

POLISH VETERANS

(OPERATED BEYOND THE NATIONAL BORDERS)

AND THEIR SERVICE FOR PEACE

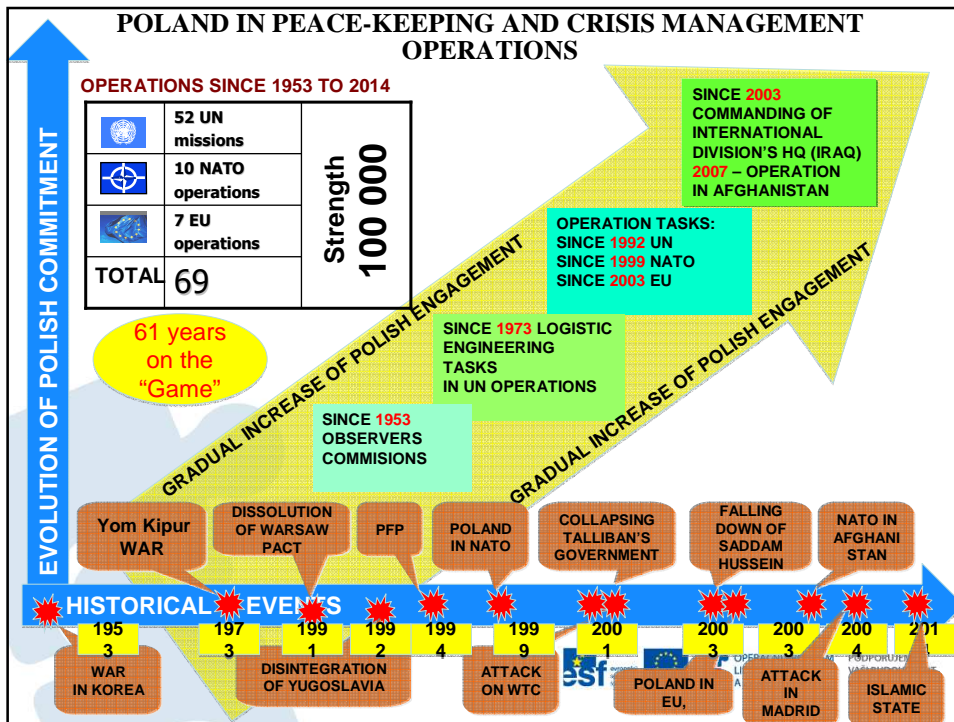
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POLAND'S CURRENT COMMITMENT IN UN PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

(as of 13 July 2014)

| OPERATION | LOCATION | MILOBS | POLICE |
|--------------|----------------|-----------|--------|
| MINURSO | Western Sahara | 2 | |
| MONUSCO | Congo | 3 | |
| UNMIK | Kosowo | 2 | |
| UNMIL | Liberia | 1 | 3 |
| UNMIS | Sudan | 2 | |
| UNAMA | Afghanistan | 1 | |
| UNOCI | Côte d'Ivoire | 2 | |
| Total | | 16 | |

**POLAND'S CURRENT COMMITMENT
IN NATO-LED CRISES MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS**
(as of 13 July 2014)

| OPERATION | LOCATION | TROOPS |
|---|-------------------|------------|
| Operation Active Endeavour (maritime operation) | Mediterranean Sea | 100 |
| Baltic Air Policing Mission (air force operation) | Baltic countries | 100 |
| ISAF | Afghanistan | 322 |
| KFOR | Kosovo | 230 |
| Total | | 752 |



**POLAND'S CURRENT COMMITMENT
IN EU CRISES MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS**
(as of 13 July 2014)

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| OPERATION | LOCATION | # OF PERSONS |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| EUBAM (EU Border Assistance Mission) | Moldova/Ukraine | 19 (experts on border security) |
| EUFOR ALTHEA (EU Military Operation) | Bosnia & Herzegovina | 35 (military) |
| EUMM (EU Monitoring Mission) | Georgia | 25 |
| EUPOL (EU Police Mission) | Afghanistan | 3 (police) |
| EULEX (EU Rule of Law Mission) | Kosovo | 115 (police) 20 (civilians) |
| EUNAVOR ATLANTA (EU Naval Force ATLANTA) | Somalia | 2 |
| EUTM (EU Training Mission) | Mali | 20 |
| Total | | 239 |

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DEFINITIONS

Veteran – official deployment - *60 days*

Basic Law
Act of 19 August 2011
of the Parliament

To: peace or stabilization mission

From: military, police, border guards, Government Protection Agency, National Fire Brigade

Disabled veteran – official deployment

To: peace or stabilization mission



From: military, police, border guards, Government Protection Agency, National Fire Brigade

Conditions of status: Disability and a loss of health or illness due to service in an operation – status of disabled veteran is granted by the Minister of National Defense.

Obligatory condition: compensatory benefits awarded



DESCRIPTION OF VETERANS IN POLAND

| VETERANS | TOTAL NUMBER | AGE | EDUCATION |
|--|---|---------|---|
|  VETERANS | 40 000 (not officially registered) 20 000 (officially registered being in possession of "Veterans ID Cards") | 50 – 80 | Diverse (from Middle school to Master's degree and post graduate studies) |
|  DISABLED VETERANS | 440 (all officially registered being in possession of "Disabled Veterans' ID Cards") | 25 – 40 | Diverse (from Middle school to Master's degree) |
| TOTAL | 60 440 | | |

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Governmental Authorities supporting veterans (subordinate to MOD)

- a) Department of Social Affairs (MOD)
- b) Department of Education and Promotion of Defense
- c) Inspectorate of Medical Services
- d) Attorney of General Commander for veterans affairs
- e) Independent chiefs of sections responsible for disabled veterans and families of victims – on the level of division HQ.
- f) Veterans' Centre in Warsaw

NGOs supporting veterans

- a) Association of Veterans of the United Nations Peace-keeping Missions
- b) Association of Injured and Suffered Persons in operations beyond the national borders
- c) Foundation for Former soldiers and officers of Special Forces SZTURMAN”

| Problems, limitations (related to labour market) | |
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| STRENGTHS | WEAKNESS |
| Legislatively – Parliamentarian Act on veterans (well structured) | The oldest veterans participated in Korea, Indochina and Nigeria are NOT covered. |
| MOD's legislative rules well written. | Implementations of some paragraphs have some problems due to difficulties with communications between veterans and Department of Social Affairs |
| Centre for Veterans in Warsaw (established in 1 Sep 2014) | Very new centre – described as additional bureaucracy subordinated to Department of Social Affairs. |
| Medical services for disabled veterans – theoretically looks good | In practice – shortages of special clinics for badly injured, “Veteran’s House” (Dom Weterana) is NOT well prepared for the disabled veterans (in reality looks like hospicium). |
| According to the Act – ONLY disabled veterans are entitled to apply for work in the military infrastructure. | Other veterans have NO privileges within labour market. |

