

**WORKING CLOSELY
WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT
WE SUCCEEDED ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:**

Securing **U.S. support for Radio Free Europe** that informed the people of Central and Eastern Europe about national and international developments during the Cold War era

Establishing **the Displaced Persons (DP) Program**, which allowed approximately 150,000 Polish immigrants to enter the U.S. after WWII

Securing **permanent U.S. recognition of Poland's post-World War II western border with Germany on the Oder/Neisse line**

Urging **creation of the U.S. Congressional Commission to investigate the Katyń Forest Massacre**

Winning American veterans benefits for Polish veterans of WWI and WWII

Obtaining U.S. assistance through **the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) to the Solidarity underground movement and during Martial Law**

Establishing a multimillion-dollar economic assistance program through the **Support East European Democracies Act (SEED Act)**

Establishing the **Polish American Enterprise Fund (PAEF) and the Polish American Freedom Foundation (PAFF)**

Helping **obtain political asylum for refugees escaping the Communist Regime in Poland**

Winning **amnesty for undocumented aliens who entered the United States before 1979**

Sustaining leadership in advocating for Poland's **membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**

Forging partnership with the **Swiss Fund for the Needy Victims of the Holocaust** to assist those interred in concentration camps

Participating in negotiations that established the **German Forced Labor Compensation Program**

Raising, through the Polish American Congress Charitable Foundation, **cumulative contribution of over \$200 million in medical and material help to Poles in the greatest need**, including assistance in 1997 and 2001 to flood victims in Poland

Sustaining **involvement in immigration-related legislation**, e.g. inclusion of Poland into the U.S. Visa Waiver Program, 245(i) legislation, H1-B Visas, Diversity Lottery, and Immigration Reform

THE POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS

The Polish American Congress is an "umbrella" organization having an aggregate membership of over one million.

Included are more than 3,000 Polish American organizations, consisting of fraternal, veteran, cultural and professional groups, religious societies and social associations.

Through its State Divisions and Chapters, as well as Member Organizations, the Polish American Congress promotes civic, educational and cultural programs designed to further not only the knowledge of Polish history, language and culture but also to stimulate Polish American involvement and accomplishment.

The participation of all Polish Americans in the endeavors of the Polish American Congress is strongly encouraged!

OUR MISSION

Stimulate unified action of Polish Americans for the benefit of our Community

Promote the welfare of Polish Americans in political, religious, ethnic, educational, social and economic matters

Protect the good name of Polish Americans, Poland, and American Polonia

Assist the people of Poland in maintaining their national independence free from interference by others

Educate the American public about Polonia's historic role, its accomplishments and contributions to American history, science and culture

Further broader contacts with other ethnic groups in the United States in cultural, religious and political dialogues

Work with state and federal legislators on issues affecting Polish Americans and/or Poland

Support the election and appointment of Polish Americans to high-level positions in government

Encourage young Polish Americans to become involved in the political life of mainstream America

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**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS**

Please fill out the application and submit it to our Division/Chapter that is geographically closest to you.

Name of Applicant

Last Name First Name Initial (s)

Address (No., Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Telephone Number (Home) Business Phone Email

What languages do you speak? English Polish Other _____

To what Polish-American organizations do you belong? (specify if you hold office) _____

CITIZENSHIP:

American Citizen: By Birth By Naturalization — Month and Year _____

Permanent Resident: Date of Arrival in the United States — Month and Year _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date _____

As required by the PAC By-Laws, membership of above applicant is recommended by:

1. _____ 2. _____
Signature Date Signature Date

Print Name Print Name

Address Address

The PAC State Division Recommends Does not recommend this Applicant for individual membership in the PAC

Signature Title Date

The PAC National Executive Committee Accepts Does not accept this Applicant as a member of the PAC

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