

# October "Polish American Heritage Month"

A National Celebration of Polish History, Culture and Pride!

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Dear Members, Friends and Supporters,

Since 1608, when the first Polish settlers arrived at Jameston, VA, Polish people have been an important part of America's history and culture. In 2009, Polish Americans will mark the 28th Anniversary of the founding of Polish American Heritage Month, an event which began in Philadelphia, PA, and became a national celebration of Polish history, culture and pride. During 2009, we will also mark the 230th Anniversary of the death of General Casimir Pulaski, Father of the American Cavalry, and the 70th Anniversary of the Invasion of Poland and the Outbreak of World War II.

You are asked to spread the word about Polish American Heritage Month events in your local community and invite people to view the information which is linked below, including:

- [First Polish Settlers in America](#)
- [230th Anniversary of the Death of General Casimir Pulaski](#)
- [Pulaski Coloring Contest](#)
- [70th Anniversary of the Invasion of Poland and the Outbreak of World War II](#)
- [Things to Do During October "Polish American Heritage Month"](#)
- [Tracing Your Heritage](#)
- [Recent Editions of the \*Polish American News\*](#)
- [Some Reasons Why Polish Americans are Important to America](#)

There is always something happening in the Polish American community across the United States. It's great to see that Polish American history and pride are well represented in the "**Great Mosaic of America**". One way that you can help us spread the word is by welcoming family and friends to join the Museum's email list. The [guest book registration form](#) is on the home page of the Museum's Internet site at: [PolishAmericanCenter.com](http://PolishAmericanCenter.com).

As you read the articles in the [\*Polish American News\*](#), I ask that you spread the word to others. Your participation is always appreciated. **My best wishes to you and yours for an enjoyable Polish American Heritage Month celebration!**