

24/11 (1)

Kolekcja "Doroczne Obchody Lotów nad
Warszawę. "Warsaw Flights Commemoration",
okres 2001-2002

Teczka No 24/11 (1) zawiera:

- a) Programy Obchodów Lotów
- b) Sprawozdania z zebrań Komitetu Obchodów.
- c) Oficjalne zaproszenia do uczestnictwa w
uroczystościach oraz prosby o donację skwe-
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KOMITET ORGANIZACYJNY OBCHODU LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ

Doroczne obchody rocznicy lotów nad Warszawę
sobota 8-go września 2001

Serdecznie zapraszamy naszych Rodaków do wzięcia udziału w dorocznych obchodach lotów nad Warszawę, które odbędą się w Johannesburgu w sobotę 8-go września bieżącego roku. W programie:

Godz. 11-00 - Nabożeństwo pod Pomnikiem Katyńskim (James & Ethel Gray Park - róg Athol Oaklands i Melrose Road, Melrose). W tym roku prowadzone przez cudownie ocalałego po przymusowym lądowaniu na lotnisku w Warszawie w 1944 roku Pastora Briana Jonesa (wówczas nawigatora).

Godz. 12-30- Przyjęcie i akademia - South African National Museum of Military History, 22 Earlswood Way, Saxonwold (graniczy z Ogrodem Zoologicznym).

Bilety na przyjęcie w cenie R 70.- od pary, Pojedyncze R 40.-
Dzieci do lat dwunastu -R 10.- . Bar płatny.

Apelujemy do wszystkich którzy mają zamiar przybyć, aby zgłosili swój udział zczasu. Termin końcowy zgłoszeń: piątek 31-go sierpnia.

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PROSIMY O LICZNY UDZIAŁ !

**PROGRAMME
OF THE
57-TH WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
SATURDAY, 8 -TH SEPTEMBER 2001**

1. AT THE KATYN MEMORIAL,

James & Ethel Gray Park, MELROSE, JHB

10:45 Arrival of VIP's

10:50 Guard of honour deployed

10:48 Congregation seated

11:00 Opening : M.C.- **A. Romanowicz** - Chairman of the Commemoration Committee.

Special welcome to Margaret Klette & family, John Colman & family, Dirkie Nel & family and Bill Coley traveling from afar to see the friends. For the first time with us - Counsellor Martinak, new military attache of the US Col. C. D. Smith (junior) , Tony Harper - RAF hero od Falklands war and cpt. Kiehle German mil. attache.

11:01 Moment of silence in honour of people deceased last year: Bob Klette, Maidie Varty, Ted Payton and Col. Snelling.

11:02 National Anthems. (South - African and Polish).

11:06 Religious Service. - (Rev. Bryan Jones)

11:27 Service ends, orders to sentries & bugler.

11:27,5 Commands to sentries and bugler, the "Last Post" starts.

11:28 Silence for 2 minutes starts.

11:29 Flypast of SAAF Aircraft.

11:30 2 minutes silence ends, Reveille, orders to sentries & bugler.

11:32 Celebrants final blessing.

11:34 Wreath-Laying ceremony commences . -(see order list).

Final announcements

1. We have photographer who is making pictures. Last year photos are on display in the Museum. His name is Henryk Zdziarski.
2. Roll of Honour of just SAAF crew members, who gave their life during Warsaw relief flights have been produced. It can be purchased at a moderate price of R 25,00 at before reception at the museum..
3. We plan to have a comprehensive roll of honour produced including RAF, USAF and Polish Flight Squadron. if there is an interest. Kindly make requests to Wacek!
4. We are at the website thanks to efforts of one of our colleague - Toni Urban. Many thanks for his efforts!
5. Enjoy new yellowwood trees planted by the Parks Dept.
6. Wreathlayers are invited for the refreshment to the Museum !
7. Please leave your addresses with Wacek, if you want to receive invitations.

Visit our new website: [www.polonia.co.za / warsawflights](http://www.polonia.co.za/warsawflights)

WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION

8-TH SEPTEMBER 2001

ORDER OF WREATH-LAYING

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| 1. | THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND | - COUNSELLOR. M. BARK |
| 2. | THE CHECH REPUBLIC | - COUNSELLOR MGR. ING. O. MARTINAK |
| 3. | SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE
& SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE | - LT. GEN. R. J. BEUKES SD, SM, MMM |
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| 5. | SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL FORCE | - MAJ. GEN. J.L. JANSEN VAN RENSBURG SD, SM, |
| 6. | ROYAL AIR FORCE | -WING COMMANDER - TONY HARPER |
| 7. | US DEFENCE ATTACHE | - COL. C. D. SMITH (JUNIOR) |
| 8. | REPRESENTING GERMAN MILITARY ATTACHE | - CPT. N. KIEHNLE |
| 9. | BELGIAN DEFENCE ATTACHE | - COL. R. LALOUX |
| 10. | POLISH COMBATANTS ASSOCIATION | - MR. S. CZUBA |
| 11. | 2-ND WING S.A. AIR FORCE | - COL. D. NEL - Commanding Officer in Italy |
| 12. | 31 SQUADRON, S.A. AIR FORCE | - LT. J. R. J. COLMAN |
| 13. | 34 SQUADRON, S.A. AIR FORCE | - MAJ. W. R. ANDERSON D.F.M. |
| 14. | 178 SQUADRON RAF | - CPT. G. ROSENTHAL DFC |
| 15. | 148 SQUADRON, ROYAL AIR FORCE | - MAJ. P. Mc LEAN- Chairman of RAF Association |
| 16. | 1586 (Polish) SPECIAL DUTIES FLIGHT | - MRS. M. SOBCZYK |
| 17. | S.A. AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION | - BRIG. GEN. D. E. PAGE SM, MMM. |
| 18. | POLISH COUNCIL IN SOUTH AFRICA | - MRS. L. WIERZBICKA - Deputy Chairlady |
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| 32. | POLISH ASSOCIATION KWA-ZULU NATAL | - L. KUC |
| 33. | POLISH ASSOCIATION - VAAL TRIANGLE | - MR.J.FASTYN |
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JÓZEFÓW - Poland | - Mathew JONES - 1-st UNION GAUTENG |
| 36. | FAMILIES & FRIENDS | |

**PROGRAMME
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2. AT THE FUNCTIONS HALL of the MUSEUM OF S.A. MILITARY HISTORY, 22 Earlswood Way, Saxonwold, JHB

12:59 Congregation in the Hall

13:00 Opening M.C.- Tomasz Kuhn - Member of the Commemoration Committee.
The M.C. opens the proceedings and introduces the Guest Speaker.

2. 1. Keynote address by Guest speaker - Reserve Officer at Air Command.
Brig. Gen. D. E. Page SM, MMM.

The M.C. calls on Col. Dirk Nel to address congregation.

2.2. Address by Col. Dirk Nel - Commanding Officer 31 Squadron of SAAF in Italy 1944.

The M.C. calls on Andrzej Romanowicz - Chairman of the Commemoration Committee to make presentations.

2.3. Presentations

a) **The commemorative medals of 80 years of Polish Airforce.**

to surviving participants of the Warsaw Flights:

Dick Brown for **W/O II H. J. BROWN** Mrs. Michelle Orwin for **Lt. C.F. du P. KRUGER**, and Mrs. Hellen Brocket **W/O II R. P. WHITELOW**

b) **The Certificate of Appreciation** to long standing Members of the Committee.

Muriel Kathleen BATES - long standing member - Secretary.

Bryan Desmond JONES - long standing member rep. 31 squadron - religious leader.

William Frederick AUSTIN - long standing member rep. 34 squadron.

Piotr JELONEK - long standing member - secretary to late Jaga van de Put.

Stanislaw CZUBA - long standing member.

c) **Vote of thanks** to people sponsoring and working during Commemorations.

by **Andrzej Romanowicz** - Chairman of the Commemoration Committee.

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Roll of honour for all countries

contribute to our website

Social gathering until 15:00.

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8-TH SEPTEMBER 2001
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Polish Scouts

Photographer Henryk Zdziarski keep in touch !

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| 1. | List of addresses - update
List of addresses - computer record | D. Dwyer, F. Austin, B. Jones.
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| 2. | Invitations - printing | Jurek Sadowski |
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| 5. | Liaison with military and combatant VIP's | Dave Dwyer - Derrick Page |
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| 7. | Liaison with Gauteng Command | Dave Dwyer
Stefan Marek |
| 8. | Publicity | Muriel Bates
Jadwiga Cort
Polish Associations |
| 9. | Access to the Katyn Memorial grounds | Andrzej Romanowicz,
Stefan Marek |
| 10. | Ushers / Seating arrangement / VIP seating | Stefan Marek, Tomek Kuhn
Polish Scouts |
| 11. | Public address system | Staszek Czuba, B. Janiszyn |
| 12. | Religious service | Rev. B. D. Jones |
| 13. | Guest Speaker | Lt. Gen. R. J. Beukes |
| 14. | Flags, decorations for reception
Scottish Pipers | Peter McLean |
| 15. | Traffic / Security liaison | Andrzej Romanowicz |
| 16. | Fly Past / Guard of Honour deployment | Dave Dwyer, Derrick Page |
| 17. | Storage & transport of flags and flagpoles | Staszek Czuba |
| 18. | Flags lowering at religious service | Peter McLean
Polish Scouts |
| 19. | Wreath-laying | Polish Engineers.
Polish Scouts |
| 20. | Reception
Bar | Krystyna Romanowicz
Polish Engineers |
| 21. | Sponsorships of goods for catering & bar | Jadwiga Cort
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| 22. | Hostesses / Reception | Magda Liberda & Polish Girls |
| 23. | General co-ordination | Andrzej Romanowicz |

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1944 WARSAW AIR LIFT - HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND NOVELTIES

August and September 1944 have poignant memories for Poles and South African airmen. By August 1, 1944, the Russians had advanced to within a few miles east of Warsaw. General "Bor" Komorowski and other leaders of the Polish underground resistance (the 'Home Army') judged the time right for rebellion against the Nazi occupying forces. Stalin thought otherwise, for he had his own plans for post-war Poland. He halted his troops 15 miles east of the Vistula River within 48 hours when the Home Army decided to go into action, encouraged by previous promises of Soviet's support. In desperation, the Home Army appealed to Britain and America for much-needed arms, ammunition, and medical supplies. These could only be delivered by air-drops. Again Stalin said 'Nyet'. This time to the reasonable suggestion that aircraft might land in Russian-held territory to re-fuel. The only aircraft with the range to tackle the double journey without refuelling were the Liberators of SAAF 2 Wing - 31 and 34 Squadrons - based at Foggia in Southern Italy, and Halifaxes, flown by the RAF, whose 148 and 178 Squadrons, as well as Polish Flight No. 1586, also took part. The proposed supply-drops meant a journey of 1 600 km out over heavily defended occupied territory; roof-top height approach to the dropping zones in Warsaw, at lowest possible air-speed, through heavy anti-aircraft fire and the smoke and flames of the burning city; and another 1 600 km back to base - if they were lucky. Out of 186 sorties, 92 were considered successful. That is, the Home Army were able to retrieve some of the 'material' dropped. Thirty-one aircraft were lost - 17 on the four terrible nights of August 13-16. 69 lives of South African pilots were lost during this operation. The Poles have long memories for their friends. To this day, flowers are laid on the graves of the airmen who did not 'make it'; a special memorial has been placed in St Anne's Church, Warsaw; and another built by late Broniek Kowalski (former officer of the Polish Home Army) at Michalin where a Liberator piloted by Jack van Eyssen crashed after the supply drop, with the loss of three crew members. Those were Bob Hamilton, Leslie Mayes and Herbert Hudson. Every year, without exemption, since 1947 a commemoration service and function is held by Polish Community in Johannesburg to honour those who fell. Initially the venue was a Cenotaph Memorial in the centre of the city. Since 1981 service is being held at the Katyn Memorial erected in memory of Polish prisoners of war who were murdered by the Soviet security forces. In 1989 monument was extended to honour South African Airmen who took part in the Relief Flights.

"Poland will never forget her faithful friends who went to her help in her hour of isolation and despair" - these were significant words of H.E. Stanislaw Cieniuch - first Ambassador of the truly independent Poland during the Warsaw Flights commemorations of the year 1991. Relief Flights did not achieve its military objectives, mostly due to the political scene of post-war Europe. However commemorations held through the years have cemented bonds of friendship between the Poles and their South African friends. SAAF effort have become one of the important links in Polish struggle for independence, although it came 45 years later. In Michalin near Warsaw there is an annual event taking place to commemorate Flights and Airmen who died there. After untimely death of Broniek Kowalski monument marking the place where they fell requires renovation. Polish artists and businessmen are going to help local Scouts appealing for help to restore it. Polish Artists, who did visit South Africa are organising fund raising concert in the ATENEUM theater in Warsaw on the 1-st of June 2001. It is entitled "Polish Artists for South African Airmen" List of the performers is compiled of the best in Poland. Polish Foreign Minister is most likely to take patronage of this event. Support is also given by the diplomatic corps with South African Ambassador Sikose Mji heading the list. Chief of SAAF will send his representative. Polish businessmen are also helping to collect funds. The monument will receive maintenance free finishes throughout. This years open air commemorations at the Michalin Memorial will take place on 15-th of August. Thanks to the effort of the people involved it should be at the renovated monument.

KOMITET ORGANIZACYJNY OBCHODU LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ

Doroczne obchody rocznicy lotów nad Warszawę
Sobota 14 go września 2002

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Przypominamy również o organizacyjnym Walnym Zgromadzeniu Fundacji Dziedzictwa Polskiego w klasztorze Siostr Służebniczek w Lyndhurst w sobotę 31-go sierpnia godz. 14-00 Wszyscy Rodacy mile widziani i zaproszeni do współpracy.

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PROGRAMME
OF THE
58-TH WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
SATURDAY, 14-TH OF SEPTEMBER 2002

1. AT THE KATYN MEMORIAL

James & Ethel Gray Park

- 10:45 Arrival of VIP's
- 10:50 Guard of Honour deployed
- 10:59 Congregation seated
- 11:00 Opening: **A. Romanowicz** – Chairman of the Commemoration Committee
Special welcome to: New friends of Italian origin, Mayors representative,
Polish School,
- 11:01 Moment of silence in honour of people deceased last year:
- 11:02 National anthems (South African & Polish)
- 11:06 Religious Service commences (**Rev. Lipski & Apl. Notary Jan Jaworski**)
- 11:28 Service ends, orders to sentries and bugler
- 11:28:30 Commands to sentries and bugler, the "Last Post" starts
- 11:29 Silence for 2 minutes starts
- 11:30 Flypast by SAAF aircraft**
- 11:31 2 minutes silence ends. Reveille. Orders to sentries & bugler
- 11:32 Celebrant's final blessing
- 11:34 Wreath Laying ceremony commences (See attached order list)

**2. AT THE FUNCTIONS HALL of the MUSEUM OF SOUTH AFRICAN
MILITARY HISTORY, 22 Earlswood Way, Saxonwold, Johannesburg**

- 12:59 Congregation in the Hall
- 13:00 Opening MC – **Tomasz Kuhn** – Member of the Commemoration Committee
MC opens the proceedings and calls on Councillor Christina Walters -
representative of the Mayor to read the message.
- 2.1. Councillor **C. Walters** reads the message from Mayor of The Greater Jhb
Transitional Metropolitan Council.
MC introduces the Guest Speaker – Major. General Carlo Gagiano
- 2.2. Keynote address by Guest Speaker – **Maj. Gen Carlo Gagiano SM, MMM**
representing Chief of the SAAF.
- 2.3. Vote of thanks by the **Andre Romanowicz** - Chairman of the Committee
To all participants of the commemoration,
Members of the Committee
Sponsors:
Polish Associations Jhb and Kwa-Zulu-Natal
Polish Engineers
To the people donating their labour:
Ladies working in the kitchen
Gentlemen in the bar
Young ladies at the reception

Some announcements:

Photographer making pictures for the third year running.

Roll of honour of all the Allied crewmembers who gave their life during Warsaw
flights including SAAF, RAF, US and Polish Flight members for 60-th anniversary

Please leave your addresses with Wacek for invitations if you are not on the list

Social gathering until 15:00

-Visit our new website: www.polonia.co.za / warsaw flights created by Tony Urban

Opening address:

Welcome to H.E. Ambassador of Poland **Dr. Sliwinski**,
Polish Commercial Counsellor: **Mr. Bartoszewicz**,
Councillor: **Christina Walters** representing Mayor of Metro
Major Gen. Gagiano, Defence attaches of the **NATO** countries,
Mr. Costella and Coccia of **Zonderwater** ex-prisoners of War
Brig. Gen. Derrick Page, Bill Coley and Dirkie Nel,
Scottish contingent including the **Pipers**
Mr. Lisowski from George – representing Polish Combatants
and **Mr. Sadowski** representing Polish Council in South Africa
Most of all South African Airmen, gallant participants of Warsaw
concerto! To you all, so faithfully supporting this event!
This year we would follow religious service by the **Catholic**
Fr. Stan Lipski and Apostolic Notary **Dr. Jan Jaworski** with Fr.
Giuseppe Delama and Fr. **Bogdan Wielkaniec** *MOUNTS OF*
Enjoy it! *DA GAMMA*

Vote of thanks at the museum

We had a and metaphysical event leading to this commemoration:
broadcast by **Radio Today** with Claire Marshall, Muriel Bates and
Bryan Jones based on experiences of the events leading to the
Warsaw flights with **poem of Eric Impey** opening the broadcast.
Bryan Jones was fabulous. Although it may be tough, I think it is a
movie material.

We intend to make couple of projects for the **60-th anniversary**
namely:

Roll of honour of all allied airmen who gave their life for Warsaw
and

Memorabilia, as tie and scarf commemorating Warsaw Flights

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History
PROGRAM.

Counsellors Martinak and Bark, General Beukes, Generals of the Airforce and the Navy, Military Attaches, Combatants, Leaders of Polish Community, Ladies and Gentlemen! On behalf of our Committee I have a great pleasure to welcome you to our annual commemoration of gallant relief flights to Warsaw, which took place 57 years ago. Special welcome to representatives of the Airmen and their families traveling from faraway places: Margaret Klette, col. Dirkie Nel, John Colman from CT and Bill Coley from Bladrivier. Welcome to the new friends who are with us for the first time: Col. C.D. Smith (Junior) new defence attache of the US, Cpt. Kiehnle of the Republic of Germany and Wing Commander - Tony Harper (hero of the Falklands war) who represents Royal Airforce. Thanks to Belgium mil. attache - col. Laloux to lay the wreath also for the RAF belgian airmen.

But most of all warm welcome to our distinguished Airmen of SAAF for these are the men who brought hope to the struggling Home Army during Warsaw uprising.

For this, our South African friends, we salute you !



WARSAW AIR LIFT - HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

August and September 1944 have poignant memories for Poles and South African airmen.

By August 1, 1944, the Russians had advanced to within a few miles east of Warsaw. General 'Bor' Komorowski and other leaders of the Polish underground resistance (the 'Home Army') judged the time right for rebellion against the Nazi occupying forces.

Stalin thought otherwise, for he had his own plans for post-War Poland. He halted his troops 15 miles east of the Vistula River, despite previous promises of support within 48 hours when the Home Army decided to go into action.

In desperation, the Home Army appealed to Britain and America for much-needed arms, ammunition, and medical supplies. These could only be delivered by air-drops. Again Stalin said 'Nyet': this time to the suggestion that aircraft might land in Russian-held territory to re-fuel.

The only aircraft with the range to tackle the double journey without refuelling were the Liberators of SAAF 2 Wing - 31 and 34 Squadrons - based at Foggia in Southern Italy, and Halifaxes, flown by the RAF, whose 148 and 178 Squadrons, as well as Polish Flight No. 1586, also took part.

The proposed supply-drops meant a journey of 1 600 km out over heavily defended occupied territory; roof-top height approach to the dropping zones in Warsaw, at lowest possible air-speed, through heavy anti-aircraft fire and the smoke and flames of the burning city; and another 1 600 km back to base - if they were lucky.

Out of 186 sorties, 92 were considered successful. That is, the Home Army were able to retrieve some of the 'material' dropped. Thirtyone aircraft were lost - 17 on the four terrible nights of August 13-16.

The Poles have long memories for their friends. To this day, flowers are laid on the graves of the airmen who did not 'make it'; a special memorial has been placed in St Anne's Church, Warsaw; and another at Michalin where a Liberator crashed after the supply drop. with the loss of three crew members.

**THE 58TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW UPRISING
AND THE RELIEF FLIGHTS OF S.A. AIR FORCESS IN 1944**

Opening speech

2002 - 2a Jerolius - 3 1/2 units

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Entrance Antiphon:

Just as Jesus died and rose again, so will the Father bring with him those who have died in Jesus. Just as in Adam all men died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Prayer:

Let us pray.

Grant, o Lord, your mercy and forgiveness those who gave up their lives for freedom, justice and peace. Deliver them, we beg you, not into the hands of enemy, nor forget them forever, but command, that they be received by the holy angels and taken to paradise, their true home to have everlasting joy. Through the same Christ, our Lord.

R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word:

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians (1Tes. 4, 13 – 18)

But we would not have you uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the Word of God.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial psalm:

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom should I fear?

The Lord is my life's refuge;
Of whom should I be afraid ?

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

One thing I ask of the Lord;
This I seek:

To dwell in the house of the Lord
All the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord
And contemplate his temple.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel (J 5, 25 - 29)

P. The Lord be with you!

R. And also with you.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John.

R. Glory to you, Lord.

I solemnly assure you, an hour is coming, has indeed come, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who have heeded it shall live. Indeed, just as the Father possesses life in himself, so has he granted it to the Son to have life in himself. The Father has given over to him power to pass judgment because he is Son of Man; no need for you to be surprised at this for an hour is coming in which all those in their tombs shall hear his voice and come forth. Those who have done right shall rise to live; the evildoers shall rise to be damned.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayer of the faithful:

In this common prayer let each one of us think not of himself alone and of his relatives and friends, but of all the people of God. With one heart let us pray to the Father, through his Son Jesus Christ, in the grace of the Holy Spirit.

1. We pray for the souls of our departed brothers who have shed their blood fighting for justice, freedom and peace, that God may give them a place in his Kingdom... Lord hear us – Lord graciously hear us.
2. We pray that the nations of the world may learn to live together in the peace and harmony of God's family... Lord hear us – Lord graciously hear us.
3. We pray for the families of our country – South africa, that they may grow in unity, and the spirit of mutual help... Lord hear us – Lord graciously hear us.
4. Módlmy się za wszystkich Polaków, którzy złożyli w ofierze swe życie na polach walki o wolność Ojczyzny, aby Bóg miłosierny wynagrodził ich ofiarę szczęściem wiecznym... Ciebie prosimy – wysłuchaj nas Panie.
5. Módlmy się za wszystkich, którzy dzisiaj cierpią z powodu wojny kalectwo, pobyt na obczyźnie, by doznali szczególnej pociechy... Ciebie prosimy – wysłuchaj nas Panie.
6. Módlmy się za młodzież polską, by była godna wielkich bohaterów Ojczyzny i Kościoła w Polsce... Ciebie prosimy – wysłuchaj nas Panie.

O, God, grant our youth who are the hope and future of our humankind and continuation of our life, a special gift and charisma, so that they could become the people of worth in the history of Third Millennium of our Christianity. Amen.

Our Father...

May almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION

14-TH SEPTEMBER 2002

ORDER OF WREATH LAYING

1.	THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND	COUNSELLOR M. BARK
2.	THE GREATER JHB METROPOLITAN COUNCIL	COUNCILLOR C. WALTERS
3.	SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENCE FORCE & SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE	MAJ. GEN. C. GAGIANO SM, MMM
3.	SOUTH AFRICAN NAVY	
4.	SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL FORCE	COL. S. WIJBURG (Mrs)
5.	ROYAL AIR FORCE	WING COMMANDER – TONY HARPER
6.	US DEFENCE ATTACHE	COMMANDER G. SCOTT
7.	GERMAN MILITARY ATTACHE	CPT. N. KIEHNLE
8.	BELGIAN MILITARY ATTACHE	COL. R. LALOUX
9.	POLISH COMBATANTS ASSOCIATION	MR. GABRIEL LISOWSKI
10.	2-ND WING S.A. AIRFORCE	COL. DIRKIE NEL (Officer Commanding in Italy)
11.	31 SQUADRON S.A. AIR FORCE	MR. M.URRY
12.	34 SQUADRON S.A. AIR FORCE	W.COLEY
13.	148 SQUADRON RAF	MJR. P. McLEAN
14.	178 SQUADRON	CPT. G. ROSENTHAL
15.	1586 (POLISH) SPECIAL DUTIES FLIGHT	MR. W. SIMMONDS
16.	No 10 BOMBER GROUP USAAF	COMM. G. SCOTT
17.	S.A. AIRFORCE ASSOCIATION	BRIG. GEN. D. E. PAGE SM, MMM
18.	S.A. AIRFORCE ASSOCIATION JHB BRANCH	L. DU PLESSIS
19.	ZONDERWATER BLOCK EX-PRISONERS OF WAR ASSN	– MR. A. COSTELLA
20.	POLISH COUNCIL IN SOUTH AFRICA	MR. J. SADOWSKI
21.	POLISH COMBATANTS ASSOCIATION (JHB)	MRS. M. SOBCZYK (Warsaw Uprising Participant)
22.	POLISH ASSOCIATION IN SOUTH AFRICA	MRS. B. KUKULSKA - Chairlady
23.	POLISH AIRFORCE ASSOCIATION	MR. KOT
24.	POLISH ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION	MR. K. GOLDA
25.	ROYAL AIRFORCES ASSOCIATION	MR. J. McALLISTER
26.	ROYAL AIRFORCES OFFICER'S CLUB	MR. McKINNON-LITTLE
27.	TRANSVAAL-SCOTTISH REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION	
28.	BELGIAN SAAF & RAF EX-SERVICEMEN	COL. R. LALOUX
29.	SOUTH AFRICAN LEGION	L. POORTER
30.	M.O.T.H.	
31.	GUNNERS ASSOCIATION	COL. L. HUMAN J.C.D.
32.	SAPPERS ASSOCIATION	CPT. M. LUNDIE
33.	ST.JOSEPH PARISH NORWOOD	MR. K. SKOCZEK
34.	POLISH SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	
35.	POLISH CLUB PRETORIA	MR. J. SADOWSKI
36.	POLISH ASSOCIATION KWA-ZULU-NATAL	MR. L. KUC
37.	POLISH ASSOCIATION VAAL TRIANGLE	MR. J. FASTYN
38.	POLISH BUSINESS CLUB	MRS. H. BOJARA & B. CHOLEWKA
39.	POLISH SCHOOL IN BRYANSTON	
40.	FAMILIES & FRIENDS	

WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
14-TH SEPTEMBER 2002
LIST OF SPONSORS

1. ASSOCIATION OF POLISH ENGINEERS IN SOUTH AFRICA.
2. POLISH ASSOCIATION IN SOUTH AFRICA R 500.00
3. POLISH ASSOCIATION IN KWA-ZULU-NATAL.R 170.00
4. SAAF (guard of honour, fly-past)
5. SOUTH AFRICAN BREWERIES. (beer)
6. JAN & RAYMOND DRZEWICKI. (cheese)
7. AERO TRAVEL TOURS. (Romek Sadowski, Wacek Simmonds & Viola Pietak)
8. Bogdan Janiszyn – Public Address system at the monument
9. LT. R.C.W. BURGESS R 100.00
10. LT. T. KITLEY R 50.00
11. G. T. MURRAY R 40.00
12. PEOPLE ON DUTY DONATING LABOUR

POLISH LADIES

Krystyna Romanowicz
Eugenia Malinowska
Elzbieta Kuhn
Elzbieta Kiepas
Dana Sawa
Ala Rendecka
Ewa Chojnacka
Natalie Jelonek
Madzia Liberda & Polish girls

GENTLEMEN

Andrzej Marek
Marek Lyzwa
Jacek Turek
Karol Golda
Dave Dwyer
Stefan Marek
Tomasz Kuhn

Polish Scouts

Photographer Henryk Zdziarski keep in touch !

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Yours faithfully



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P.O.BOX 905 NORTHLANDS 2116 TEL / FAX (011) 788 6577 JOHANNESBURG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING NO 01 / 2001

Held on Monday 2-nd of April 2001 at 17-00

at Wanderers Club, cor. North & Rudd Roads

Johannesburg

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1. PRESENT

A. Romanowicz - Chairman. D. Dwyer S. Czuba M.K. Bates - Hon. Sec
J. Sadowski Z. Dziembowski W. Simmonds P. McLean A. van der Bijl
W. F. Austin S. Marek B. Kukulska - Polish Association Rev. B.D. Jones
K. Romanowicz

1.2. APOLOGIES

J. Cort T. Kuhn M. Liberda M. Bark - Polish Embassy

2. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

2.1. Approved as a true record with following corrections: Beryl van Eyssen's name, inclusion "Aubrey will take care of finding all combatants associations"

Proposed -A. van der Bijl, seconded - Z. Dziembowski

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1. The Chairman welcomed all present.

3.2. Wacek should become third signatory of the committee account as well as have a spare key for the access to the Katyn Memorial. Contact Andrzej And Stefan.

3.3. Andrzej reported that Polish Councillor Bark intends creating Polish Heritage Foundation which will take interest in all Polish heritage sites to which Katyń Memorial belongs. Due to the existing situation Andrzej does not see benefit of leasing the land from the Council in the name of the Foundation, as the Council could still take the land for the other use if it wished. Agreed by the committee.

3.4. The Mayor had not been able to attend the last year's ceremony.

3.5. Publicity - Fred remarked that the broadcast on Radio Today with Paddy O'Byrne had not drawn any enquires. Muriel commented that Paddy had appeared inadequately briefed on the purpose of the Relief Flights. She apologised for not being able to follow up on the media contacts due to theft of her phone cable, but confirmed that Joy Cameron-Dow (Safm) had at least twice broadcast information about the function.

3.6. Access to Katyn Memorial - Andrzej reported that he obtained the key to the municipal pump-house on site and most probably electricity supply will be taken from there. P/A system will be checked during the Katyn Service on the 13-th of May.

3.7. Gen. Labuschagne last year's speech was generally applauded.

3.8. The problem of the seats was discussed, and it was agreed that buckets and the cloths should be available to clean chairs on arrival. Back-up provider of seats should be considered. Dave to check if we can have it from the Airforce. Fred remarked that there had been sufficient chairs at the reception last year.

3.9. Religious service. Muriel remarked that children had performed competently and confidently. Fred criticised the chaplain for over emphasis on "conversion to Christianity". Bryan commented that it was very difficult to speak to a cross section of the public during a Christian service.

3.10. Income & expenditure accounts. Andrzej explained the lack of income last year which was caused by the lack of beer delivery by SAB, purchase of the Crystal goblets and cost of the exhibition of the Warsaw Uprising at the Museum. Total shortfall was R 975.94. However we still have a positive balance of almost R 7 000-00 in the committee account.

3.5. Date of this year's commemoration has been agreed for the Saturday the 8-th of September. Confirmed with CAF, Brig-Gen. Derrick Page, SAAF and Museum. Gen. Page as President of SAAFA and on National Reserve Council will remain in close

contact. General Beukes has accepted invitation to be a key-note speaker. New Ambassador of Poland H.E. Krzysztof Sliwinski also diarised date of the function.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS.

- 4.1. Distribution of functions in accordance with enclosed page.
- 4.2. List of addresses to be updated. Jurek is to be advised of any further changes a.s.a.p. by fax through Zbig - (012) 362 0528, but not later than 1-st of July. Deadline for posting invitations 3-rd of August. Wacek requested a copy of the revised list. by the end of July. Wacek to give addresses of people who did not reply (RTS).
- 4.3. Noted: Dave responsible for the military liaison, Aubrey for the combatants associations. Aubrey remarked, that there has been duplication last year.
- 4.4. Item. 7 noted: new name JHB Metropole. Invitation to the Mayor Masondo have been extended.
- 4.5. Item 11 - Dave to assist at Katyn with seating VIP's.
- 4.6. Religious service. Bryan expressed doubts about conducting the service again and suggested that if members of the 44 Club from UK come over they should be incorporated. Agreed that he may ask for further assistance in conducting his service.
- 4.7. Peter would arrange for Transvaal Scottish as Boksburg group not available.
- 4.8. Item 22. Sponsorship. Andrzej is dealing with Denel.

5. GENERAL

- 5.1. Andrzej to contact John Austin-Williams to invite him for the commemoration.
- 5.2. Chairman to write to Bob Klette, Gerald Rosenthal and Eric Winchester with good wishes.(all in ill-health).
- 5.3. Chairman to give Muriel last known addresses of the five recipients of the last year's commemorative who have not replied to the invitations. She will try to trace them through Joy Cameron-Dow's programme. Failing to find them will give opportunity to give this medals to the other airmen.
- 5.4. Peter suggested that certificates of appreciation be given to selected "living" committee members. Agreed.
- 5.5. Andrzej reported that there will be a special concert in Warsaw on June 1-st to raise funds for restoration of the Michalin Monument. SA Ambassador - Sikose Mji confirmed her attendance. Invitation to be sent to Gen. Beukes, Ron Haywood, Beryl van Eyssen. Fred to contact other survivors for whom Polish accommodation could be arranged during their visit.
- 5.6. In response to a letter from Michelle Orwin, it was agreed that invitations include a request to order copies of the roll of honour of 31 and 34 squadron (SAAF) participants in relief flights at cost of R 25.
- 5.7. Basia Kukulska invited all committee members to attend 20 anniversary celebrations of the unveiling of the Katyn Memorial on Sunday 13 May at. 10-00 am. Religious service in Polish will be followed by the reminder of the history of the monument and the wreath laying.

6. NEXT MEETING

- 6.1. Next meeting - Monday 13-th of August 16-30 for 17-00 Hrs - Wanderers.

7. DISTRIBUTION

D. Dwyer	P. McLean	M.K. Bates
S. Czuba	Polish Association	J. Sadowski
Z. Dziembowski	J. Cort	S Marek
M. Liberda	A. van der Bijl	M. Bark - Polish Embassy
R.F. Haywood	B. D. Jones	Msg. J. Jaworski
W. Simmonds	W.F. Austin	T. Kuhn
A. Romanowicz		

WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS
2001

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| 1. List of addresses - update
List of addresses - computer record | D. Dwyer, F. Austin, B. Jones.
Jurek Sadowski |
| 2. Invitations - printing | Jurek Sadowski |
| 3. Acceptance list / Receiving confirmations | Wacek Simmonds - Aero Travel |
| 4. Liaison with VIP's | Andrzej Romanowicz |
| 5. Liaison with military VIP's | Dave Dwyer - Derrick Page |
| 6. Liaison with combatant's associations | Aubrey van der Bijl |
| 7. JHB Metropole :Mayor's Office | Andrzej Romanowicz |
| 8. Liaison with Gauteng Command | Dave Dwyer, Stefan Marek |
| 9. Publicity | Muriel Bates
Jadwiga Cort
Polish Associations |
| 10. Access to the Katyn Memorial grounds | Andrzej Romanowicz, Stefan Marek |
| 11. Ushers / Seating arrangement / VIP seating | Stefan Marek, Tomek Kuhn
Dave Dwyer, Polish Scouts |
| 12. Public address system | Staszek Czuba, B. Janiszyn |
| 13. Religious service | Rev. B. D. Jones |
| 14. Guest Speaker | Lt. Gen. R. J. Beukes |
| 15. Flags, decorations for reception
Scottish Pipers | Peter McLean |
| 16. Traffic / Security liaison | Andrzej Romanowicz |
| 17. Fly Past / Guard of Honour deployment | Dave Dwyer, Derrick Page |
| 18. Storage & transport of flags and flagpoles | Staszek Czuba |
| 19. Flags lowering at religious service | Peter McLean
Polish Scouts |
| 20. Wreath-laying | Polish Engineers.
Polish Scouts |
| 21. Reception
Bar | Krystyna Romanowicz
Polish Engineers |
| 22. Sponsorships of goods for catering & bar | Jadwiga Cort
Zbig Dziembowski |
| 23. Hostesses / Reception | Magda Liberda & Polish Girls |
| 24. General co-ordination | Andrzej Romanowicz |

Mrs. Muriel Bates

(011) 948 9257 w/h
072 1707 106

Mr. Stanislaw Czuba

(011) 435 9900 w
(011) 616 8713 h

Mr. R.F.Haywood

(012) 428 2350 w
(011) 453 3366 h

Mr. Peter Mc Lean

(011) 705 2355 h
073 1800411

Mrs. B. Kukulska
Polish Association

011) 793 3851 w/h

Mrs. Jadwiga Cort

(011) 678 5590 w/h
(011) 476 5362 w/h
082 5562292

Mr. Jerzy Sadowski

(012) 998 9030 w/h
083 6015888

Mr. Andrzej Romanowicz

(011) 788 6577 w/h
082 330 6577

Mr. Stefan Marek

(011) 807 0794 w
(011) 728 2844 h
083 269 2116

Mrs. Magda Liberda

(011) 793 5082 h

Dave Dwyer

(011)787 7333 w

Mr. Zbigniew
Dziembowski

(012) 362 0528 h

Rev. B. D. Jones
31 Squadron

(011) 706 3253 w/h
83 735 4397

Rev. J. Jaworski
Apostolic Notary

(011) 728 3384 w/h

Wacek Simmonds
Aero Travel Tours
(011) 784 5491 w
(011) 728 4739 h

Polish Embassy
Marian Bark Councillor
(012) 432631w

083 4617430

Aubrey van der Bijl
S A A F Association

(011) 784 1986 w/h
083 556 8191

Mr. Fred Austin
34 Squadron

(011) 616 5255 w/h

Mr. Tomasz Kuhn

(011) 474 2530 w
(011) 615 4860 h

WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION - 2000

INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME

CHEQUES & CASH RECEIVED:	R 5 997.57
INCLUDING DONATIONS AS BELOW:	
Polish Embassy	R 1297.51
Polish Association JHB	R 500.00
Polish Association KZN	R 100.00
D. Goldschmidt	R 20.00
R.C.W. Burgess	R 50.00
Polish Engineers	R 500.00
B.H. Mitchell	R 25.00
T. Kitley	R 50.00

EXPENSES

PRINTING	R 379.35
INVITATIONS PRINTING	R 310.90
POSTAGE/ FAXES /PHONE	: R 748.00
PHOTOGRAPHS	: R 300.00
LOCK FOR THE PUMP STATION	R 22.50
LIQUOR - BOTTLE STORE	: R 905.72
S.A. WAR MUSEUM DONATION	: R 600.00
CRYSTAL CUPS	R 795.34
CATERING: POLISH LADIES	: R 1 665.29
REFRESHMENTS : MEETINGS	: R 597.90
MATERIALS FOR EXHIBITION	R 248.51

TOTAL INCOME = R 5 597.57

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = - R 6 573.51

TOTAL INCOME - TOTAL EXPENDITURE = (R 5 597.57 - R 6 573.51) = - R 975.94

OPENING BALANCE	
AS ON 13.11.1998	: R 7 294.95
DEDUCT LOSS	: R 975.94
ACCRUED INTEREST	: R 596.08

CLOSING BALANCE
AS ON 01.02.2001 : R 6 915.09

GOODS /SERVICE DONORS BELOW:

Pick n'Pay - vouchers, Seemens butchery - meats
Gauteng Command - chairs & public address system
Aero Travel Tours - acceptance receiving
Boksburg Caledonian Pipe Band - music
Jan & Raymond Drzewicki - cheese

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Johannesburg

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1. PRESENT

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B. Kukulska - Polish Association K. Romanowicz

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2. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

2.1. Approved as a true record with following corrections: insert "plaque" after "commemorative" in item 5.3.

Proposed - P. McLean, seconded - D. Dwyer

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1. Wacek has become third signatory of the committee account. Spare key for the access to the Katyn Memorial will be provided for Tomek.
- 3.2. People facilitating creation of the Polish Heritage Foundation have held their first meeting and are seeking public support.
- 3.3. The Mayor of the Johannesburg Metropole is still considering participation in the commemoration. Original invitation has been mislaid by his assistants.
- 3.4. Andrzej reported that bank account balance at 1-st of August was R 7 158,61.
- 3.5. During the Katyn Service on the 13-th of May electricity supply was taken from the pump house. This system will be used during commemoration.
- 3.6. Bryan said that he was most honoured to be asked to conduct the service, both as pastor and participant, but did not wish to "hog the scene". Muriel reminded the Committee that it was difficult to get survivors to discuss their experiences. It was agreed to brief Catholic priest for the function in 2002 to make his address more non-denominational.
- 3.7. Bryan reported that letters sent by the Chairman to Bob Klette (subsequently deceased), Gerald Rosenthal and Eric Winchester had been much appreciated.
- 3.8. Of the five non-recipients of the Polish Air Force Commemorative plaque, Lt. Coats had been traced. Cpt. Cloete emigrated and suggested that his be given to another airman. That leaves 4 plaques to be redistributed. It was agreed that they will be given to: widow of W/o Henry Robert UPTON, Michelle Orwin for Lt. Michael C. F. du P. KRUGER, Mrs. Helen Brocket sister of W/o Robert Pender WHITELAW and Dick Brown brother of W/o Herbert James BROWN.
- 3.9. Andrzej and Bryan reported that the concert they and Dirkie Nel had attended in Warsaw on June 1-st had improved relations between Poles and South Africans and had raised approx. R 8 200,00 for refurbishing of the Michalin monument. The simple video material is available from the concert and sight seeing trips around the country.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS.

- 4.1. Distribution of functions in accordance with page enclosed to previous minutes.
- 4.2. List of addresses has been updated also including additional 8 names given by Bryan after his TV appearance.
- 4.3. Acceptances. Wacek reported 28 acceptances and 28 regrets. Returned envelopes were handed to Dave for checking postal codes against Post Office internet directory.
- 4.4. Andrzej reported , that the USA, UK, Belgium and Germany would sent military attaché's or their representatives. Subsequently Italy confirmed attendance as well.

- 4.5. Dave to check on attendance of the Chiefs of the Defence, Army, Navy and Medical Services.
- 4.6. Provision of chairs. Dave is liaising with the Air Force and awaits confirmation. 400 chairs has been requested. Possible back-up from the schools and Polish Catholic church. Ushers and flags confirmed.
- 4.7. Peter would arrange for Scottish pipers.
- 4.8. For the second time Andrzej received negative reply for sponsorship from Denel.
- 4.9. Publicity. Bryan have appeared on TV program "Voorblad". Noted: "Carte Blanche" idea of covering the Warsaw trip has fallen trough. Paddy O'Byrne is not in the country. Andrzej to approach Gordon Mulholland of Radio Today, while she would request Claire Marshall and Robin Alexander to publicise the event on the same station. She will also approach Mike Mills of Classic FM to feature Poland on his travel programme. Andrzej, Bryan will assist with the story of the concert in Warsaw and Wacek can help with the travel details. Flying Springbok intends publishing story of the Bryan's and Dirkie's trip to Poland. Information about this year commemoration has been sent to the SAAF Association newsletters and to the Polish organisations. Before sending the usual press release to the media, she would check details with Gen. Beukes office.
- 4.10. P/A system by Staszek and B. Janiszyn.
- 4.11. Subsequent problem has arisen with the Guest Speaker, as Gen. Beukes will only attend religious service and the wreath laying. Gen. Page has been suggested, but has to be confirmed.
- 4.12. One minute of silence will be held at the beginning of the service for people who passed away last year. National anthems may have to be played from the recordings. Krystyna and Muriel to investigate the sources.
- 4.13. Dave reported that fly-past will take place, but will depend on availability of the aircraft due to financial constraints. Rehearsal of the guard of honour will take place on Thursday the 6-th of September.
- 4.14. Following wreathlayers to be confirmed: Polish Organisations - Andrzej to check. RAF Officers Club, MOTH, SA Legion, - Muriel to check.

5. GENERAL

- 5.1 Telephone numbers of John Austin Williams have been given to Andrzej to contact him about possible documentary about the flights. He may be interested in production of the Flights story. Possible sources of photographic material - Jan Kopeć, SABC-TV archives, Imperial War Museum - London, SAAF Museum.
- 5.2. Copies of Roll of Honour - Wacek reported that 16 have been ordered to date and paid for. He would have them available at a small table at the reception. Staszek to provide original for copying by Andrzej.
- 5.4. Certificates of appreciation be given to selected "living" committee members during reception at the Museum. Peter to contact Councillor Bark for signing.
- 5.5. Bryan remarked that gravestones at Krakow cemetery need to be cleaned and that Eric Winchester hopes to organise it trough the friends. Andrzej remarked that they had patina, which will ease with closure of some factories around Krakow.
- 5.5. Ceremony at Michalin should take place on 14-th of August. Renovations to the monument should than be completed.
- 5.6. Vote of thanks to Basia Kukulska of Polish Association for the usual donation.

6. NEXT MEETING

- 6.1. Next meeting - date, time and place to be advised

7. DISTRIBUTION

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A. Romanowicz		

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

**To : All Members of the
Warsaw Flights Commemoration Committee:**

This is to confirm date and place of this year's first committee meeting which will take place at:

Venue: Wanderers Club (cor. North and Rudd Road ILLOVO)

Chariots Bar - Gazebo (left of the main entrance)

Date : Monday - 27-nd of May 2002. At 16-30 for 17-00 Hrs.

Agenda

1. Attendance.
 - 1.1. Present.
 - 1.2. Apologies.
2. Approval of the previous meeting minutes.
3. Matters arising.
 - 3.1. Comments on the previous commemoration.
 - 3.2. Income and expenses for 2001.
 - 3.3. Date of commemoration - booked for 21 September 2002.
 - 3.4. Other matters arising.
4. Distribution of functions.
5. General.
6. Date of the next meeting.
7. Distribution of meeting minutes.

Yours faithfully

Andrzej Romanowicz
Chairman

P.S. Copy of Income and Expenses for 2001 commemoration enclosed.

WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS
2002
(proposal)

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WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION - 2001

INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME

CHEQUES & CASH RECEIVED		
incl. donations as below:	R	6760.00
Polish Association	R	500.00
Polish Embassy	R	2000.00
Polish Association Dbn	R	180.00
Lt. R.C.W. Burgess	R	100.00
F. Bradley	R	40.00
Lt. D.L. Goldschmidt	R	40.00
Cpt. R. Hague	R	40.00
Lt. T. Kitley	R	40.00
G. Murray	R	15.00
TOTAL INCOME	R	6760.00

GOODS /SERVICE DONORS BELOW:
 SAB, Amarula Cream
 Raymond Drzewicki, Aero Travel Tours
 Pick n'Pay, Boksburg Caledonian Pipe Band
 South African Air Force, Bogdan Janiszyn
 Polish Ladies, Association of Polish Engineers
 Magda Liberda & Polish Ladies

EXPENSES

INVITATIONS PRINTING	R	444.69
FAXES /PHONE	R	378.34
POSTAGE - VIP'S & MINUTES	R	130.00
PHOTOCOPIES	R	80.00
LIQUOR - BOTTLE STORE	R	885.20
S.A. WAR MUSEUM DONATION	R	500.00
MONUMENT CLEAN-UP	R	800.00
CATERING: POLISH LADIES	R	2218.14
REFRESHMENTS : MEETINGS	R	410.00
PHOTOGRAPHS	R	310.00
VIDEO	R	220.00
ROLLS OF HONOUR PRINTING	R	537.00
CERT OF APPRECIATION	R	564.30
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	R	7477.67
PROFIT		-717.67
OPENING BALANCE		
AS ON 01. 02. 2001	R	6915.09
ADD PROFIT	R	-717.67
ACCRUED INTEREST	R	325.23
CLOSING BALANCE	R	6522.65
AS ON 1.10.2001		

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

P.O.BOX 905 NORTHLANDS 2116 TEL / FAX (011) 788 6577 JOHANNESBURG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING NO 01/2002
Held on Monday 27-th of May 2002 at 17h00
At Wanderers Club, cor. North & Rudd Roads,
Johannesburg

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1. PRESENT

A. Romanowicz – Chairman. M.K. Bates – Hon. Secretary, P. McLean,
K. Romanowicz, T. Kuhn, W.F. Austin, Rev. B.D. Jones J. Sadowski,
Z. Dziembowski, S. Marekh

1.2. APOLOGIES

J. Cort, W. Simmonds, B. Kukulska

2. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

2.1. Approved as a true record with following corrections: "In paragraph 4.9. "She" should be replaced by "Muriel"

Proposed –J. Sadowski, seconded – T. Kuhn

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1. Comments on the previous Commemoration.

The meeting agreed that religious service had been excellent and inclusion of the Boy Scouts well received. Muriel thanked Committee for the Certificate she had received. Noted: Dave's arrangements with the Air Force Gymnasium had gone smoothly – invitation to be sent to the Officer Commanding, Col. Bicketh and perhaps a case of beer provided for the working team. The meeting complimented Krystyna and her team on the excellent catering.

3.2. Income and expenses for 2001

Noted: There has been shortfall of income of R 717.67 due to the cost of cleaning of the Memorial, printing of the Roll of Honour and Certificates of Appreciation. However, the bank balance due to the accrued interest, was only about R 400 less than at the beginning of the previous year. (6522.65) Thanks were recorded to all donors and sponsors. Stefan proposed and Tomek seconded, that accounts be accepted.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS.

4.1. Distribution of functions in accordance with enclosed page.

4.2. D. Dwyer, F. Austin, B. Jones and Muriel handed Jurek their amendments and the latest list of the SAAFA Jhb Committee members.

4.3. Committee agreed to charges as in the last year with cash bar available.

4.4. Peter offered help with the Combatants Associations (Aubrey was overseas) and suggested that he make contact with the SA Jewish Ex-Serviceman's Association.

4.5. Previous Mayor (Isaac Mogase) had expressed interest in attending. Andrzej will never the less extend invitation for the present Mayor of the City.

4.6. Liaison with the Air Force Gymnasium – D. Dwyer and S. Marek.

4.7. Publicity – Muriel commented that she had no TV, so did not know what programmes might be interested, but would try with Radio Today, 702, Classic FM and Safm (Saturday morning programme).

4.8. There may be change of staff of the Parks Department – access to pump station should be secured again.

4.9. Religious service – Rev. Jaworski was asked to consider making the service more Polish, more personal.

4.10. Gen. R. J. Beukes is the first choice for the keynote speaker.

4.11. Assistance of the traffic officer with exit from the grounds would be appreciated. Muriel may help with the right contact.

4.12. Krystyna mentioned that amount given annually by the Pick'n'Pay no longer spread to food as well as foil, etc.

4.13. Denel has been privatised and may not respond to an appeal for assistance.

5. GENERAL

5.1. Date of commemoration.

Andrzej advised that due to the International Summit and the International Air Show he had booked the War Museum for Saturday 21-st December. Subsequently it was learned that Air Show was in fact to be held 17-22 -nd September. The date has therefore been changed to SATURDAY 14-TH SEPTEMBER. Reservation was changed accordingly with the Museum of Military History.

5.2. Bryan recorded Committee's appreciation for Andrzej's efforts to carry on the Commemoration and improve it. Condolences were expressed to Andrzej on the death of his mother and to Dave on the death of his wife.

5.3. The Chairman sent a letter of condolences to the US Attaché regarding September 11 2001.

5.4. Peter suggested that a memorial plaque and/or tie or scarf be made available for attendees to purchase. He estimated that artwork could be prepared for a plaque for R 400, which will cost R 50 to produce. Noted: Sale price must cover artwork. Peter to investigate and report back to next meeting with a view to production for 60-th Anniversary.

5.5. Zbig undertook to investigate names to be included in a Roll of Honour of all airmen who lot their lives in operations, to include all Allied and USAF crews. Muriel to give Zbig address of Alan Bates in UK: Andrzej to provide phone numbers of US Air Attaché.

5.6. Peter would approach Derrick Page to enquire who in the President's Office could expedite Polish embassy's request to present medals to SA citizens.

5.7. Fred reported that SAAFA Annual Congress had presented Muriel with a Presidential Certificate, especially for her work with the Warsaw Flights Committee.

6. NEXT MEETING

6.1. Next meeting - Tuesday 13-th of August 16-30 for 17-00 Hrs – Wanderers Club. Andrzej to advise if venue would be changed.

7. DISTRIBUTION

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

P.O. BOX 905 NORTHLANDS 2116 TEL / FAX (011) 788 6577 JOHANNESBURG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING NO 02/2002
Held on Tuesday 13-th of August 2002 at 17h00
At St. Joseph Chapel, cor. Ivy & Wolfgang Streets,
Norwood, Johannesburg

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1. KAZYN
2. MIRA
3. FOOD NEG.
4. LIST OF BAR. P/A SYSTEM.

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1. PRESENT

A. Romanowicz – Chairman, M.K. Bates – Hon. Secretary, P. McLean, S. Marek
T. Kuhn, W.F. Austin, Rev. B.D. Jones, Rev. J. Jaworski, Fr. S. Lipski, J. Sadowski,
Z. Dziembowski, D. Dwyer. *AP.* *INTRODUCTION.*

1.2. APOLOGIES

J. Cort, S. Czuba, W. Simmonds, B. Kukulska, K. Romanowicz.
AP. *AP.*

2. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

2.1. Approved as a true record with following correction:
Date in item 5.1 to be 14-th of September
Proposed – T. Kuhn, seconded – S. Marek.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1. List of addresses had been updated. Copies of computer printout handed out.
- 3.2. Invitations had been printed (cost of R 1700,00 for new covers) and sent out.
- 3.3. Wacek will receive invitations as usual. He requested list of invitees.
- 3.4. Andrzej would again invite Mayor of GJMC, agreed no special invitation to former Mayor Mogase.
- 3.5. Problems are noted with the updated list of Military Attaches- Dave will follow it up with Gen. Page.
- 3.6. Combatants Associations – Aubrey had provided a comprehensive list. Invitations extended.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS.

- 4.1. Distribution of functions in accordance with enclosed page.
- 4.2. Liaison with Air Force H/Q, they replaced Gauteng Command. Dave is in contact with Col. Visser regarding provision of chairs.
- 4.3. Publicity – Muriel reported that the SAAFA National and JHB newsletters would include mention of the Commemoration. She suggested that if she could arrange with Claire Marshall (Radio Today) to read Eric Impey's poem on the Sunday proceeding the ceremony, it would be appropriate for Bryan (who shared his tent) to be interviewed (along with Andrzej) on the following Tuesday. In view of Fr. Jaworski's interesting story of the Polish flag of the Moscow Embassy, he should also be suggested as an interviewee. Andrzej to fax information to the Polish newsletters.
- 4.4. Access to the Memorial. Andrzej had made contact with new man in the Parks Dept. Gary Andrew and will obtain the keys for the access to the pump station.
- 4.5. P/A system – will be provided by Bogdan Janiszyn. Lectern required as well.
- 4.6. Religious service – Rev. Jaworski, assisted by Fr. Lipski and permanent force chaplain. Rev. Jaworski is asked to share some of his experiences from the time of the war.
- 4.7. Guest Speaker – Maj. Gen. Carlo Gagiano. Muriel to supply CV and medals.
- 4.8. Flags and decorations, pipers. Peter had in hand. Krystyna is arranging new Polish flag. Peter is looking into use of the Sqdn emblems.
- 4.9. Traffic. Muriel to contact Chief Spt Mbuli (Special Events).

Food

4.10. Flypast and guard of honour – Dave reported that the flypast would only take place if the aircraft were serviceable. Would approach Jeff Earle to fly his Tiger Moth or Harvard over the Memorial. The rehearsal of the guard of honour (and subsequently organised flypast) will take place at 11.00 Hrs on Friday 13-th of September.

4.11. Flag posts and flagpoles – Bobrowicz.

4.12. Wreath laying. Noted: 34 squadron – Bill Coley; 31 Sqdn – Martin Urry; 2 Wing – Dirkie Nel; 148 Sqdn – Peter McLean; 178 Sqdn – Gerald Rosenthal (if fit enough) Peter to check if Light Horse Regiment (Lt. Col. Hilton Marks) wished to lay the wreath.

4.13. Sponsorships. There is uncertainty about beer supply in Jadwiga's absence. Muriel will enquire if SAAFA had any contacts with SAB.

5. GENERAL

5.1. Memorial plaques and/or tie or scarf. Peter to investigate and report back to next meeting with a view to production for 60-th Anniversary.

5.2. Tomek handed over a cheque of R 500,00 from the Polish Association.

5.3. Bryan thanked Andrzej for his continued efforts (supported by all committee members) and suggested that notes of any problems or comments be sent to Chairman soon after the commemoration, before they were forgotten – Zbig seconded this.

5.4. Zbig is investigating names to be included in a Roll of Honour of all airmen who lost their lives in operations, to include all Allied and USAF crews. Letters have been sent to relevant authorities. Bryan suggested taking names of US crews from the memorial in Warsaw. Zbig to contact people in Poland.

5.5. Peter would approach leader of the Opposition to enquire who in the President's Office could expedite Polish embassy's request to present medals to SA citizens.

5.6. The committee extended good wishes to Fred for his imminent eye operation.

6. NEXT MEETING

6.1. Next meeting – Date, place and time to be advised.

7. DISTRIBUTION

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Chairmans office

KOMITET ORGANIZACJI OBCHODU LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ
BIURO PREZESA

Johannesburg
21-go marca 2001

Ambasada Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej
14 Amos Street
COLBYN
PRETORIA 0083

Jego Ekselencja
Dr. Krzysztof Śliwiński
Ambasador RP

Szanowny Panie Ambasadrze!

57-ma Rocznicą Lotów Nad Warszawę - 8-go września 2001

W imieniu Komitetu Obchodów Lotów nad Warszawę pragnę serdecznie zaprosić Pana do wzięcia udziału w obchodach składających się z dwóch części. Jednocześnie na Pana ręce składam zaproszenie dla pracowników Ambasady. Tegoroczna uroczystość odbędzie się zgodnie z następującym programem:

Godzina 11-00 - Nabożeństwo pod Pomnikiem Ofiar Katynia - James Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg.

Godzina 12-30 - Akademia oraz przyjęcie w South African War Museum, 22 Earlswood Way, Parktown, obok ogrodu zoologicznego w Johannesburgu.

Proszę o potwierdzenie, że będzie Pan składał pod pomnikiem wieniec w imieniu Ambasady, co stało się już wieloletnią tradycją, oraz dokona w Muzeum dekoracji wieloletnich członków naszego komitetu medalami, które mają być na ten czas przewidziane przez sekcję konsularną.

Łączę wyrazy szczerego szacunku

A Romanowicz
Prezes

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg 21. 03. 2001

Ms. Thembi Tulwana
Director Organisation Mechanics
DENEL (PTY) Ltd.
P. O. Box 8322
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Tel: (012) 428 0911
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Dear Ms. Tulwana,

57-th Annual Commemoration of the Warsaw Flights - September 8-th 2001

Following encouragement given to us in your letter of 27-th September 2000 when it was possibly too late to organise sponsorship properly I take again the liberty to approach you with the pledge for the sponsorship of our efforts to commemorate what is called " the finest hour of SAAF". Below is the brief background of the function:
The heroic effort and sacrifice of the South African Air Force in flying relief supplies to the lonely fighting Polish Home Army in Warsaw in the year 1944 is again going to be commemorated. Accordingly, you and your company are cordially invited to support this committee's work. We extend as well our sincere invitation to join us for this occasion. Kindly diarise this years commemoration date. It is commencing with religious service at 11-00 Hrs and followed by reception finishing at 15-00 Hrs. I am expecting your call to arrange appointment to discuss the possibilities and details with you.

Yours sincerely

A. Romanowicz
Chairman

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS
COMMEMORATION ORGANISING
COMMITTEE

Johannesburg
22 March 2001

The Mayor
Transitional Metropolitan Council
P O Box 1049
JOHANNESBURG
2000

Attention: Councillor Amos Masondo
fax no 339 5704 / tel. 407 7558 (Rose Mabe)

← SIPHO PEWA →
GOT HISTORICAL BRUNSWARD!

Dear Councillor Masondo,

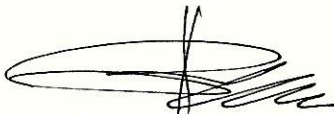
57-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 8 SEPTEMBER 2001

We are pleased to advise the date of this year's Commemoration, marking the anniversary of the heroic flights to Warsaw by squadrons of the South African Air Force in August and September 1944. As before the open air service will take place at 11h00 on above Saturday at the Katyn Memorial in the James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate Johannesburg. The reception in South African War Museum will follow shortly after at about 12 - 30 Hrs. War veterans and military attaches of Nato countries will be present as well as the diplomatic corps.

We would be honoured and delighted if you and Mrs Masondo could attend both the service and the reception. We would be further honoured if as in the previous years. you would lay the wreath at the service and deliver an address at the reception. Your reply wheather you will be able to attend will be greatly appreciated. I am at your disposal to discuss relevance of this commemotation being held since 1947 and help to work out the details of your participation. Kindly provide suitable time to visit your offices.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain

Yours sincerely



A Romanowicz
Chairman
cell No. 082 330 6577

SENT 24.11.01.

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg 09. 04. 2001

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Fax: (012) 347 0300

Dear Ms. Tulwana,
57-th Annual Commemoration of the Warsaw Flights - September 8-th 2001 and concert entitled: "Polish Artists for South African pilots - June 1-st 2001 in Warsaw Poland

Thank you for your letter of 5-th of April 2001.

We have an option to support one or two of the events. Commemoration in September is a local affair while concert to raise funds for renovation of the monument in Michalin near Warsaw can give your company valuable exposure to the Polish market. Event in Warsaw where South African Ambassador Ms. Sikose Mji already accepted an invitation and representative of SAAF will be present looks to me as a fantastic opportunity to meet members of the Polish Government and be listed as one of the sponsors.

Funds needed for receptions for the mostly the War veterans are:

For September 8-th commemoration to cover cost of catering (inexpensively prepared by Polish ladies committee) and drinks would require (based on last years actual costs) = R 10 000-00.

For June 1-st concert in Warsaw to help with catering at the function after the concert (we hope to have one of local producers to sponsor 4 boxes of good South African wines) will be: 150 people x PLN 50-00 (2 R = 1 PLN) = R 15 000-00

Enclosed please find historical backgrounds of the Warsaw Flights and detailed descriptions of the events. Thank you for your interest. Should you want to discuss this matters, kindly contact the writer.

Yours sincerely



A. Romanowicz
Chairman

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg 09. 04. 2001

H.E. Ms. Sikose Mji
Ambassador of the
Republic of South Africa
in Poland
Fax: 0948-22-625 6270

Dear Ambassador,

Concert in the Warsaw Theatre ATENEUM entitled "Polish Artists for South-African Airmen" 1-st of June 2001 - 19-00 Hrs.

Thank you for your letter of 2-nd of April and kind acceptance of our invitation. I must have confused you in the lengthy introduction in my letter, but Polish commemoration will be held in Michalin on 15-th of August. And this will be held out-doors. For the concert in Ateneum theatre the weather will be immaterial, as it will be held indoors. We are working on the details, but so far Gen. Roelf Beukes Chief of the Airforce promised to dispatch his representative, so you can be assured of the company of some dashing officer. I am working with DENEL in South Africa to have some sponsorship for the reception, which we would like to have after the concert. If some South-African importer of the wines would like to have a floor, we can provide it for them! After having a bit more thought given about the exhibition of the SHONA sculptures and possible involvement of the Zimbabwean High Commission, due to the short time available, I would suggest that we should make it as another special occasion. It requires longer and careful planning. Feel free to invite the Zimbabwean High Commissioner for our concert and during my stay (since 25 May until 18-th of June) lets organise a meeting with him to discuss details of this exhibition in Warsaw at some other suitable time and venue. We should rather look now for some local (RSA) product to promote.

Yours sincerely



A. Romanowicz
Chairman
Cell. No. 082 330 6577

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg 10. 04. 2001

La Concorde Wines B. V.
P. O. Box 17 111
2502 CC The Hague
NETHERLANDS
Tel: (31) 70 345 1237
Fax: (31) 70 345 1292

Att. Johan van der Westhuyzen

Dear Johan,

**Concert entitled: "Polish Artists for South African Airmen"- June 1-st 2001 in
ATHENEUM Theatre in Warsaw Poland**

Thank you for your fax of today. I have received your telephone number from KVV Head Office after the phone call made by my friend and compatriot - well known photographer Andrzej Sawa. They referred me to you as the right person to make a proposal of having exposure given to South African wines on the event in Poland. This event will be the concert of the famous Polish artists, who did previously visit South Africa, with the aim to raise funds for renovation of the monument in Michalin near Warsaw. South African Ambassador H.E. Sikose Mji already accepted an invitation and representative of SAAF will also be present. Polish Foreign Minister will be the patron of it. After the concert we going to have a small reception for about 200 well known people what looks to be a fantastic opportunity to meet members of the Polish high society and to be listed as one of the sponsors. South African armament company DENEL will hopefully sponsor the food. Enclosed please find historical backgrounds of the Warsaw Flights and detailed descriptions of the events. Thank you for your interest. Should you want to discuss this matters further, do not hesitate to contact the writer. In my capacity as Chairman of the local commemorations I will also travel to Warsaw and can meet you there at the concert and after until 18 of June when I will return to South Africa. I hereby extend sincere invitation to join us for the evening in ATENEUM Theatre on 1-st of June 2001 at 19-00 Hrs regardless if you want to promote your wines or not. Kindly confirm your acceptance.

Yours sincerely



Andrzej Romanowicz
Chairman

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chairman's office

KOMITET ORGANIZACJI OBCHODU LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ
BIURO PREZESA

Johannesburg
11-go Lipca 2001 roku

Do:
Rady Polonii Afryka Południe
Zjednoczenia Polskiego Jhb
Stowarzyszenia Polskiego w Cape Town
Stowarzyszenia Polskiego w Kwa-Zulu Natal
Klubu Polskiego w Pretorii
Stowarzyszenia Polskiego w Vanderbijlpark
Koła Lotników
Stowarzyszenia Techników Polskich
Stowarzyszenia Kombatantów
Klubu Polskiego Biznesu

Szanowni Państwo !

DOROCZNE OBCHODY LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ SOBOTA - 8 WRZESIEŃ 2001

W dniu 8-go września będziemy ponownie obchodzić rocznicę bohaterskich lotów Południowo-Afrykańskich lotników nad Warszawę. W przeszłości Wasza organizacja zawsze brała udział w tej uroczystości. Zgodnie z tradycją mam zaszczyt w imieniu Komitetu zaprosić Prezesa lub wybranego reprezentanta waszej organizacji wraz z małżonkiem lub partnerem do uczestnictwa w tej tak ważnej dla Polonii imprezie oraz do złożenia wieńca pod Pomnikiem ofiar Katynia - symbolu walki żołnierzy AK oraz pomocy SAAF w walce o naszą wolność. Zwracam się również z gorącą prośbą o propagowanie tej imprezy wśród naszych znajomych - Południowo-Afrykańczyków. Bardzo proszę o potwierdzenie uczestnictwa (najpóźniej do piątku 24-go sierpnia b.r.) oraz mile widzianego udziału w składaniu wieńców.

Z poważaniem



Andrzej Romanowicz
Prezes

P.S. W załączeniu tekst ogłoszenia o tegorocznych obchodach w lokalnym komunikacie.

sent. 10.7.2001.

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
Chairman's office

Johannesburg
11-th July 2001

Brig. Gen. D. Page
SAAF Association.
fax no. (012) 312 2020

REPLIED will lay THE WREATH

Dear General Page,

57-th ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHTS OVER WARSAW 8-th September 2001

On Saturday of the 8-th September we will commemorate the Anniversary of the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African and Allied airmen to drop supplies to the Polish Home Army and civilian population of Warsaw, at that time locked in a mortal struggle for freedom. On behalf of our Committee and myself, I have pleasure in extending to you and your wife our sincere invitation to join us for this commemoration.

Details of the ceremony are as follows:

11:00 Hrs - Religious service and the wreath laying at the Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg.

12:30 Hrs - Reception by the Organising Committee at South African War Museum- 22 Earswold Way, Parktown (next to the Zoological Gardens).

Kindly confirm with the writer before 24-th of August whether you will be able to attend and lay the wreath.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
Chairman's office

Johannesburg
11-th July 2001

Col. ~~Dennis Rider~~
Defence Attache
United States DAO
fax no. (012) 342 6161

C. D. SMITH

(012) 342 6161

SMITH.

SEC. MORINNE

(012) 342 1048

Dear Col. ~~RIDER~~

EXT. 2180

57-th ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHTS OVER WARSAW 8-th September 2001

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Kindly confirm with the writer before 24-th of August whether you will be able to attend and lay the wreath.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

SENT 20.07.2007

Johannesburg
13. 07. 2001

KOMPANIA PIWOWARSKA
ul. Szwajcarska 11
61-285 POZNAŃ

Att. Mr. Trent Odgers
Fax no. : 0948 61 877 7341

Dear Mr. Odgers,

**Re: Sponsorship / renovations of the monument for fallen South African airmen
in Michalin near Warsaw**

On behalf of our Committee and myself I would like to thank you very much for your help in providing splendid sponsorship in form of providing the beer for the party after the concert entitled "Polish Artists for South African Airmen". I did extend the word of thanks to your company after the concert. Polish Foreign Minister Mr. Bartoszewski was official patron of this concert and Ambassador of South Africa Ms. Mji and Polish Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa dr. Krzysztof Śliwiński were also present. Proceeds earned at the concert will be used to help in renovation of the monument in Michalin. Mr. Andrzej Ludwikowski, leading manufacturer of granite in Poland kindly offered to renovate the monument in the stone, thus solving the problem of future maintenance. Money raised from the concert will also help Polish Scouts to establish and maintain landscaping around the monument. Thank you again for your in-put. Please accept my best greetings to you and Kompania Pivowarska in Poznań.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

Mr. Norman Adami - South African Breweries



STOWARZYSZENIE POLSKIE W KWAZULU NATAL

P.O. Box 70154, OVERPORT 4067, RSA

Durban, 17 lipiec 2001 r.

Prezes

Andrzej Romanowicz

KOMITET ORGANIZACJI
OBCHODÓW LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ
P.O. Box 905
NORTHLANDS
2116

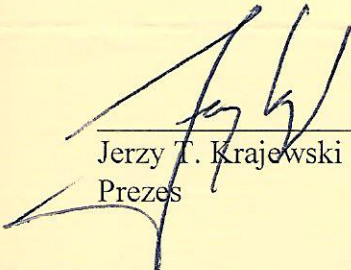
Szanowny Panie Prezesie!

Bardzo dziękuję za zaproszenie na uroczystości związane z lotami nad Warszawę. Z przykrością muszę jednak zawiadomić, że nie będę mógł przybyć osobiście z powodów ode mnie niezależnych.

Prosimy pana Prezesa o zakupienie w imieniu naszej organizacji wieńca, który zostanie złożony przez naszego przedstawiciela - Leszek Kuc.

Po odciążeniu kosztów wieńca, z dostarczonej sumy R300, resztę proszę przyjąć jako donację dla Komitetu Organizującego te uroczystości.

Z poważaniem,



Jerzy T. Krajewski
Prezes

ZARZĄD:

Prezes J.T. KRAJEWSKI, Wice-Prezes R. WIŚNIEWSKI, Sekretarz/Skarbnik K. JAWOROWSKA,
Członkowie: K. ŻYŁUKŻYLIŃSKA, S. NOGAJCZYK, M. RÓZGA.

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg 07.08.2001

W. P. Marian Bark
Konsul
Ambasady RP

AMBASSADOR RP. ETC.

Szanowny Panie Konsulu!

Dotyczy : Dorocznych obchodów Lotów nad Warszawę 8-go września 2001.

W związku ze zbliżającymi się obchodami Lotów nad Warszawę w imieniu komitetu zwracam się z prośbą o poparcie tego ważnego dla Polonii wydarzenia. Tegoroczna wyprawa na koncert "Artyści - lotnikom RPA" do Warszawy, pomimo pokrycia kosztów podróży pastora Jonesa oraz zakwaterowania przez MSZ obu lotników w hotelu rządowym była dość kosztowna. Efekty zapoznania społeczeństwa z ofiarą lotników RPA niosących pomoc powstaniu warszawskiemu był jednak duży. Ponadto teatr zebrał PLN 4100,00 przekazane na odnowienie pomnika w Michalinie. Poniższy zestaw jest przedstawieniem dodatkowych kosztów wynikających z pokrycia w Warszawie wydatków naszych gości:

1. Kieszonkowe	PLN 2 x 250,00	= PLN 500,00
2. Obiad - Samson		150,00
3. Obiad rest. rządowa		100,00
4. Zwiedzanie zamku królewskiego		28,00
5. Kwiaty dla artystów na koncercie		200,00
6. Taksówki na lotnisko 3 x PLN 30,00		90,00

Razem PLN 1 120,00

Przy kursie złotego 4,00 /USD i kursie Randa 8,20/USD daje to $2,05 \times \text{PLN} 1120 = \text{R} 2\,296,00$
Gdyby można było uzyskać od Ambasady wsparcie ok. R 1 500,00 lub R 2 000,00 bardzo pomogłoby to w pokryciu tegorocznych kosztów komitetu.

Z poważaniem

Andrzej Romanowicz
Prezes

P.S. Proszę o podanie ilości osób reprezentujących Ambasadę w celu zarezerwowania miejsc na nabożeństwie oraz recepcji.

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

FAX

Pages: 01

Date: 15. 08. 2001

SENDER	ADDRESSEE
Andrzej ROMANOWICZ Warsaw Flights Commemoration Tel/Fax No: 0027-11-788 6577	Roelie STOLZ Amarula Cream Fax (012) 803 4517

Dear Mr. Stolz,

Commemoration of the Warsaw Flights in Johannesburg - 8 September 2001

On above Saturday 8-th of September we will commemorate the Anniversary of the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African and Allied airmen to drop supplies to the Polish Home Army and civilian population of Warsaw, at that time locked in a mortal struggle for freedom. Following initial contact made during reception in Sheraton Hotel in the name of the Organising Committee I hereby apply for the donation of two boxes of AMARULA liqueur for the use on the reception for the invited guests. Number of people expected is around 250. Guests of Honour are the War veterans, Mayor of Metropolis, Diplomatic Corps, Chiefs of the SADF and foreign military attaches. Your generous help in this matter will be much appreciated. Kindly accept our sincere invitation to you and your partner to join us for the religious service and the reception.

Details of the ceremony are as follows:

11:00 Hrs - Service at the Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg. Wreath laying will conclude the proceedings.

12:30 Hrs - Reception by the Organising Committee at South African War Museum- 22 Earlswood Way, Parktown (next to the Zoological Gardens).

Kindly confirm with the writer before Friday 31-st of August whether you will be able to attend.

Yours sincerely



A. Romanowicz
Chairman
Cell. No. 082 330 6577

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chairman's office

Johannesburg
15-th August 2001

His Excellency P. Vosalik
Ambassador of Czech Republic
P.O. Box 3326
Arcadia 0001
SENT 20_40
FAX N° (012) 430 2033

Your Excellency,

57-th ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW FLIGHTS - 8 SEPTEMBER 2001

On above Saturday we will commemorate the Anniversary of the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African and Allied airmen to drop supplies to the Polish Home Army and civilian population of Warsaw, at that time locked in a mortal struggle for freedom. Following your previous interest shown in this function, I have pleasure in extending to you and your wife, Sir, our sincere invitation to join us at the Katyn Memorial in Melrose Johannesburg, which is the annual venue of this function.

Details of the ceremony are as follows:

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Kindly confirm with the writer before Friday 31-st of August whether you will be able to attend and lay the wreath.

Yours sincerely



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

SENT: 14.8.2001

Johannesburg
15 August 2001

STELLENBOSCH
FARMERS WINERY
Attention: Mr. Joseph Makwala
Fax no: (011) 874 1241

Dear Sir,

57-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 8 SEPTEMBER 2001

This year's annual commemoration of the Warsaw Airlift will be held on above Saturday in September. It will be the 57-th anniversary of the famous operations by 31 and 34 Squadrons of SAAF and as such, will be celebrated with particular solemnity.

The service and wreath-laying will be at the customary venue: Katyn Memorial, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg, at 11:00 Hrs. The reception will be held at South African War Museum at 12:30 Hrs.

Jadwiga Cort, a member of our committee did make initial contact with you and suggested that I write to you with a following request:

In the name of the Organising Committee I approach you, Sir, with request to supply us with donation in form of refreshments for our reception. Number of people expected is around 200. Guests of Honour are the War veterans, Mayor of Metropolis, Diplomatic Corps, Chiefs of the SADF and foreign military attaches.

Your generous help in this matter will be much appreciated. Kindly accept our sincere invitation to join us for the religious service and the reception. Please let me know before Friday 31-st of August whether you will be able to attend.

With best regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

SENT 14.8.2001

Johannesburg
15-th August 2001

PICK AND PAY
NATIONAL
Attention:
Mrs. Brenda VAN DER SCHYFF
Fax no: (011) 455 1780

Dear Madam,

57-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 8 SEPTEMBER 2001

Mrs. Jadwiga Cort, a member of our committee who made initial contact with you suggested that I write to you with a following request:

In the name of the Organising Committee I approach you, Madam, with request to supply us with donation in form of vouchers for groceries for our reception. Number of people expected is around 250. Guests of Honour are the War veterans, Mayor of Transitional Metropolitan Council, Chiefs of the SANDF, diplomatic corps and foreign military attaches.

Your generous help in this matter will be much appreciated. Kindly accept our sincere invitation to join us for the religious service and the reception. Please let me know before Friday 31-st of August whether you will be able to attend.

With best regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
Chairman

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chairman's office

Johannesburg
15-th August 2001

His Excellency D. Bozanic
Ambassador of Bosnia & Herzegovina
P.O. Box 11464
Hatfield
0028
fax. No (012) 346 2295

SENT 20-45

Your Excellency,

57-th ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW FLIGHTS - 8 SEPTEMBER 2001

On above Saturday we will commemorate the Anniversary of the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African and Allied airmen to drop supplies to the Polish Home Army and civilian population of Warsaw, at that time locked in a mortal struggle for freedom. Following your interest shown in this function, I have pleasure in extending to you and your wife, Sir, our sincere invitation to join us at the Katyn Memorial in Melrose Johannesburg, which is the annual venue of this function.

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Kindly confirm with the writer before Friday 31-st of August whether you will be able to attend and lay the wreath.

Yours sincerely



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

JOINT. 14.8.2001

Johannesburg
15 August 2001

SOUTH AFRICAN
BREWERIES
Mr. Norman Adami
Attention: Linda
Fax no: (011) 881 8510

Dear Sir,

57-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 8 SEPTEMBER 2001

Mrs. Jadwiga Cort, a member of our committee was kind enough to make initial contact with you and suggested that I write to you with a following request:
In the name of the Organising Committee I approach you; Sir, as in the previous years, with request to supply us with donation in form of refreshments for our reception. Number of people expected is around 250. Guests of Honour are the War veterans, Mayor of Metropolis, Chiefs of the SNDF, diplomatic corps and military attaches. Kindly accept our sincere invitation to join us for the religious service and the reception. Please let me know before Friday 31-st of August whether you will be able to attend.

Your generous help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

With best regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Johannesburg
15 August 2001

CATERIX c.c.
The Cheese Company
Attention: Raymond Drzewicki
fax no. 792 3634

Dear Sir,

57-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 8 SEPTEMBER 2001

This year's annual commemoration of the Warsaw Airlift will be held on above Saturday the. It will be the anniversary of the famous operations by 31 and 34 Squadrons of SAAF and as such, will be celebrated with particular solemnity.

The service and wreath-laying will be at the customary venue, i.e. Katyn Memorial, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg, at 11:00 Hrs. The reception will be held at South African War Museum at 12:30 Hrs. Mrs. Cort, a member of our committee was kind enough to make initial contact with you and suggested that I write to you, Sir, with a following request:

In the name of the Organising Committee I approach you, Sir, with request to supply us with donation in form of some cheeses for our reception. Number of people expected is 250 - 300. Guests of Honour are the War veterans, Mayor of Metropolis, Chiefs of the SADF and foreign military attaches.

Your generous help in this matter will be much appreciated. Please reserve the morning of 8-th of September, as we hope that you will be able to join us for the religious service and the reception.

With best regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

P.S. This is corrected copy.

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS
COMMEMORATION ORGANISING
COMMITTEE

Johannesburg
21 August 2001

Mr. James Clarke
STAR newspaper
fax no 836 8398

REC'D. 11-01 AM.

Dear Mr. Clarke,

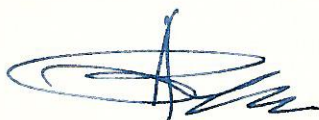
57-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 8 SEPTEMBER 2001

We are pleased to advise the date of this year's Commemoration, marking the anniversary of the heroic flights to Warsaw by squadrons of the South African Air Force in August and September 1944. As before the open air service will take place at 11-00 Hrs on above Saturday at the Katyn Memorial in the James and Ethel Gray Park, cor. of Atholl Oakland's Road and Melrose Street, Melrose Estate Johannesburg. The reception in South African War Museum (next to the ZOO) will follow shortly after at about 12 - 30 Hrs. War veterans, chiefs of the Defence Force and military attaches of Nato countries will be present, as well as members of the diplomatic corps.

Learning from article in the STAR, that you are interested in flying and related matters we would be honoured and delighted if you and your wife could attend the service and/or reception in the Museum. Kindly confirm with the writer before 31-st of August whether you will be able to attend.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain

Yours sincerely



A Romanowicz
Chairman
cell No. 082 330 6577

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg
21 August 2001

Mr. John Austin Williams
South African Airways Museum
fax no 787 2796 *SENT 11-09 A.M.*

Dear Mr. Austin Williams,

57-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 8 SEPTEMBER 2001

We are pleased to advise the date of this year's Commemoration, marking the anniversary of the heroic flights to Warsaw by squadrons of the South African Air Force in August and September 1944. As before the open air service will take place at 11-00 Hrs on above Saturday at the Katyn Memorial in the James and Ethel Gray Park, cor. of Atholl Oakland's Road and Melrose Street, Melrose Estate Johannesburg. The reception in South African War Museum (next to the ZOO) will follow shortly after at about 12-30 Hrs. War veterans, chiefs of the Defence Force and military attaches of Nato countries will be present, as well as members of the diplomatic corps.

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A Romanowicz
Chairman
cell No. 082 330 6577

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg 21. 08. 2001

Mosima Gabriel
Sexwale
MVELAPHANDA HOLDINGS (Pty) Ltd
Fax no. 327 5431 *STWT 12-50*

Dear Colonel Sexwale,

57-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 8-th SEPTEMBER 2001

We are pleased to advise the date of this year's Commemoration, marking the anniversary of the heroic flights to Warsaw by 31 and 34 squadrons of the South African Air Force in August and September 1944. As before the open air service will take place at 11-00 Hrs on above Saturday at the Katyn Memorial in the James and Ethel Gray Park, cor. of Atholl Oakland's Road and Melrose Street, Melrose Estate Johannesburg. The reception in South African War Museum (next to the ZOO) will follow shortly after at about 12-30 Hrs. War veterans, chiefs of the Defence Force and military attaches of Nato countries will be present, as well as members of the diplomatic corps.

Learning from our friends in the SA Airforce, that you are not only interested in flying and related matters, but have recently been nominated an Honorary Colonel of the SAAF we would be honoured and delighted if you and your wife could attend the service and reception in the above Museum. Kindly confirm with the writer before 31-st of August whether you will be able to attend.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain
Yours sincerely



A Romanowicz
Chairman
cell No. 082 330 6577

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Johannesburg
29-th August 2001

PICK AND PAY
NATIONAL
Attention:
Mrs. Brenda GROSSMANN
Fax no: (011) 455 1780

Dear Madam,

57-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 8 SEPTEMBER 2001

Mrs. Jadwiga Cort, a member of our committee who made initial contact with you suggested that I write to you with a following request:

In the name of the Organising Committee I approach you, Madam, with request to supply us with donation in form of vouchers for groceries for our reception. Number of people expected is around 250. Guests of Honour are the War veterans, Mayor of Transitional Metropolitan Council, Chiefs of the SANDF, diplomatic corps and foreign military attaches.

Your generous help in this matter will be much appreciated. Kindly accept our sincere invitation to join us for the religious service and the reception. Please let me know before Friday 31-st of August whether you will be able to attend.

With best regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
Chairman

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chairman's office

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N. ADAMI
881 8772

Johannesburg
3-rd of September 2001

The Strategic Executive
Public Safety & Emergency Services
Greater Johannesburg
Metropolitan Council
TEL. 3391707

KS. FRANK
4(011) 6403154
9-1300

Dear Sir,

Anniversary of the Warsaw Airlift - 8 September 2001

Saturday the 8-th September will mark the annual Commemoration Service at the usual venue being Katyn Memorial in the James and Ethel Gray Park in honour of airmen of 31 and 34 Squadrons of SAAF who perished in their attempt to fly supplies to the Polish Home Army inside Warsaw in 1944.

As it was done in the previous days the religious service and wreath-laying will take place at 11-00 to 12-00 hours on above date. List of attendance besides public includes members of diplomatic corps, Army chiefs and military attaches. We would appreciate if some assistance can be obtained in providing traffic officers at the entry to the grounds being corner of Atholl Oaklands Road & Melrose Street - Melrose.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN
Cell no. 082 330 6577

Dodatkové adresy zainteresowanych ludzi na obchody:

Ken Smy
P. O. Box 11333
ZWARTKOP
0051

Leone Odendaal
16 Suikerbekkie Rd.
SUNWARD PARK
1459

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg
6-th of July 2002

Lt. Gen. R. J. Beukes SD, SM, MMM
Chief of South African Air Force
P/Bag X 199 PRETORIA 0001
Fax no : (012) 312 2231

Dear Sir,

58-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT 14-th SEPTEMBER 2002

On Saturday dated above we will again commemorate the Anniversary of the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African and Allied airmen to drop supplies to the Polish Home Army and civilian population of Warsaw, at that time locked in a mortal struggle for freedom. On behalf of our Committee and myself, I have pleasure in extending to you and your wife our sincere invitation to join us for the commemoration.

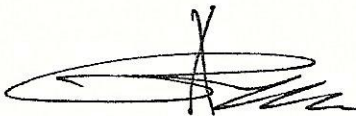
Details of the ceremony are as follows:

11:00 Hrs - Religious service and the wreath laying at the Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg.

12:30 Hrs - Reception by the Organising Committee at South African War Museum- 22 Earswold Way, Parktown (next to the Zoological Gardens).

Kindly confirm whether you will be able to address the congregation during reception, and also join us for the religious service and lay the wreath. We again ask your good offices for other assistance on above occasion. It would be appreciated if a fly-past could be arranged. Furthermore we would need deployment of the senior NCO, a buglar and 4 sentries for the guard of honour and-playing of the Last Post and Reveille. Polish scouts will provide the flag rope men. Should a practice run or an inspection in loco be required kindly have your staff contact undersigned. Cell No 082 330 6577 given in addition to stationary phone as stated below.

Thanking you for your co-operation
Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

C/c Cpt. Dave Dwyer

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chairmans office

KOMITET ORGANIZACJI OBCHODU LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ
BIURO PREZESA

Johannesburg
6-go lipca 2002

Ambasada Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej
14 Amos Street
COLBYN
PRETORIA 0083

Jego Ekselencja
Dr. Krzysztof Sliwinski
Ambasador RP

Szanowny Panie Ambasadrze!

58-ma Rocznicą Lotów Nad Warszawę - 14-go września 2002

W imieniu Komitetu Obchodów Lotów nad Warszawę pragnę serdecznie zaprosić Pana do wzięcia udziału w tegorocznych obchodach. Jednocześnie na Pana ręce składam zaproszenie dla pracowników Ambasady. Tegoroczna uroczystość odbędzie się zgodnie z następującym, tradycyjnym już, programem:

Godzina 11-00 - Nabożeństwo pod Pomnikiem Ofiar Katynia - James Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg.

Godzina 12-30 - Akademia oraz przyjęcie w South African War Museum, 22 Earlswood Way, Parktown, obok ogrodu zoologicznego Johannesburgu.

Proszę o potwierdzenie do 10-go sierpnia, czy można liczyć na złożenie wienca w imieniu Ambasady, (co stało się już wieloletnią tradycją) oraz pozdrowienia zebranych na przyjęciu w Muzeum Historii Wojskowej RPA.

Z wyrazami szczerego szacunku



A Romanowicz
Prezes



25 July 2002

Mr A. Romanowicz
Chairman
Warsaw Flights Commemoration Organising Committee
PO Box 905
Northlands
2116

Dear Sir

**INVITATION TO 58th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT:
14 SEPTEMBER 2002**

Thank you for your invitation to the 58th anniversary of the Warsaw Airlift on 14 September 2002. It is with regret that I have to inform you that I will not be able to accept your invitation, to the above mentioned event, due to my commitments to receive the Chiefs of Air Forces attending the 6th Sub Aviation Committee Conference on 15 September and the AAD 2002 Air Show.

The name of my representative for the wreath laying and to address the congregation during the reception will be forwarded to you shortly.

I can inform you that I have already instructed Major General M.P. Janse van Rensburg, the General Officer Commanding of the Air Command, to attend to your other requests. For any clarification or further liaison Major General Janse van Rensburg can be contacted at (012) 312-2269.

I trust that the occasion will be highly successful and wish you all the success with future endeavours.

Kind regards

(R.J. BEUKES)
CHIEF OF THE AIR FORCE: LIEUTENANT GENERAL

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FAXED 8.47 29.07.2002

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
Chairman's office

Johannesburg
28-th of July 2002

Mr. Emilio Coccia
P. O. box 647
IRENE
1675
Fax No. (012) 667 3279

Dear Emilio,

58-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW FLIGHTS - 14 September 2002

On Saturday of the 14-th September we will commemorate the Anniversary of the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African and Allied airmen to drop supplies to the Polish Home Army and civilian population of Warsaw, at that time locked in a mortal struggle for freedom. On behalf of our Committee and myself, I have pleasure in extending to you and your Italian friends our sincere invitation to join us for this commemoration.

Details of the ceremony are as follows:

11:00 Hrs - Religious service and the wreath laying at the Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg.

12:30 Hrs - Reception by the Organising Committee at South African War Museum- 22 Earswold Way, Parktown (next to the Zoological Gardens).

Kindly advertise this invitation in the newsletter of the Italian Community.

There is a payment of R 70-00 per couple and R 40-00 for a single person and R 10-00 /child for the finger lunch at the reception. Interested people should reserve places in advance. Cash bar.

Kindly confirm with the writer before the end of August whether your people will be able to attend and number of places reserved for the reception. We should also consider participation of the Italian priest concelebrating the mass with our Polish clergy.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

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**THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE**
Chairman's office

KOMITET ORGANIZACJI LOTOW NAD WARSZAWĘ
BIURO PREZESA

Johannesburg 29-go Lipca 2002

Do:

Rady Polonii Afryka Południe
Zjednoczenia Polskiego w JHB
Stowarzyszenia Polskiego w Cape Town
Stowarzyszenia Polskiego w Kwa-Zulu Natal
Klubu Polskiego w Pretorii
Stowarzyszenia Polskiego w Vanderbijlpark
Kola Lotników
Stowarzyszenia Techników Polskich w RPA
Stowarzyszenia Kombatantów Polskich
Polskiej Izby Handlowej
Polskiego Centrum Handlowego

Szanowni Państwo!

**DOROCZNE OBCHODY LOTOW NAD WARSZAWĘ
SOBOTA 14-GO WRZESNIA 2002**

W dniu 14-go września b.r. ponownie obchodząc będziemy rocznice bohaterskich lotów południowo-afrykańskich lotników niosących pomoc walczącej Warszawie. W przeszłości Wasza organizacja zawsze brała udział w tej uroczystości. Zgodnie z wieloletnią tradycją mam zaszczyt zaprosić Prezesa lub wybranego reprezentanta waszej organizacji wraz z małżonkiem lub partnerem do uczestnictwa w tej tak ważnej dla Polonii imprezie. Zwracam się również z prośbą o wzięcie udziału w składaniu wieniec pod pomnikiem Katynia – symbolu walki żołnierzy AK oraz wsparcia udzielonego przez SAAF. Proszę również o propagowanie tej uroczystości wśród naszych znajomych, również południowo-afrykańczyków. Program uroczystości według tradycyjnego programu:

Godz. 11:00 – Nabożeństwo pod Pomnikiem Katyńskim (w tym roku prowadzone przez polskich duchownych)

Godz. 12:30 – Akademia i przyjęcie w South African War Museum (wstęp płatny: R 70,00 od pary, R 40,00 od pojedynczej osoby. R 10,00 dla dzieci.)

Proszę o potwierdzenie uczestnictwa i udziału w składaniu wieniec do piątku 30-go sierpnia.

Z poważaniem

Andrzej Romanowicz
Prezes

P.S. W związku z ciągle rosnącymi kosztami donacje będą mile widziane.



ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION

*58TH ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW
FLIGHTS*

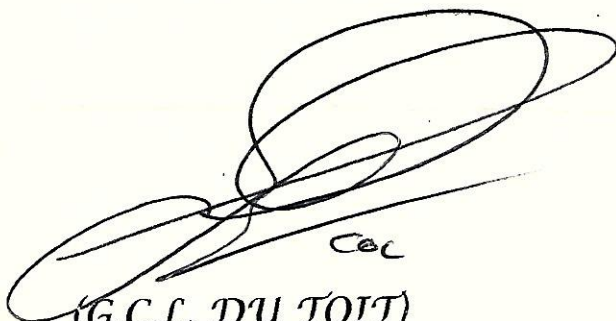
I wish to thank you for the invitation dated 29 July 2002, which I received yesterday.

I take great pleasure in accepting your kind invitation to attend the 58th Anniversary of Warsaw Flights Memorial Service to be held on 14 September 2002.

I will not be laying a wreath but would appreciate if you could confirm with me the correct dress code for the occasion.

Looking forward to meeting you again.

Kindest regards



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(G.C.L. DU TOIT)

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P.O. Box 70154, OVERPORT 4067, RSA

Durban, 4 sierpień 2002 r.

Prezes

Andrzej Romanowicz

KOMITET ORGANIZACJI

OBCHODÓW LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ

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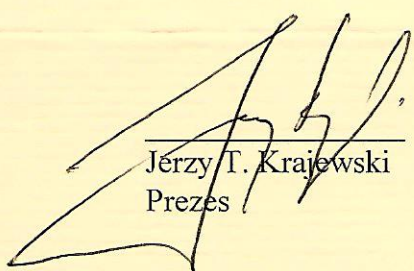
Szanowny Panie Prezesie!

Bardzo dziękuję za zaproszenie na uroczystości związane z lotami nad Warszawę. Z przykrością muszę jednak zawiadomić, że nie będę mógł przybyć osobiście z powodów ode mnie niezależnych.

Prosimy pana Prezesa o zakupienie w imieniu naszej organizacji wieńca, który zostanie złożony przez naszego przedstawiciela - Leszek Kuc.

Po odciążeniu kosztów wieńca, z dostarczonej sumy R300, resztę proszę przyjąć jako donację dla Komitetu Organizującego te uroczystości.

Z poważaniem,



Jerzy T. Krajewski
Prezes

ZARZĄD:

Prezes J.T. KRAJEWSKI, Wice-Prezes R. WIŚNIEWSKI, Sekretarz/Skarbnik K. JAWOROWSKA,
Członkowie: K. ŻYŁUKŻYLIŃSKA, S. NOGAJCZYK, M. RÓZGA.

NO DONATION

Grant Murray

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P O Box 12690
Jacobs
4026

20 August 2002

Warsaw Flights Committee
P O Box 653109
Benmore
2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is with regret that I advise that I will not be able to attend the Anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising on 14 September as I live in Durban.

Please find enclosed, a donation of R40-00 to your Fund in memory of a fellow Honorary Colonel in the SAAF, Jack van Eyssen.

Kind Regards,

Grant
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GRANT MURRAY

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Johannesburg
26-th August 2002

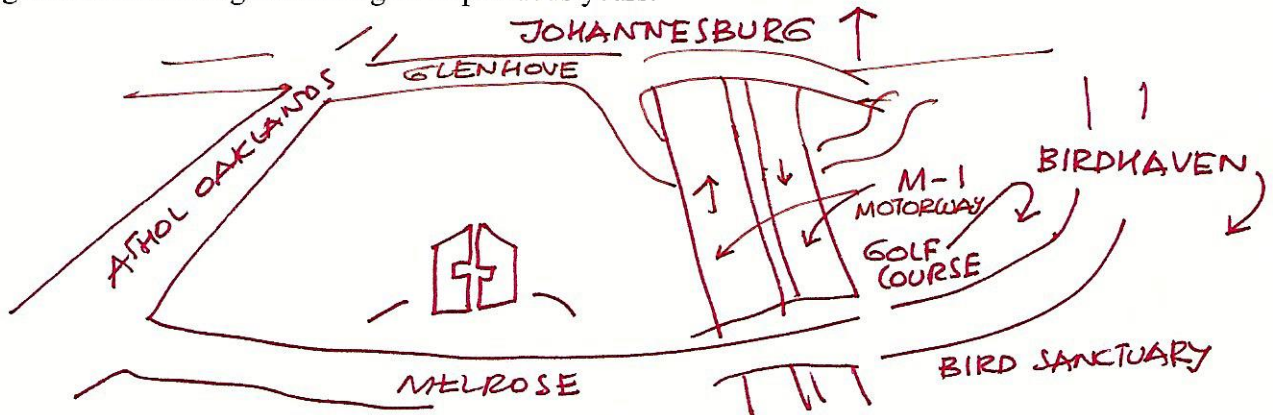
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AFB Waterkloof
Private Bag
X 1001

Attention:
Captain Charl Cilliers
Fax no: (011) 672 3725
Tel. No: (011) 672 3727
Cell 082 577 6424

Dear Captain Cilliers,

58-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 14 SEPTEMBER 2002

Thank you for your fax of 21-st of August 2002. We are very thankful for your efforts to brighten the ceremony with the usual flypast. Target of your flight is not the South African War Museum, but Katyn Memorial in James and Ethel Gray Park. This memorial is located east of the M-1 motorway, west of Athol-Oaklands Road and just south of the Melrose Street. Memorial that looks as drawn below is constructed in white marble stone. Kindly consider having a person with radio transmitter on the ground monitoring the timing as in previous years.



Timing of your flypast has to be exactly 11:30 Hrs above the target. Sergeant Thackeray will have rehearsal of the sentries and the bugler at 11:00 Hrs a day before i.e. 13-th of September at this memorial. Enclosed is the program of the proceedings.
With best regards

Yours sincerely,

A. Romanowicz
Chairman

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Johannesburg
6 September 2002

SOUTH AFRICAN BREWERIES
Attention:
Ian Jones & Chris Bester
Fax no: (011) 5711274

Dear Ian and Chris,

58-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 14 SEPTEMBER 2002

This year's annual commemoration of the Warsaw Airlift will be held on Saturday 14-th September. It will be the 58-th anniversary of the famous operations by 31 and 34 Squadrons of SAAF and as such, will be celebrated with particular solemnity.

The service and wreath-laying will be at the customary venue, i.e. Katyn Memorial, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg, at 11:00 Hrs. The reception will be held at South African War Museum at 12:30 Hrs. Mrs. Muriel Bates a member of our committee was kind enough to make initial contact with you and suggested that I write to you, with a following request:

In the name of the Organising Committee I approach you with request to supply us with donation in form of refreshments for our reception. Number of people expected is around 250. Guests of Honour are the War veterans, Chiefs of the SANDF, diplomatic corps and foreign military attaches.

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Chairman