



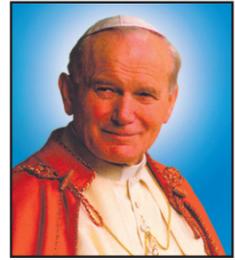
General Casimir Pulaski (1745-1779)
American Revolutionary War Hero
Father of the American Cavalry
Mortally wounded in the Battle of Savannah in October, 1779

**During October We Celebrate
National Polish American Heritage Month**
and on **Sunday, October 6, 2013** the
80th Annual Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia

Also Celebrating Polish Heritage in America since 1608

And a community-wide tribute to

General Casimir Pulaski and Blessed Pope John Paul II



Pope John Paul The Great
Pope of the Universal Catholic Church
October 16, 1978 - April 2, 2005
Known for his efforts to unite people of faith and good will across the world

2013 Pulaski Day Parade Military Marshals

Lt. Commander Alfred J. Wolanin, III, M.D.

Lieutenant Commander Alfred J. Wolanin, III was born to parents of Polish descent, Dr. Alfred Wolanin, Jr and Kathryn Wolinski, on Marine Corps base Camp Lejeune, N.C. in 1979.

He graduated from Villanova majoring in political science and minoring in history and naval science while participating in the Naval ROTC program. During his college years, he attended the Jagiellonian University Summer Study Abroad program in 1998 and 2000, and on the latter of the two trips, he met his future wife, Marie. He also had the opportunity to participate in the PKM Polish dance group in college. Lieutenant Commander Wolanin graduated Villanova in 2001 and at that same time was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.



After graduation, he received further Marine Corps training in Quantico, Va. and was eventually stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. as a logistics officer. He deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and 2004. When he completed his Marine Corps active duty obligations in 2005, he decided to change his career and pursue a degree in medicine. He hoped to serve the Marines again at some point, but as a medical officer, like the Navy surgeons he encountered while deployed in Iraq.

He completed a post-baccalaureate pre-med program at Temple University and then began his studies at Drexel University College of Medicine in 2007. While at Drexel, he was accepted into the U.S. Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program, a full tuition scholarship to medical school for physicians who wish to serve in the military after graduation. He was then commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy Reserve. During his med school years, he served as the Treasurer of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation and was a member and marshal of the Polish American String Band. He graduated medical school in 2011 and was promoted to Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy.

Lt. Cmdr. Wolanin was accepted into the highly competitive orthopedic surgery residency at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. He continues to serve as an active duty orthopedics resident today. He cares for and performs orthopedic surgery on active duty service members in all branches of the military, including a large number of Wounded Warriors coming from Afghanistan, reservists, veterans, government workers and their families in the National Capital area of Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia.

He was promoted to Lieutenant Commander this past June. He lives in Maryland with his wife, Marie, and their three children. Lt. Cmdr. Wolanin and his wife enjoy raising their children in the Polish traditions of their rich heritage.

Lt. Commander Marie Wojcik Wolanin, M.D.

Lieutenant Commander Marie Wojcik Wolanin was born and raised in Bensalem, Pa. She graduated from LaSalle University with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. She was awarded a full scholarship to medical school at the Drexel University College of Medicine through the U.S. Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program and was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Upon graduation from medical school, she was promoted to Lieutenant.



In 2007, she began her medical career as a military reservist. She completed a one-year internal medicine internship at Lankenau Hospital in Wynnewood, Pa. She then completed three more years of her residency in neurology at Hahnemann University Hospital in center city Philadelphia, Pa, finishing in 2010.

Dr. Wolanin began active duty service in the Navy as a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps, working as a general neurologist. She was assigned as one of the first neurology staff members at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, where she has worked for the past two years. She was promoted to Lieutenant Commander and appointed Chief of the Department of Neurology at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, where she continues to work at present. Dr. Wolanin treats active duty service members of all branches of the military who possess a wide variety of neurological conditions. Her patients include military reservists, veterans, government workers, military family members and a large number of Wounded Warriors returning from Afghanistan with traumatic brain and other nerve injuries.

Lt. Cmdr. Wolanin has always been proud of her Polish heritage, which has been an important part of her life since childhood. She attended the Adam Mickiewicz Polish Language School at the Associated Polish Home in Philadelphia as a child. In 1997, she served as a teaching assistant at an English Language camp in Lomza, Poland, sponsored by the Kosciuszko Foundation. While in college, she was a member of the Polish Intercollegiate Dance Group (PKM) and performed in the Adam Mularczyk Polish Theatre Group production of "Jaselka." In 2000, she was awarded the Tomaszewicz-Florio scholarship to attend the Jagiellonian University Summer Study Program in Krakow, Poland.

As fate would have it, Dr. Wolanin's future husband, Alfred, was also a student in the program that summer. They had their first date in the Old Town Square in Krakow that summer and were married in Bensalem, Pa, two years later.

She and her husband of 11 years have three children. Although they have moved frequently, they have remained active members of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation for ten years. As a family, they enjoy attending as many Polish events as possible in their free time. Lieutenant Commander Marie Wolanin and her husband are proud to teach their children about their rich and beautiful Polish heritage.

2013 Pulaski Day Parade Route



**WPVI TV 6 Will Televisе
Philadelphia's Pulaski Day Parade**



Alicia Vitarelli

The PAC encourages you to inform your family and friends that they can view the **2013 Pulaski Day Parade on Sunday, October 6, 2013, 1:00 to 2:30 P.M. on WPVI-TV 6 ABC** serving the Philadelphia and Tri-State area.



Michael Blichasz

Your broadcast hosts, **Alicia Vitarelli, TV 6 Reporter, and Michael Blichasz, host of the Polish American Radio Program**, will narrate this annual display of Polish history, culture, and pride.

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