

Polish Cemetery in Wildflecken

During the period 1945-1951 in the area of Army War-fighting Simulation Centre (AWSC) there was the biggest camp for all displaced persons in the American controlled area of the North Bavaria located.

In barracks initially built for up to 9000 soldiers and up to 2000 horses, around 25000 Poles were inhabited. 116 adults and 428 children died during that period and were buried on the cemetery.

In 1951 the last person left the camp (most of them moved to Australia, Canada, USA and other countries).

In 2003 the Polish President awarded the guide from the Cemetery Mr. Adolf Kreuzpaintner with a Cavalry Cross of Merit for the Republic of Poland.

Every year on the 1st November the Polish Consulate from Munich in a close coordination with Polish Community in Wildflecken area and a Polish priest from Witzburg organize an open mass held in Polish language on the Cemetery. There are some 80-100 participants every year. As 116 adults and 428 children died in the area from 1945-1951, there are 544 candles burning on that day. The cemetery was rearranged in 1967-1971 to today's view. This Cemetery is the only Polish cemetery in Germany in regards to World War II.