

THE KRESY SIBERIA



VIRTUAL MUSEUM

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# Please support the Kresy-Siberia Virtual Museum

1. We need your donations to keep running and to complete the Kresy-Siberia Virtual Museum [www.Kresy-Siberia.org](http://www.Kresy-Siberia.org)
2. The Virtual Museum embodies the Kresy-Siberia Group's mission to research, remember and recognize Poland's citizens fighting for freedom and survival during World War II
3. The Virtual Museum builds bridges of knowledge and understanding of individual and national histories

# 1

## We need your donations\* to keep running and to complete the Virtual Museum

- **Survivor Testimonies** – we need to urgently film the testimonies of the remaining Survivors because they are all in their later years and time is running out
- **Materials** – we need to add hundreds of thousands of people's names and information to the Wall of Tribute and to preserve and exhibit their photos and documents in the Hall of Memories
- **Funding** – we need funding to complete the Virtual Museum's development and to keep it online for future generations

# Even with unpaid volunteers, the Virtual Museum costs tens of thousands of dollars per year to run

- Paying for necessary I.T., charity registration, book-keeping and administrative costs
- Filming and producing remaining Survivor Testimony interviews
- Processing the back-log of 100 interviews already filmed
- Scanning historical photographs and documents
- Adding tens of thousands of persons to the the Wall of Tribute
- Completing work on the Virtual Museum's Historical Galleries, Special Exhibitions and their translations
- Presenting educational events, exhibitions and conferences

## The Virtual Museum embodies the Kresy-Siberia Group's mission

### Mission and core purpose

**“To research, remember and recognize Poland’s citizens fighting for freedom and survival in eastern Poland and in forced exile during World War II.”**

# The Kresy-Siberia Group has diverse members

- We are World War II Survivors and their descendants, from various ethnic and religious backgrounds
- We hail from “**Kresowians**” from Poland’s eastern borderlands, from “**Sybiraks**” deported to Soviet forced labor and from “**Kombatants**” fighting in the Polish Armed Forces in Exile during World War II
- Our ranks include people from all walks of life, including professional writers, educators, historians, film-producers, archivists and researchers
- We have over 1000 members world-wide, aged from 20 to over 80, with new members joining each week

# Kresy-Siberia has access to valuable resources

- An internet website: [www.Kresy-Siberia.org](http://www.Kresy-Siberia.org)
- Over 700 recorded Survivor Testimony interviews
- Over 15,000 photos and documents from members
- Over 67,500 names of people who went through the war, many with photos and biographical profiles
- Databases of names and documents relating to:
  - Survivors living in Poland and abroad
  - WW2 military service in Poland's Armed Forces
  - Polish war-time refugee camps around the world

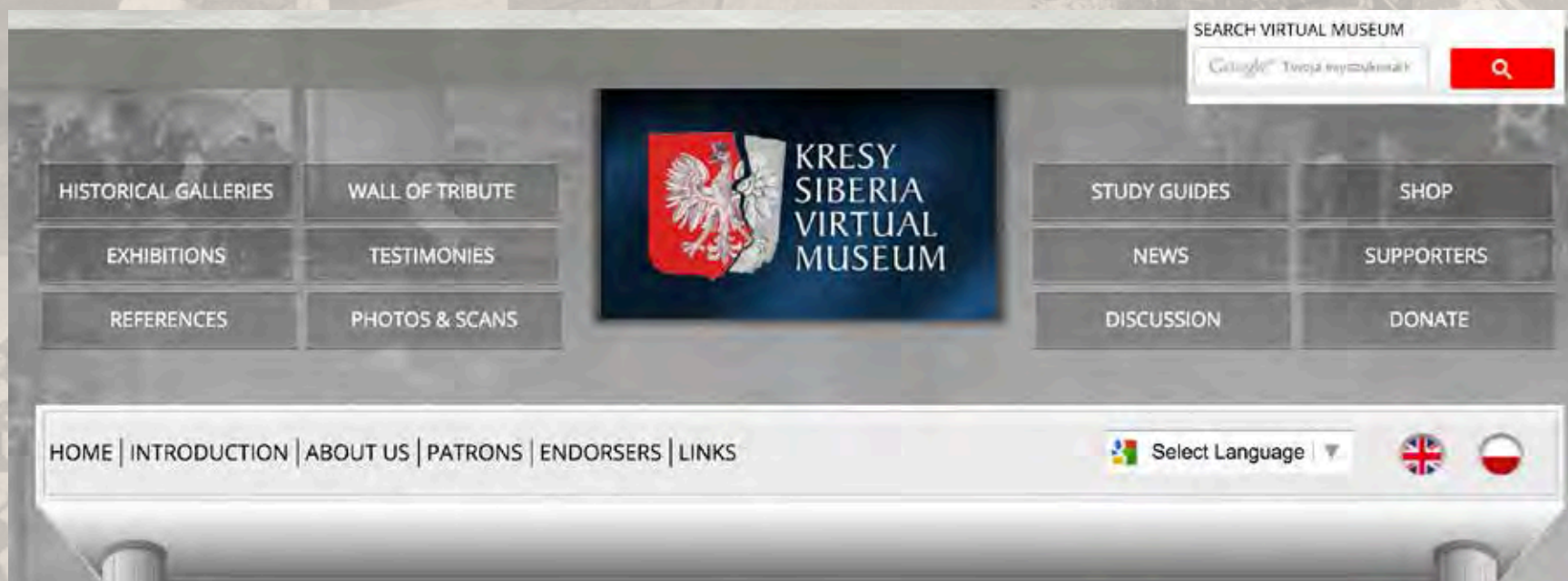
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## The Virtual Museum builds bridges of knowledge and understanding of personal and national histories

- It preserves and communicates, in both Polish and English, the little-known history and experiences of our families, Poland's heroic World War II generation
- It builds bridges of knowledge and understanding between:
  - The war-time and the younger generations
  - Survivors and families inside and outside Poland
  - Poland's citizens of different ethnic and religious backgrounds and nationalities
  - The Polish Diaspora and its neighbors abroad
- It helps Survivors and their families find family records and connect with long-lost or even unknown relatives

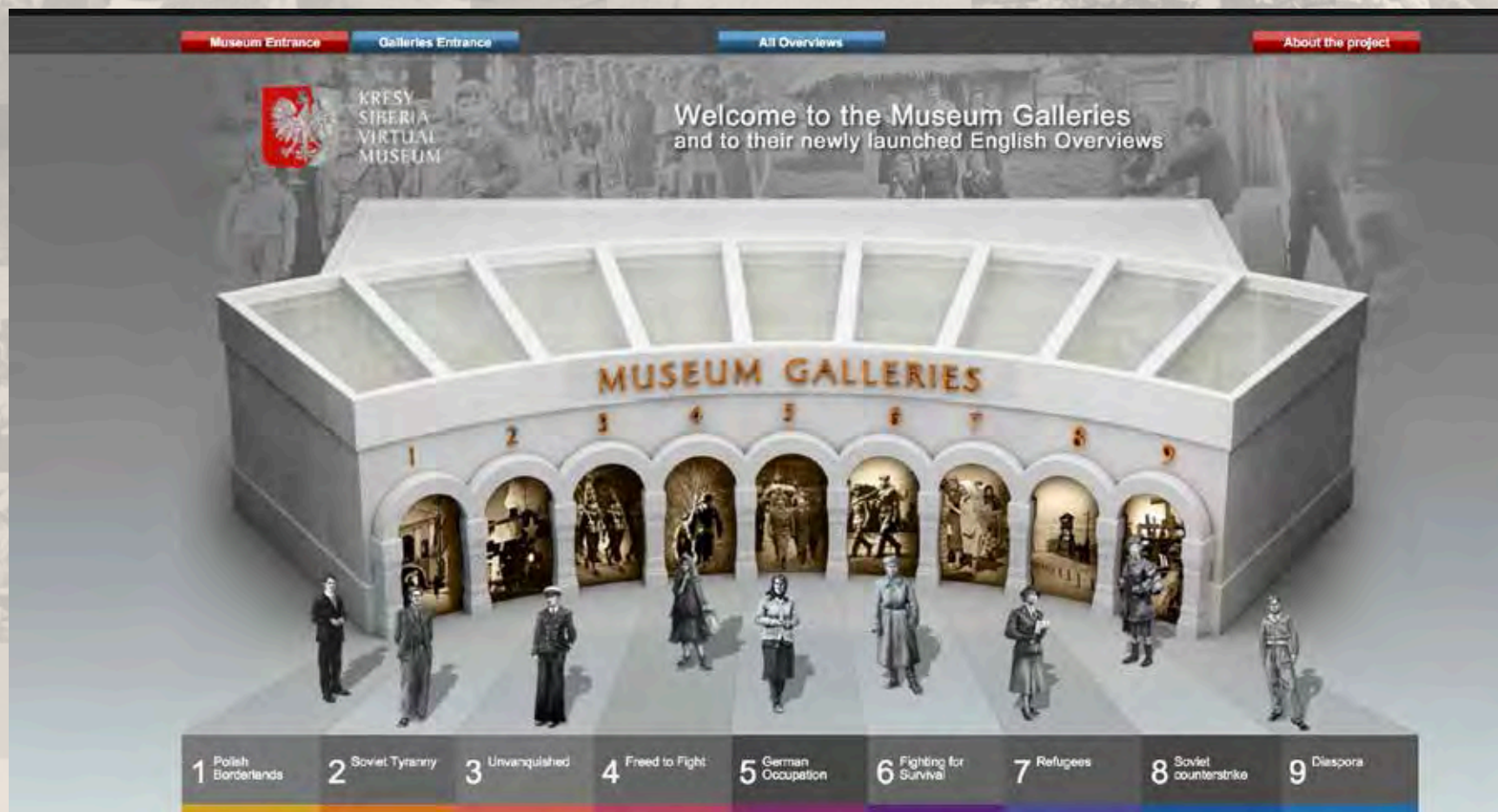


# The Kresy-Siberia Virtual Museum preserves history and it educates, engages and invites contributions



- An interactive web-site [www.Kresy-Siberia.org](http://www.Kresy-Siberia.org), that:
- **Preserves** people's histories for future generations;
  - **Educates** the broader community about this history;
  - **Engages** visitors with interactive presentations of words, photos, maps, documents, music and videos;
  - **Invites** visitors to contribute their own family stories

# The Kresy-Siberia Virtual Museum presents a little-known aspect of World War II history



**9 Historical Galleries feature 29 multi-media Exhibition Rooms, each one presenting a different episode of this history**

# The Kresy-Siberia Virtual Museum remembers and pays tribute to individuals and their experiences

## Profile - ~~Włodarczyk~~: Zbigniew Waclaw

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ID: 218

Given Name: Zbigniew Waclaw

Family Name: ~~Włodarczyk~~

Maiden Name:

Sex: male

Date and Place of Birth: 1931-04-14, Poland, Tarnopolskie, Brody, Osada Warszawka

Did the person die during World War II?: no

Date and place of Death: 2012-10-28, Canada, Pierrefonds, Stroke

Father's given name: Lucjan

Mother's given Name: Apolonia

Mother's maiden Name: ~~Włodarczyk~~

Given name of spouse: Maria Elżbieta

Maiden name of spouse: ~~Włodarczyk~~

Given name(s) of children: Stefan Kazimierz, Jan Teofil, Irena Maria, Leon Edward

The Wall of Tribute lists over 67,500 persons, many with a photo and biographical details, and more added by visitors and staff each week

# The Kresy-Siberia Virtual Museum archives and showcases historical photographs and documents



The Hall of Memories already holds over 15,000 photos and documents, with more are contributed each week

# The Kresy-Siberia Virtual Museum preserves and presents individual Survivor experiences

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### Other recordings this person

- Tomaszewicz\_school and Ukrainians**  
Krystyna (Kuchcik) Tomaszewicz / Canada
- Tomaszewicz\_Bombing of Lwow**  
Krystyna (Kuchcik) Tomaszewicz / Canada
- Tomaszewicz\_Russians enter and boy shot**  
Krystyna (Kuchcik) Tomaszewicz / Canada
- Tomaszewicz\_Drownings on barges**  
Krystyna (Kuchcik) Tomaszewicz / Canada
- Tomaszewicz\_Mother worked on ice rails**  
Krystyna (Kuchcik) Tomaszewicz / Canada

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**Krystyna (Kuchcik) Tomaszewicz / Canada**  
/ Tomaszewicz\_Joining Army\_Father wounded / PL

views: **111**  
Edit

Krystyna describes the scene as all the volunteers marched off to join the Army, and how her father was wounded and nearly buried alive before he regained consciousness

The Hall of Testimonies holds excerpts from over 700 Survivor Testimonies presented in Polish and/or English

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