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The death of Stefan Czauderna, the long-time, distinguished President of the Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association No. 3 in Melbourne



It is with deep regret that we inform you about the death of Stefan Czauderna, the long-time, distinguished President of the Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association No. 3 in Melbourne, founded on 23 February 1952.

The Funeral Mass for the late Stefan Czauderna will take place at the Polish Marian Shrine in Essendon (Aberfeldie Street, Essendon Vic.) on 17 October 2018 at 10:00 am.

Stefan Czauderna was born on 18 February 1928 in Lipnik. From October 1943 he served as a rifleman and liaison officer of the Home Army, from March 1944 in the forest group of Andrzej. On 3 March 1945 he was arrested by the Soviets. From October 1945 he was in the ranks of the 4099 Guard Company of the Holy Cross Mountain Brigade of the National Armed Forces, and from March to July 1948 in the 4011 Guard Company.

He devoted his life to the service of the homeland and promoting Polish history and traditions abroad. He actively participated in projects popularizing the figure of Captain Witold Pilecki, the Warsaw Uprising, "Żegota" the Polish Council for Aid to Jews and the Ulma Family from Markowa, co-organized by the Institute of National Remembrance together with the Board of the Pilecki Project Committee, the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Canberra, the Polish Home Army Ex-Servicemen in Melbourne.

The effect of this cooperation was, among others, the presentation of exhibitions at the Kadimah Jewish Cultural Centre & National Library, in

Federation Square, at the Parliament of the State of Victoria in Melbourne, and the publication of the "*W*" Report by Witold Pilecki, reporting on the situation in the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in English.

In September this year Stefan Czauderna made his last trip to his homeland as part of the World Congress of Veterans fighting for the Independence of the Republic of Poland.

Our heartfelt *condolences* on the loss go out to the family and loved ones.

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