The ITEM Newsletter, POW Database, Taps, Books, Links of Interest, Contact Us, Search This Site, Site Index. The main content area features a large image of a POW medal and a welcome message: "Welcome to the online home of the former POWs of Oflag 64. The prisoner of war camp designated Oflag (Officerslager) 64 was established by the Germans during World War II in Szubin, Poland (written 'Schubin' by the Germans) to detain captured American officers. The first American officers arrived in the camp on June 6, 1943. The initial occupants numbered around 150. By the time the camp was evacuated in January 1945, their ranks had grown to approximately 1,400." Below this is a paragraph about the "Kriegies" and their activities, followed by a list of site highlights. At the bottom, there is a small photo of a POW and a dedication: "This site has been developed and produced by Bill Caldwell, Elaine Caldwell, Lorian Kelly, and Chris Weatherford, with thanks to help and collaboration from many others. It is dedicated to the men of Oflag 64 in honor of their lives and sacrifices, and especially to Reid Elsworth, father, grandfather, and father-in-law." A small photo of Reid Elsworth is included.

A screenshot of the "EXTRA THE Oflag DAILY BULLETIN EXTRA" cover for Issue 4, dated March 202. The title "EXTRA" is in large red letters, and "THE Oflag DAILY BULLETIN EXTRA" is in black. Below the title is a dark grey bar with the word "Welcome" in white.

In March of 1944, the German authorities ordered that all POWs' Red Cross food tins must either be opened, or stored in the POW Tin Store warehouse. By forbidding the POWs to have extra tins of food at their disposal, they hoped to hinder any escape attempts. The POW Tin Store saved the men from starvation. We are honored to use it now to save their remarkable history.

Please spread the word: forward this newsletter to your friends and family. Help us commemorate the Allied POWs and the brave Polish citizens who assisted them. Understanding the details of history is important now and for generations to come.

Inside this issue are renderings of the future Tin Store Museum. Experts who have previewed our plans are thrilled with our venue and the knowledge that our exhibit will provide.

Our designer and fabricator are well-known in this arena, and have been prudent with our limited funds. In fact, they have generously shared their time and expertise beyond their scope of work. We are now ready to purchase our lighting package, and construct and install the exhibit cases.

Since the 2018 founding of the Szubin-based Polish-American Foundation for the



The POW Tin Store with German guard, circa 1941

How We Got Started

- 1943- First American POWs entered camp in Szubin, Poland
- 1945- January- Most POWs evacuated camp/ Russians advance
- 1947- First Reunion in New Jersey
- 1971- Ex-POWs' Trip to Poland
- 2012- Polish liaison, Mariusz Winiecki becomes involved
- 2012-2017- Organized visits of POWs and family members
- 2015- Last Oflag 64 reunion in New Orleans
- 2018- Signed Charter in Poland/Planning meeting in Virginia
- 2019- Groups formed
 - Polish American Foundation
 - Friends of Oflag 64
- 2020- Research, Artifact gathering and Fundraising
- 2026- Tin Store Grand Opening



1944 17th U S Field Artillery Officers



Front l-r: Wilbur Sharpe, Jim Sweeney, Jim Barker, Donald Stewart, William Rudel; 2nd Row l-r: Leonard Feldman, Frank Colley, Niram J. Meadows, Keith Willis, Gabriel Gever; Top l-r: Tom Morse, John Scully, Dusty Rhoades, O. L. "Brad" Bradford, Joe Seringer (Class of Sidi Bou Zid 2/14/43, 17th Field Artillery Officers)



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Definitions:

Kriegsgefangenen- prisoner of war

Offizier- officer

Lager- camp

Other translations- just for the 'kriegies'

Goons- Germans in general

Ferret- German security officer

Weasel-German assistant

1947

Newark NJ Reunion



1971

Szubin, Poland Reunion



1971

Szubin Poland Reunion



Amon Carter Jr. and Eugenia Grecka in front of the Szubin train station where she worked and shared war news with Amon by leaving messages in a wastebasket.

2015 Reunion in New Orleans, LA



Hosts: Martha and George Patton Waters



3 Kriegies: Herm Littman, left Jimmie Kanaya, center Alan Dunbar, right (in chair) accompanied by Evie Dunbar and Dondino Melchiorre



Lt. Col. J. Waters



Source: oflag64.us (Oflag 64 Remembered website)

General George S. Patton



National Archives



2015

Reunion in New Orleans



Family Trips to Szubin

2013



Liason: Mariusz Winiecki
Founder: Cindy Burgess

2016



2016

Oflag 64 POW Camp Barracks



2017 Living History Oflag 64 Re-enactment



2018 Sports Platz



2018

Foundation Charter Signed

November 27, 2018 Szubin, Poland



Planning Meeting

July 26, 2018 Oakhill, VA



2019 Artifacts Collected



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Inventory ID No. 1.31

New Testament (hand size)

(2LT Wilbur B. Sharpe)

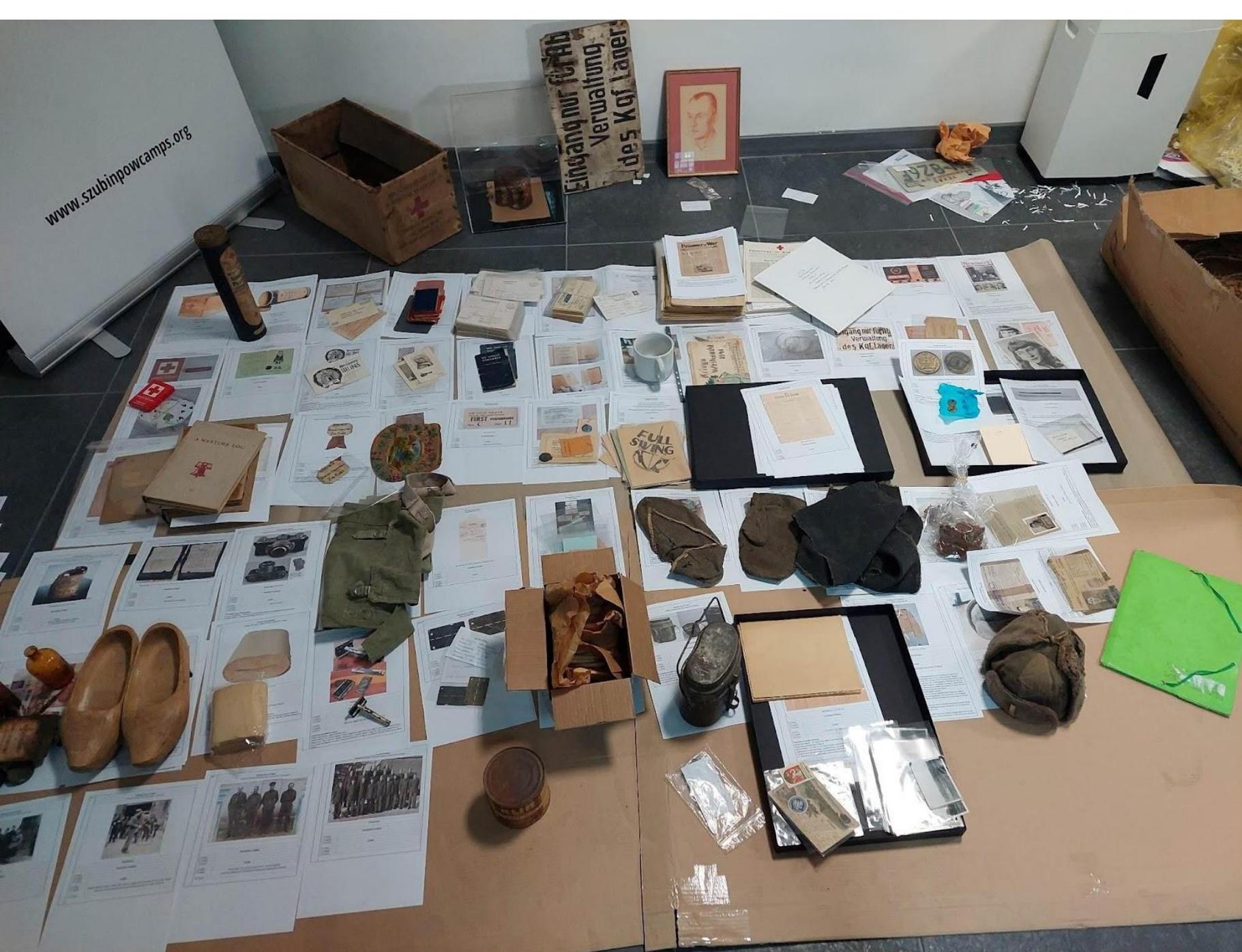
Artifacts Shipping Process

Dave Stewart- Artifact Chairman



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2021-2022

- 2021-
 - Shipping artifacts, procedures, Thure book published
 - Procured space on Oflag 64 grounds. “Tin Store”
- 2022-
 - Renovations
 - First tour from National WWII Museum, New Orleans LA



Tin Store during WWII

ca. 1942



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Pre 2021



2021

Renovated Tin Store

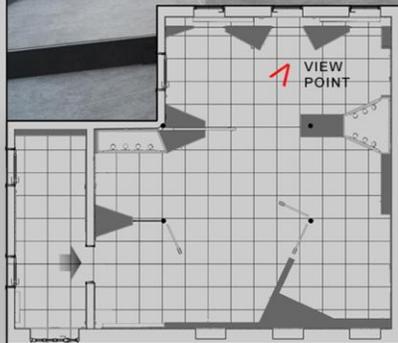




Bookshelves donated by
The Stewart Family

2022 Display for first National World War II museum tour group





FLOOR PLAN



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2026

Exhibit Cases Installed



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Exhibit Cases Installed



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SAVE THE DATE

GRAND OPENING

15
MAY
2026

TIN STORE:
POWS
IN SZUBIN
1939-1945



STAY TUNED

Maintain the Tin Store



Photo credit: Andrea Janoe

WHAT THE FRIENDS AND THE FOUNDATION HAVE ACCOMPLISHED

Donations were invested in these top line Tin Store items, in addition to the operations of the Friends of Oflag 64 and the Foundation:

- Building restoration
- Custom exhibit fabrication
- Artifact conservation & research
- Design, translation & interpretation
- Installation & multimedia



From Building to Sustaining

Sustain the Tin Store and its history for generations to come

- Full time employee in Szubin
- Active year-round museum site
- One Time Landscaping Project
- Outreach programs
- Publications
- Digital Archive
- Much more



Donation Options

- www.friendsofotlag64.org
 - Check
 - PayPal Giving Fund- preferred
 - PayPal
 - Credit Card
 - Stocks/Mutual Funds
 - QR Code
 - Planned giving
 - Endowment –future goal



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