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Celebrations of the 79th anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino in Italy — 18 May 2023

















The ceremony, attended by the President of the Institute of National Remembrance, Karol Nawrocki, Ph.D., was organized by the Polish Embassy in Rome and the Office for War Veterans and Victims of Oppression represented by Jan Józef Kasprzyk. Among the attendees was the ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Italy and to San Marino, Anna Maria Anders as well as veterans and state officials who paid tribute to General Władysław Anders and his soldiers.

The main highlight of the ceremony was the prayer held at the Polish War Cemetery on Monte Cassino and the laying of flowers at the grave of General Władysław Anders and his wife Irena Anders.

On 18 May 1944, soldiers of the Polish 2nd Corps under General Władysław Anders placed the Polish national flag on the ruins of the Monte Cassino Monastery ending a series of assaults by the Allies

against the Winter Line in Italy held by the Axis forces during the Italian Campaign of World War II. Then the path to retake Rome from German hands was open.

[The Battle of Monte Cassino \[VIDEO\]](#)

The IPN launched the “Trails of Hope. The Odyssey of Freedom” project in order to remember the soldiers of Anders’ Army and their contribution to the victory over Germany during the World War II.

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