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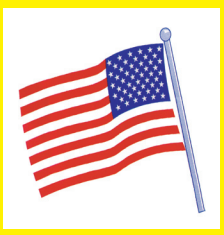
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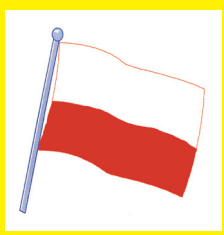
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Polish People in America Cherish Thanksgiving

Polish people have lived in America since October, 1608. In November, 1610, the colonists in Jamestown, Virginia, enjoyed a Thanksgiving service after English supply ships arrived with food. This colonial celebration was considered the "First Thanksgiving."

The national holiday of Thanksgiving in America stems from the feast held in the autumn of 1621 by the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indian tribe to celebrate the colony's first successful harvest at Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts.

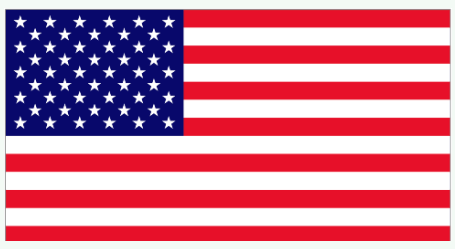
On October 3, 1789, George Washington issued his Thanksgiving proclamation, designating for "the People of the United States a day of public thanks-giving" to be held on "Thursday the 26th day of November," 1789, marking the first national celebration of a holiday that has become commonplace in today's households.

On October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the proclamation, "I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, ...to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November, as a day of Thanksgiving."

During this special time, best wishes to all our families, friends and supporters as we celebrate Thanskgiving Day!

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Veterans Day Salute



Veterans Day is another opportunity to honor all those who served in America's Armed Forces over the years.

The commemoration first began on November 11, 1918, which was Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I.

Armistice Day officially began in 1918 on the 11th month of the year, on the 11th day of the month and at 11:00 A.M.

In 1954, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day to honor all United States veterans.

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Polish American Congress Looks Back at the 93rd Annual Pulaski Day Parade

Pulaski Day Parade Sunday, October 4, 2026



TV 6 ABC Reporter, Alicia Vitarelli, and Polish American Radio Program & American Workers Radio Host, Michael Blichasz.



Pulaski Day Observance banner carried by members of the Polish Scouts “Harcerstwo”.



2026 Honorary Pulaski Day Parade Grand Marshal, Ralph Modjeski, portrayed by Stephen Skorczynski, along with General Casimir Pulaski, portrayed by Andrzej Klimek.



2026 Honorary Pulaski Day Parade Grand Marshal, Ralph Modjeski, portrayed by Stephen Skorczynski, along with dignataries.



U.S. Army Continental Color Guard, U.S. Navy Color Guard, and Civic Air Patrol, U.S. Air Force Auxiliary.

Pulaski Day Parade 2026 in Philadelphia

The Polish American Cultural Center and the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District extend thanks to everyone who served on the **Pulaski Day Parade Committee,** the organizations, musical groups, dancers and individuals that marched in the Parade and made the **93rd Anniversary of the Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia** such a great success and another great date in Polish American history. The light rain and drizzle throughout the day could not discourage the indomitable Polish spirit.

Thanks to the presidents and leaders of participating organizations, clergy, media and individuals who worked on the various committees.

The parade supplement, distributed in the October edition of the Polish American News, outlined the many organizations and individuals who helped make this year’s parade another great event.

Several photos are printed in the Polish American News and you can view the entire **Pulaski Day Parade on YouTube from the link on the front page of PolishAmericanCenter.com.**

Thanks to **WPVI-TV 6 ABC** for broadcasting the parade and helping us reach more than one hundred thousand viewers. Thanks also to the individuals who donated funds and offered salutes in the Polish American News and during the television broadcast on WPVI-TV 6 ABC.

Thanks to all who supported the
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Polish and American National Anthems sung by Nazareth Academy High School Chorale under the direction of Katherine Chmelko.



Polish Army Veterans Association Banner.



Polish Army Veterans and the Polish American Heritage Month Banner.

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Historic St. Stanislaus Church, South Philadephia members and Fr. Edward Kuczynski, Pastor of St. Stanislaus / St. Philip Neri Church.



2nd Street Polish Society convertible car with Michael Rachubinski.



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Members of the University of Pennsylvania Polish Club.



TV6 ABC Host, Alicia Vitarelli, along with Polish American Radio Prgrogram Host Michael Blichasz, and his grandchildren, Gabriella and Andrew Rott.



Polish Living History Division, Group Banner, Reenactors and Bractwo Kurkowie (Brotherhood of the Rooster).



Polish Living History Division, Group Banner, Reenactors and Bractwo Kurkowie (Brotherhood of the Rooster).



Polish Living History Division float with reenactors portraying King Sobieski and his wife Marysienka.



Polish World War II Soldiers.



Wheels of Liberation - Replica of a Polish armored vehicle.

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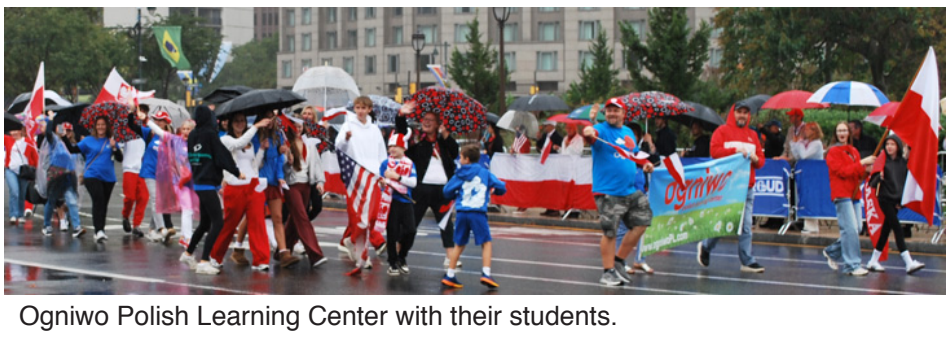
St. Joseph Church, Polish Catholic Apostolate of the Camden, Diocese.



St. Joseph Church float with parishioners.



St. Joseph performance of Benjamin Franklin and George Washington inviting Casimir Pulaski to fight for freedom in the American Revolutionary War, while singing by Gianna Sochanchak.



Ogniwo Polish Learning Center with their students.



Wislanie Polish Folk Song & Dance Ensemble from Baltimore, MD. performing the “Mach” from the Lublin region of Poland.



St. John Cantius Division Banner, Fr. Marek Kunigonis, Pastor, Fr. Konstanty Pruszynski and Members.



St. John Cantius Polish Language School Banner and Members.



St. John Cantius Polish Language School performing the Dance with the Flags.



Polish Scouts, “Harcerstwo”, Philadelphia, PA.



Polish Scouts, “Harcerstwo”, float paying tribute to Generals Casimir Pulaski Thaddeus Kosciuszko, and George Washington on the 250th Anniversary of U.S. Independence.

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Polish National Alliance, Lodge 3106, Cumberland County, NJ.



Polish School at St. Hedwig Parish, Trenton, NJ. singing.



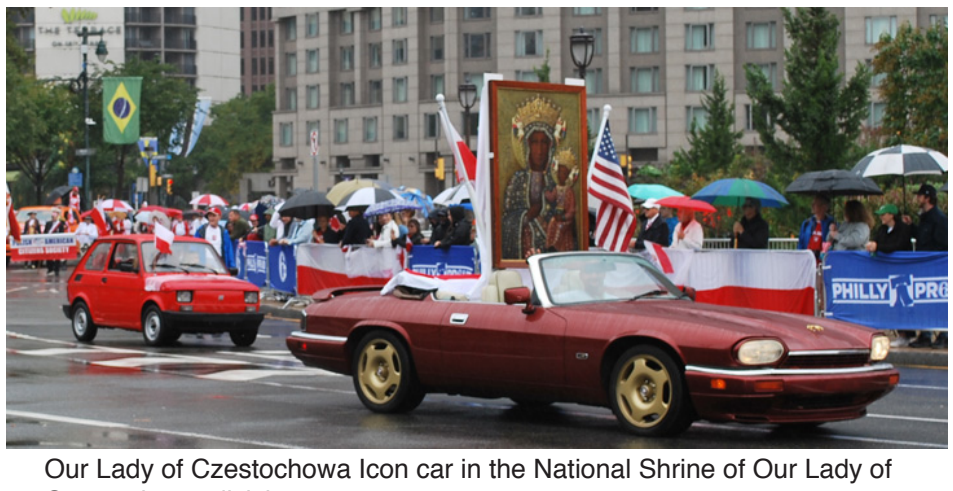
Polish National Alliance, Lodge 3106, Cumberland County, NJ. float marking the 418th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers at Jamestown, VA.



National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. Banner.



Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Language School Dance Group performing the dance “Polonaise”.



Our Lady of Czestochowa Icon car in the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa division.



Members of the Polish American Citizens Society and Polish National Alliance Council 171 in the Polish National Alliance Division.



Polish National Alliance Truck with DJ Bogdan Karlowicz.



Ojczyzna Polish Folk Dancers from Baltimore, MD.



Ojczyzna Polish Folk Dancers from Baltimore, MD performing a Polish Waltz.



Fr. Jan Palkowski, Fr. James Olson, Pastor, Fr. Jarek Koch, and members, during the Pulaski Day Parade in the St. John Paul II Division.

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St. Adalbert Polish Language School members and Children.



St. Adalbert Polish Language School performance paying Tribute to Polish & American Heroes Generals George Washington, Thaddeus Kosciuszko and Casimir Pulaski.



Janosik Polish Folk Dance Group performing the “Wreath Dance.”



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Janosik Polish Folk Dance Group performing the “Wreath Dance.”

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From left to right: TV 6 Host Alicia Vitarelli, Honorary Grand Marshal, Ralph Modjeski (portrayed by Stephen Skorczynski), Polish American Radio Program Host, Michael Blichasz, and General Casimir Pulaski (portrayed by Andrzej Klimek).



St. Valentine Church banner & members, with their Pastor, Fr. Carman Bolock and Fr. Andrew Bilinski.



Associated Polish Home Division float with DJ Joe Narodowski & Andrew Wisniewski, President & members.



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P.K.M. Polish Folk Dance Ensemble performing the "Lowicz."



Marcella Kochanska Sembrich Chorus #321 and their director David Zagorski performing the song "Czerwone Jagody".

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Nazareth Academy High School Polish Club banner and members with their Moderator David Zagorski.



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The Grand Polonaise to Close Out the 2026 Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia With All Dance Groups and Various Groups Participating



General Casimir Pulaski (portrayed by Andrzej Klimek), leads the Polonaise to close the 2026 Pulaski day Parade in Philadelphia.







Parade Hosts Michael Blichasz and Alicia Vitarelli dance the Polonaise with all the dance groups.













2026 Pulaski Day Photos by Donna Blichasz Yeager.

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Ralph Modjeski – Biography

Ralph Modjeski (born Rudolf Modrzejewski) was born in Krakow, Poland on January 27, 1861. Despite his mother's recommendation to become a concert pianist, in 1878 Ralph went to France to study at the École des Ponts et Chaussés, one of the leading schools of Civil Engineering in Europe. He graduated in 1885 at the top of his class.



Ralph Modjeski



Rock Island (aka Government) Bridge

His career began working for the famous bridge builder George Morison. In 1893 Modjeski founded his own practice and landed his first major project in 1895, the Government Bridge at Rock Island, IL crossing the Mississippi River. The bridge is double-deck with rail above and vehicular below, includes a unique rim-bearing swing span with chain drive providing unlimited rotation, and remains in service today averaging over 5,000 openings annually.

Among many notable engineers that would apprentice with Modjeski, Joseph B. Strauss served as his assistant during a study for the City of Chicago, helping the City to establish their preferred "Chicago-type" bascule bridge design in 1901. Modjeski embraced and developed new concepts that set records for movable and fixed bridges. Partnered with Alfred Noble, he served as Chief Engineer for three swing bridges across the Columbia and Willamette Rivers in Portland, Oregon, all between 1905-1908. The Willamette swing bridge had a length of 521 feet, making it the longest swing span bridge at the time.

In August 1908, he was appointed to a Board of Engineers to examine the failure mode and recommend design changes for replacement of the 1907 failed Quebec Bridge. Modjeski, along with Lt. Col. Charles Monsarrat and C. C. Schnieder, received tenders for the new bridge. It was these three engineers who oversaw the construction of the new Quebec Bridge, successfully opened in September 1917. Their consideration of transport and construction stresses was unique for the time. The bridge remains the longest cantilever bridge in the world.



Broadway Bridge

Through his career, Modjeski designed 7 swing and 6 bascule bridges, all of which included substantial approaches. Modjeski oversaw design and construction of two bridges containing Rall-type Bascules, the McKinley Bridge in 1907 and the Broadway Bridge in 1913. At the time it was built, the Broadway Bridge in Portland, Oregon, was the world's longest double leaf bascule bridge. Today, it is the largest of the three functioning Rall-type bascule bridges. In 1919 Modjeski served as Chief Engineer for a Strauss Heel-Trunnion Bascule Bridge over the Thames River in New London, CT. Between 1920 and 1930 his firm completed nearly twenty bridges, including the Tacony-Palmyra, a unique Rolling Lift Bascule Bridge of Philadelphia in 1929.



Tacony-Palmyra Bridge

Modjeski designed and consulted on seven major suspension bridges. Two of these, the Ben Franklin and Ambassador were the longest when constructed. One of his later projects was as President of the Board of Consultants for the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge. The design consisted of a long deck truss eastern approach followed by a major cantilever bridge followed in turn by a tunnel through the Yerba Buena Island and then by a double suspension bridge with a common middle anchorage. It was being built at the same time as the nearby Golden Gate Bridge, but opened six months earlier on November 12, 1936. At the time it was the world's longest bridge in total length. Modjeski passed away June 26, 1940, in Los Angeles, CA.

The above information was found in various sources, including Modjeski and Masters, Inc. archival files, "The Man Who Spanned Two Eras" by Jozef Glomb and Peter Obst, and "Ralph Modjeski" by Frank Griggs, Jr., Dist. M. ASCE, D. Eng., P.E., P.L.S.



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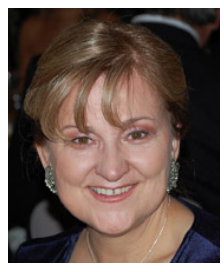
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A Historic Weekend of Polish Heritage, Faith, and Fellowship

The Establishment of the Philadelphia Chapter of Bractwo Kurkowe and the 2026 Pulaski Day Parade



The Establishment of the Philadelphia Chapter of Bractwo Kurkowe at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa with Bishop Witold Mroziewski, Diocese of Brooklyn, (right) Fr. Krzysztof Wieliczko, OSPPE, Provincial of the Pauline Fathers and Brothers in America, Fr. Bartlomiej Marciniak, OSPPE (left) and Rev. Prof. Dr. Inab Ryszard Czekalski, Rector of Cardinal Stephan Wyszynski University in Warsaw, Poland.

Polish Living History Inc., an organization dedicated to promoting Polish history, culture, and traditions, had the distinct honor of establishing a new Philadelphia chapter of **Bractwo Kurkowe — the historic Brotherhood of the Rooster.** The organization was also delighted to host the weekend's events and welcome a distinguished delegation from Poland, along with guests from Chicago and members of the Polish-American community.

Among the principal delegates from Poland were:

- **General of the Brotherhood of the Rooster Adam Marian Gołembowski,** President of the Union of Historical and Shooting Organizations (Zjednoczenie Organizacji Historycznych i Strzeleckich, ZOHS) and Grand Hetman of the Brotherhood of the Rooster of the Republic of Poland.
- **General of the Brotherhood of the Rooster Gniewomir Rokosz-Kuczyński,** Director General of ZOHS and Grand Chancellor of the Brotherhood of the Rooster of the Republic of Poland.
- **General of the Brotherhood of the Rooster Waldemar Niklinski,** Commander of the American chapter of the Brotherhood of the Rooster, who was also knighted into the Order of Saint Anthony of Padua.
- **General of the Brotherhood of the Rooster Wojciech Strzałkowski,** Honorary Consul of the Republic of Croatia and President of the Podlaskie Brotherhood of the Rooster of the Republic of Poland, who was also knighted into the Order of Saint Anthony of Padua.

The weekend of October 2–5, 2026, brought together centuries of Polish tradition, religious devotion, historical remembrance, and the enduring bonds of friendship that unite Poles on both sides of the Atlantic.

A Tradition Rooted in History

Bractwo Kurkowe is part of a historic European civic brotherhood tradition dating back to the Middle Ages. These brotherhoods emerged in medieval European towns, including those in Poland, where members trained in the use of arms and helped defend their communities. Over the centuries, they evolved into organizations that preserve civic responsibility, honor, camaraderie, and cultural heritage.

The establishment of a Philadelphia chapter represents an important step in continuing this tradition in the United States. Through this initiative, Polish Living History seeks to strengthen connections between Polish and Polish-American historical organizations while ensuring that the customs and legacy of these brotherhoods remain alive for future generations.

A Solemn Beginning at the National Shrine

The weekend's principal ceremony took place on Friday, October 2, 2026, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. The inaugural Mass was celebrated in Our Lady's Chapel, a fitting setting for an occasion uniting faith, heritage, and a commitment to preserving Polish traditions.

Bishop Witold Mroziewski of the Diocese of Brooklyn presided, joined by distinguished clergy, including Fr. Krzysztof Wieliczko, OSPPE, Provincial of the Pauline Fathers and Brothers in America; Fr. Bartłomiej Marciniak, OSPPE; and Rev. Prof. Dr. hab. Ryszard Czekalski, Rector of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland.

The presence of these distinguished guests underscored the spiritual and cultural significance of the occasion and the close relationship between Polish institutions in Poland and the Polish-American community.

A highlight of the ceremony was the appointment of **Adam Machała as the chapter's first Castellan (Kasztelan), with the rank of Colonel, and Agnieszka Machała as Lieutenant.** The ceremony also included the investiture of new members of Bractwo Kurkowe and the knighting of members into the Order of Saint John Cantius and the Order of Saint Anthony of Padua.

Newly invested members of the Philadelphia chapter included:

1. Michael Blichasz (Polish American Cultural Center)
2. Marek Calka
3. Maciej Gadomski (Knighted into the Order of Saint John Cantius)
4. Richard Golazeski
5. Joan Karasinski
6. Antoni Kuczyński (Knighted into the Order of Saint John Cantius)
7. Gracjan Machała
8. Helena Mąsiorska (Knighted into the Order of Saint John Cantius)
9. Brian McHugh, PhD
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Adam Machała as the chapter's first Castellan (Kasztelan), with the rank of Colonel, and Agnieszka Machała as Lieutenant.

The ceremony represented more than the formation of a new chapter. It marked the beginning of a new chapter in the preservation of Polish historical traditions in America. The participation of members of the Polish American Cultural Center, including Michael Blichasz and Theresa Romanowski, also highlighted the close ties between the brotherhood and the organizations working to preserve and celebrate Polish heritage in Philadelphia.

The Royal Banquet — Uczta Królewska

Following the Mass and investiture ceremonies, guests gathered for the Uczta Królewska, or Royal Banquet. The evening brought together the delegates, clergy, members of Polish Living History, and invited guests for a festive celebration filled with tradition, fellowship, and Polish hospitality.

The candlelit banquet provided a memorable setting for one of the evening's most distinctive traditions: a roasted pig's head, ceremonially carved by the newly invested Castellan, Adam Machała. This custom added a touch of medieval pageantry to an evening celebrating the heritage of Bractwo Kurkowe.

Adding to the excitement, Chris Torok and members of his group, the Timberwolf Cohort, presented a spectacular display of armored knights fighting in medieval fashion. Their performance brought history to life and delighted the guests, complementing the evening's atmosphere of medieval tradition and pageantry.

Beyond the ceremony and festivities, the banquet offered an opportunity to express gratitude to those whose dedication and support made the weekend possible. A special tribute of appreciation was extended to **Fr. Krzysztof Wieliczko, OSPPE, Provincial of the Pauline Fathers and Brothers in America,** for his longstanding support of Polish Living History. His encouragement and commitment have played an important role in the organization's work and in bringing this historic initiative to fruition. His support was recognized as an essential part of making the establishment of the Philadelphia chapter possible.

Remembering Poland's Military Contribution: Wheels of Liberation

On Saturday, October 3, the delegation had the opportunity to explore an important chapter of Polish military history during a visit to Wheels of Liberation in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Wheels of Liberation has assembled a remarkable collection of more than 120 military vehicles and artifacts, including tanks, armored cars, artillery pieces, trucks, and other military equipment. The collection highlights Poland's contribution to the Allied victory during World War II and honors the courage and sacrifice of those who fought for freedom.

Among the vehicles presented to the visitors were a 1939 Polski Fiat associated with the Polish Army during the September Campaign and a Ford GPW Jeep representative of the vehicles used by Allied forces during Operation Market Garden in September 1944, in which the Polish 1st Independent Parachute Brigade took part.
The visit offered the delegates an opportunity to reflect on the courage, sacrifice, and determination of Polish servicemen and women who fought for freedom during one of the darkest periods in European history.

Wheels of Liberation is preparing to welcome the public for an open house on June 26–27, 2027. The event will offer visitors an opportunity to explore the collection and learn more about Poland's contribution to the Allied war effort and the enduring legacy of those who fought for liberty.

For additional information, visit **Wheelsofliberation.org** or find Wheels of Liberation on Facebook.



A distinctive tradition, a roasted pig's head, ceremonially carved by the newly invested Castellan Adam Machala at the Royal Banquet.





At the Royal Banquet, a spectacular display of armored knights fighting in medieval fashion.



The Procession for the Inaugural Mass

A Proud March in the Pulaski Day Parade

On Sunday, October 4, the Polish-American community gathered in Philadelphia for the annual Pulaski Day Parade, honoring General Casimir Pulaski, the Polish-born hero of the American Revolution, and celebrating the enduring contributions of Polish Americans to the United States.

Members of Polish Living History marched in Division 1 alongside several historical and cultural organizations, including the Banner of Jasna Góra Living History Group, the Independent Operational Group Polesie (IOGP) Living History Group, Bractwo Kurkowe, and Wheels of Liberation.

Adding a striking historical dimension to the procession, Wheels of Liberation, through the generosity of Mirosław Hrycak, provided two military vehicles: a 1939 Polski Fiat and a Ford GPW Jeep. These historical displays brought an added dimension to the parade and highlighted the importance of preserving the memory of Poland's military contributions.

Although rain accompanied the parade, the enthusiasm of the participants remained undiminished. Groups and individuals turned out to march in honor of their heritage, demonstrating that pride in Polish roots and a commitment to keeping traditions alive could not be dampened by the weather.

For the newly established Philadelphia chapter of Bractwo Kurkowe, participating in the parade was particularly meaningful. Just two days after the investiture ceremony, members marched alongside fellow Polish historical organizations, bringing the brotherhood's traditions into the wider Polish-American community.

The parade also reflected the dedication of the Polish American Cultural Center, whose work in organizing this annual celebration provides an important opportunity for Polish-American organizations, families, and visitors to come together in recognition of their shared heritage.

Following the traditional Polonaise at the conclusion of the parade, participants gathered at the Associated Polish Home in Philadelphia for an after-party featuring good food, refreshments, music, and fellowship. It was a welcome opportunity to celebrate the weekend's accomplishments, share stories, and strengthen the friendships formed throughout the events.

Discovering Philadelphia's History

On Monday, October 5, members of the delegation from Poland visited some of Philadelphia's best-known landmarks. Their itinerary included the iconic Rocky Statue, Independence Hall, and the Liberty Bell. These landmarks offered the visitors a glimpse into America's cultural identity and the founding principles of the nation that generations of Polish immigrants and their descendants have come to call home.

The visit provided a fitting conclusion to a weekend that celebrated both Polish heritage and the shared history of Poland and the United States.

Building Bridges Between Generations and Nations

The events of October 2–5, 2026, represented much more than a series of ceremonies, banquets, museum visits, and parades. They embodied a shared commitment to preserving history, honoring tradition, and passing cultural knowledge to future generations.

For Polish Living History Inc., the establishment of the Philadelphia chapter of Bractwo Kurkowe was a particularly significant milestone. By bringing together clergy, delegates from Poland, Polish-American organizations, and members of the community, the organization helped create new opportunities for cooperation and friendship across generations and national borders.

The weekend also demonstrated the importance of partnerships among historical organizations. From the solemnity of the Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa to the pageantry of the Royal Banquet, from the military history preserved at Wheels of Liberation to the rain-soaked streets of the Pulaski Day Parade, each event reflected a different aspect of the Polish experience.

Polish history is not simply something to be remembered in books or displayed in museums. It is a living heritage, sustained through faith, shared traditions, community service, and the dedication of people who understand the value of remembering the past while building for the future.

Polish Living History extends its sincere gratitude to all the clergy, delegates, participating organizations, sponsors, volunteers, and guests whose presence and support made this historic weekend possible. Special appreciation is extended to the Pauline Fathers and Brothers, the Polish American Cultural Center, Wheels of Liberation, Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union and all those whose generosity and dedication helped bring these events to life.

Together, we celebrated our past, strengthened our friendships, and laid the foundation for a new chapter in the continuing story of Polish heritage in America.

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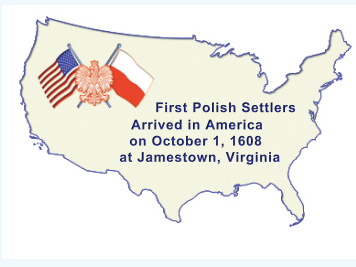
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Polish American Cultural Center Historic Reflections Project - November

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For your information, we have listed a selection of historic reflections for the month of November.

November 1, 1918 - Harcerze (Founding)

The first American unit of the Polish Boy Scouts, known as Harcerze, was started in Buffalo, New York, in 1918. They remain a well known scouting movement which has spread across the United States of America.



November 2, 1942 - Stefanie Powers (Born)

Stefania Federkiewicz, well-known by her stage name Stephanie Powers, starred in movies and television shows. Stephanie Powers is well known for her television series Hart to Hart with co-star Robert Wagner.

November 3, 1951 - Edward Murawinski (Born)



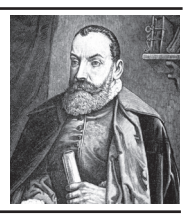
Edward Murawinski was born in Jersey City, New Jersey. He was formerly employed by the New York Daily News as a cartoonist and a member of the National Cartoonist Society. He attended the Manhattan School of Visual Arts and has been employed by the Daily News since he was seventeen.



November 4, 1937 - Loretta Swit (Born)

Loretta Swit is a proud Polish American and well-known actress of the stage and television. She is best known for her portrayal of the character Major Margaret Houlihan on the television series M*A*S*H.

November 5, 1530 - Jan Kochanowski (Born)



Jan Kochanowski was a Polish Renaissance poet and writer. He is recognized as one of the most important poets before the 19th century.



November 6, 1755 - Stanislaw Staszic (Born)

Stanislaw Staszic was a Catholic priest, philosopher, statesman, geologist, scholar, poet, writer and leader of the Polish Enlightenment. He had a direct influence on the Third of May Constitution of 1791.

November 7, 1944 - Joe Niekro (Born)



Joe Niekro was a Major League Baseball Player and the brother of Hall of Famer, Phil Niekro. Joe Niekro like his brother Phil, specialized in throwing the knuckleball. During the 1970's and 80's, the Niekro brothers combined for 539 total wins, making them the most successful brother combination in baseball history. Joe's son, Lance, is a former major league baseball player.



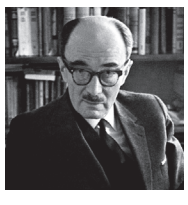
November 8, 1940 - Charles Kowal (Born)

Charles Kowal is a Polish American astronomer who discovered the two moons of Jupiter, Leda in 1974 and Themisto in 1975. Charles Kowal is also known for discovering many supernovas in other galaxies.

November 9, 1505 - Mikolaj Rej (Born)



Mikolaj Rej was one of the best known writers and poets of the Renaissance and was also a politician, musician and nobleman. The Polish Sejm pronounced 2005 as the year of Mikolaj Rej, celebrating the 500th Anniversary of his birth.



November 10, 1909 - Pawel Jasienica (Born)

Pawel Jasienica was the pen-name of Leon Lech Beynar, a Polish non-academic historian, journalist, writer and soldier. Died 1970.

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November 11, 1918 - Poland's Independence Day (Event)



In 1918 after World War I, Poland was reestablished as a sovereign country with the assistance of United States President Woodrow Wilson and the Allied Powers.



November 12, 1952 - Steve Bartkowski (Born)

Steve Bartkowski was a well known quarterback for the National Football League. During his career Bartkowski played for the Atlanta Falcons and the Los Angeles Rams and was All American Quarterback during his senior season in 1974 at the University of California.

November 13, 1806 - Emilia Plater (Born)



Emilia Plater was a Polish freedom fighter who participated in the November Uprising of 1830. Emilia Plater, who achieved the rank of Captain of an Infantry Unit, is considered a revolutionary, patriot and national hero not just in Poland, but also in Belarus and Lithuania.

November 14, 1972 - Edyta Gorniak (Born)



Edyta Górniak (born in Ziebice, Poland) is one of the most popular female singers of Polish pop music. She was the star of the musical Metro ("Subway") - the most popular and longest running homegrown musical in Polish history.



November 15, 1980 - Pope John Paul II Visit to West Germany (Event)

On November 15, 1980, Pope John Paul II visited West Germany. This historic occasion marked the first visit of a pontiff to Germany in over 200 years.

November 16, 1603 - Augustyn Kordecki (Born)



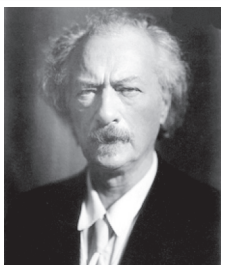
Augustyn Kordecki led the historic defense of the sanctuary of Our Lady of Czestochowa during the Swedish Invasion from November 18th to December 26th, 1655, prior to the cloister of the Pauline Fathers in Czestochowa, Poland.



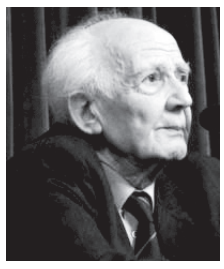
November 17, 1954 - Tadeusz Banachiewicz (Died)

Tadeusz Banachiewicz was a Polish astronomer, mathematician, and the director of the Krakow Observatory. Tadeusz Banachiewicz's international recognition came from his theory of cracovians - a matrix algebra that helped to solve several astronomical, geodesic, mechanical and mathematical problems. A lunar crater is named after him.

November 18, 1860 - Ignacy Paderewski (Born)



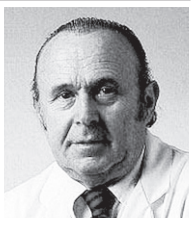
Ignacy Jan Paderewski, pianist and composer, became the most noted statesman of Poland to the United States during and after World War I. In 1919, after World War I, Ignacy Jan Paderewski became the first premier of the newly created Republic of Poland. His heart is enshrined at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and his remains are buried in the crypt at St. John's Cathedral in Warsaw, Poland.



November 19, 1925 - Zygmunt Bauman (Born)

Zygmunt Bauman (born in Poznan) is a Polish sociologist who, since 1971, has resided in England after being driven out of Poland by an anti-Semitic campaign, engineered by the Communist regime of the time. Professor of sociology at the University of Leeds (and since 1990 emeritus professor), Bauman has become best known for his analysis of the links between modernity and the Holocaust, and of postmodern consumerism. Died 2017.

November 20, 1926 - Dr. Andrzej Shally (Born)



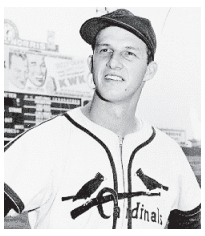
Dr. Andrzej Wiktor Shally was a Polish-born endocrinologist who won the Nobel Prize in 1977 in Medicine for research work. Dr. Andrzej Shally developed a whole new realm of knowledge concerning the brain's control over body chemistry.

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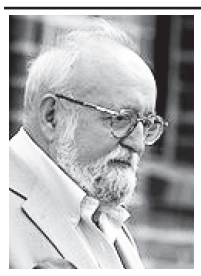
November 21, 1920 - Stanley Musial (Born)

Stanley Musial, nicknamed "Stan the Man", was born on November 21, 1920, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He played 1,890 baseball games as an outfielder and 1,016 games as a first baseman, but was known mainly as a left-handed consistent hitter. Musial won several National League Most Valuable Player Awards and received Sports Illustrated Magazine's "Sportsman of the Year" Award and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

November 22, 1950 - Gregory Luzinski (Born)



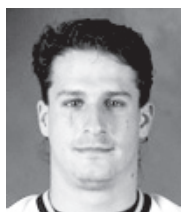
Gregory Michael Luzinski was a former left fielder in Major League Baseball, nicknamed "The Bull". He spent the majority of his career with the Philadelphia Phillies. Still a fan favorite in Philadelphia, he opened "Bull's Barbecue" in the Phillies' new stadium, Citizens Bank Park.



November 23, 1933 - Krzysztof Penderecki (Born)

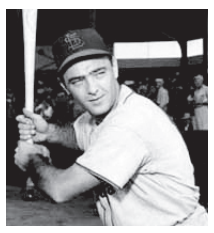
Krzysztof Penderecki is an internationally known composer and conductor of classical music. In 1980, Krzysztof Penderewski was commissioned by Solidarity to compose a special musical piece to accompany the unveiling of the Gdansk Shipyard Memorial statue honoring those killed during the 1970 shipyard riots.

November 24, 1972 - Barry Potomski (Born)



Barry Potomski is a former professional ice hockey right winger. He played 68 National Hockey League games: 59 with the Los Angeles Kings and 9 with the San Jose Sharks.

November 25, 1985 - Ray Jablonski (Died)



Ray Jablonski was a third baseman in Major League Baseball who played for the St. Louis Cardinals, Cincinnati Reds and the New York Giants. Ray Jablonski was elected to the National League All Star Team in 1954.



November 26, 1855 - Adam Mickiewicz (Died)

Adam Mickiewicz was known for his poem Pan Tadeusz and is considered one of Poland's greatest romantic poets. All of his greatest works were written in the Polish language. He is buried in Wawel Castle.

November 27, 1958 - Artur Rodzinski (Died)



Artur Rodzinski was a Polish conductor of opera and symphonic music. Rodzinski studied music in Lwów, and then law in Vienna, where he simultaneously enrolled at the Academy of Music. He was associated with Chicago Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic and New York Philharmonic.



November 28, 1948 - Agnieszka Holland (Born)

Agnieszka Holland is one of Poland's most prominent filmakers. Agnieszka Holland is best known for her movie, Europa Europa, which brought her the Golden Globe Award and her second nomination for an Academy Award.

November 29, 1830 - Polish Uprising (Event)



The famous Polish Uprising of 1830 was a revolt against Russian rule in Poland which caused one of the largest waves of immigration in Polish history to France, the United States and several other countries around the world.



November 30, 1768 - Jedrzej Sniadecki (Born)

Jedrzej Sniadecki was a Polish writer, physician, chemist and biologist. Sniadecki's most important book was entitled The Beginnings of Chemistry, the first Polish-language chemistry textbook. It is believed that Jedrzej Sniadecki was the original discoverer of the element ruthenium in 1807.

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Program Deadline: 12/31/26

For an application or additional information, call PASS's United Social Services Outreach Program, Monday through Friday, between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. at **215-923-1900.**

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3.6 ... That's Your 2027 Number

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, October 14 was the day for the announcement of the 2027 Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for more than 76 million people who receive Social Security and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. Benefits will increase by 3.6 percent, with Social Security beneficiaries receiving the increase in January 2027. SSI recipients will see their benefit increase on Thursday, December 31, 2026. *(SSI benefits are always issued on the first day of the month ... except when the first falls on a holiday or weekend.)* Note that some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits.

On average, Social Security retirement benefits will increase by $75 per month.

Here's other key changes that you might have missed:

Tax base Workers will pay Social Security (FICA) taxes on earnings up to $192,300. Medicare has no limit on taxable earnings.

Credits People need 40 "work credits" to be eligible for retirement benefits. In 2027, FICA earnings of $1,970 will provide one credit. You can only earn four credits in any one year. So, earnings of at least $7,880 in 2027 provide the four credits.

Working while receiving People who work while receiving Social Security need to be mindful of the limit on earnings if they have not yet reached their Full Retirement Age. If you retire early and are not yet in your full age year, the limit on earnings is $25,560. If you are in your full age year, the limit is much higher - $67,920. If you exceed the work limits, some Social Security benefits will be withheld. There is no limit as of the month you reach full age. *(Note that the work rules for disability beneficiaries are much different.)*

Benefit amounts The maximum retirement benefit at full age will be $4,188 monthly. Some people who delay taking their benefits until after full age will receive more.

The average retirement benefit will be $2,170.

Thresholds for Social Security disability benefits The Substantial Gainful Activity earnings level for non-blind individuals will increase to $1,770 monthly. For blind individuals, it will be $2,950.

SSI payment rates The maximum federal amount for an individual will be $1,029. For a couple, the combined amount is $1,544.

Here's our press release on the COLA: Social Security Announces 3.6 Percent Benefit Increase for 2027 | News | SSA

See our fact sheet with all the new numbers at: 2027 Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Fact Sheet | News | SSA

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A Shout-Out to Our Veterans

For over 100 years has our country has taken a time-out in November to honor the brave men and women who have served or are currently serving in our military. On **Wednesday, November 11,** we will observe Veterans Day. Originally called "Armistice Day," it has its beginnings in 1918 after the end of World War I.

At Social Security, we recognize that veterans are special people, and we want to be sure they receive all the benefits and assistance that are due them. Our web section, Information for Military & Veterans, contains the following:

Wounded Warriors – Veterans with a disability compensation rating of 100% Permanent & Total from the Veterans Adm. may qualify for expedited processing of their SSA disability claims. This includes active-duty military who develop a disability on or after October 1, 2001.

How Do They Compare? - Since both SSA and the Dept. of Veterans Affairs pay disability benefits, the differences between the programs can be confusing. This fact sheet shows where they align and where they differ.

Useful External Links – We provide links to the Department of Veterans Affairs, with information on VA Survivor Benefits and links to VA fact sheets. Also here you will find a link to the Department of War website, with its Compensation and Benefits Handbook, the Warrior Care Blog, and other items.

You can find all of the above at **Information for Military & Veterans | SSA**

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So, when you sit down on November 26 to devour the big bird, we're sure you will first offer a special thank-you to your beloved spouse for all that he/she does for you. And since one of the most valuable things your spouse does is provide Social Security benefits for you, it's a good time to look at the requirements in life cases.

Your spouse must be receiving benefits You can only receive if your spouse is receiving retirement or disability.

Duration of marriage Must be married at least 12 months. If married for less time, must be the parent of the worker's child who is either under 16 or disabled, and in your care.

Your age At least 62, or if younger, have a child in care.

If you have worked at least 10 years, then you must first file for your own retirement; after that, we will determine if you are due additional spousal benefits.

You *could* receive up to 50 percent of your spouse's full benefit However, your spousal percentage is dictated by your age when filing. You only receive the maximum 50 percent if you are at your full age; if you file anytime from age 62 up to your full age month, your percentage ranges from the low to mid-30s up to the maximum 50 percent.

Your own benefit may make you ineligible for spousal benefits If your own benefit is higher than 50 percent of your spouse's full benefit, you can't receive on their record, at least for now. If your spouse passes away, you may then be due benefits as a widow or widower; survivor rules are different than those for "life" cases.

For this information and more, go to our website:
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During the entire month of November, **American Workers Radio** will expand its efforts to promote America's businesses, the industries manufacturing and assembling products in the U.S.A., and the jobs that employ Americans and add to a vibrant economy.

This is a national event and everyone is asked to participate.

For more information, visit: **AmericanMadeMonth.com.**



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Brief Schedule of 2026 National American Made Month Efforts:

1. **November 3rd is National Election Day,** an opportunity to vote for political leaders who support efforts to expand the American Made campaign and jobs for Americans from the self-employed to individuals employed by major corporations.
2. **Friday, November 6th, Saturday, November 7th and Sunday, November 8th, go out of your way to support National Small Business Weekend,** which is held the first full weekend of every month.
3. **November 11th, Veterans Day,** a time to honor veterans and promote jobs for America's veterans and all American workers.
4. **Weekend of November 13th, 14th & 15th, promote American Made items,** let others know where they are sold and consider what American Made items will make great gifts for the upcoming holidays.
5. **November, 26th, Thanksgiving Day,** a time to give thanks and unite our family, friends and neighbors to support the Buy American Made Campaign and jobs for American workers.
6. **Friday, November 27th, Black Friday,** a time to focus on American Made EVERYTHING, so American made businesses benefit.
7. **November 28th, Small Business Saturday,** a national event to support America's small businesses and another opportunity to seek out American made products.
8. **November 29th and 30th, the last days of American Made Month** are an opportunity to consider what more can be done to make the balance of the holiday shopping season a success for the businesses manufacturing, assembling, promoting, distributing and selling American Made Products.

Help Us Spread the Word so that November "American Made Month", will be a Great Success!

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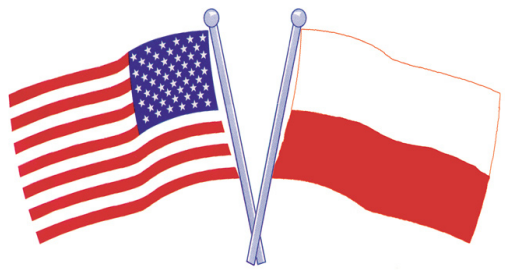
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Polish American Heritage Month Thank You

A SPECIAL THANKS to all who helped promote October as "Polish American Heritage Month". It was celebrated in Polish American communities all over the United States.



This effort was another opportunity to promote the history, culture and pride of the Polish and Polish American people and encourage people to promote their heritage to family and friends and at various public events.

Thanks to the Television Stations, Radio Programs, Newspapers, Organizations, Churches, Cultural and Youth Groups, Internet and Social Media sites that helped promote October as "Polish American Heritage Month". Everyone's participation is sincerely appreciated.

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A 50 / 50 Balance Will Create More Jobs!

As we continue to promote **November as "American Made Month",** America's consumers are urged to look closely at the labels on clothing, electronics and general household products as we continue working toward **our goal of 50% of all the items sold in America, being made in America again.**



For over 36 years most Americans did not realize that THOUSANDS of well established American based businesses and THOUSANDS of well-known brand name items moved the manufacturing of their products outside of the United States. Those businesses left the United States to avoid the ever-rising costs of doing business in America and we urge all supporters of the **Buy American Made Campaign to urge their national and state elected leaders to reduce taxes and regulations on businesses so they can rebuild their product lines here in America.**

By supporting manufacturing in the United States, we know that we are helping employ many levels of American Workers from purchasing supplies, manufacturing, packing, shipping, sales, product delivery, office and management jobs, many which represent employment opportunities for our family, friends and neighbors. Thanks for your participation.

Kindly invite your family and friends to support November as American Made Month and invite them to learn more about our efforts by visiting: **AmericanMadeMonth.com.**

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Kindly send them to: **Michael@AmericanWorkersRadio.com.**

November is American Made Month!

Since November 2014, we have been asking our supporters to promote the entire month of November as "American Made Month". It's another opportunity for us to support the private sector businesses that manufacture and assemble products that display the Made in the U.S.A label. As you shop at your local stores and on the Internet, go out of your way to look for and ask for products with the Made in America label. Businesses interested to expand their product lines in the United States would help create jobs for American workers, but they need to know the American people will support what they make here in the United States of America.

As we begin **November as "American Made Month",** you are asked to promote our brief schedule of efforts which will help America's businesses and American workers:

1. We have been promoting the First weekend of every month as National Small Business Weekend. Go out of your way to support your local businesses.

2. November 3rd is Election Day, vote for candidates that support our efforts to expand jobs for Americans from the self-employed to individuals employed by major corporations.

3. November 11th, Veterans Day, is a time to honor veterans and promote jobs for America's veterans and all American workers.

4. During the Weekend of November 13th, 14th & 15th, promote American Made items, by shopping at the places where they are sold with a focus on the items that will make great gifts for the holidays.

5. November, 26th, Thanksgiving Day, a time to give thanks and encourage family, and friends to support the Buy American Made Campaign and jobs for American workers.

6. Friday, November 27th, Black Friday, is a time to focus on American Made EVERYTHING, so American made businesses benefit from your purchases.

7. November 28th, is Small Business Saturday, a national event to support America's small businesses and another opportunity to seek out American made products.

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Thanks for your participation. For more information visit: AmericanMadeMonth.com. Email your suggestions to: **Michael@AmericanWorkersRadio.com**.



The American Made Label Represents American Workers!

American Workers Radio is proud to urge our fellow-Americans to promote expanding manufacturing in America and highlight the workers proudly producing items that represent the Made in America label.

Why are American made labels important? Because labels let us know the following at a glance:

1. A label lets the customers know that many Americans were involved in producing, distributing, selling and servicing the items, not only selling them at stores or on the Internet.

2. A label is a symbol of pride for the company and the workers making the products and employing people to get the product to the market place.

3. A label tells us that industries in America are in competition with foreign products and encourages us to support the American Made Label, which we know is helping to maintain and expand jobs in the United States of America.

After years of seeing so many industries and jobs relocate outside of America, we see how important it is to re-establish EVERY level of America's manufacturing base in accordance with modern manufacturing standards, and permit American industries to compete with manufacturers from around the world.

If only 50% of the products sold at America's stores and on the Internet RIGHT NOW were made in America, our nation's economy would thrive and more Americans would have many more levels of job opportunities.

American made labels let us know that employment opportunities like management, manufacturing the products, sales, accounting, advertising, research and development, shipping, and many more jobs needed to get the product to market, are all allowing American workers to earn a living, and in the process, add to a strong business base here in the United States of America.

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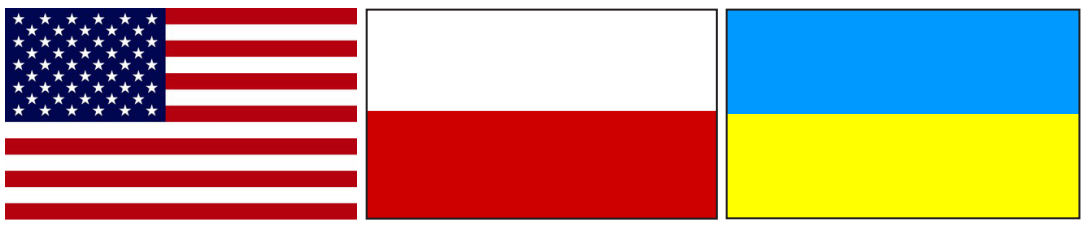


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We began this special campaign in **March, 2012,** in response to local businesses stating that they lost customers to larger stores. In order to help local businesses, we encouraged supporters of the **Buy American Made Campaign** to shop local more often and began the **National Small Business Weekend** effort to show our supporters how important local businesses are to their communities.

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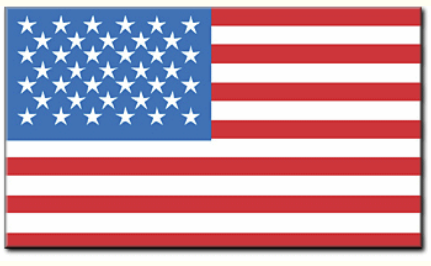
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