

Andrzej Garlicki

(b. 1923)

Scientist, engineer, community leader



Born in Szulhanowka, eastern Poland, Andrzej Garlicki finished high school in Lvov. At the age of sixteen, he joined an underground resistance organization, later incorporated into the Home Army. In 1940, he and his mother were among Poles deported by the Soviets to Kazakhstan. In 1942, under the Polish-Soviet agreement, he was evacuated to the Middle East with the Polish Army under General Anders. He served with the Polish forces under British command, participating in the battles of Monte Cassino, Ancona and Bologna. After the war's end, he studied for a year at the Royal Technical University of Turin, Italy, and completed his studies at the Polish University College in London, England, obtaining a Master's degree in mechanical engineering.

Garlicki immigrated to Canada in 1952. For twelve years, he worked in industry, achieving the position of chief engineer at London Concrete Machinery Co., in London, Ontario. In 1964, he moved to Ottawa and was hired by the Federal Government as research officer for the Department of Environment and later for the National Research Council of Canada. He earned a Ph.D in mechanical engineering from the University of Ottawa in 1976. Dr. Garlicki is the author or co-author of fifty-five scientific and technical publications.

Engaged in the activities of the Polish community, Garlicki served as senior adviser, vice-president and president of the Polish Canadian Congress (1996-98), and has been national president of the Polish Combatants' Association since 2003. He is active in the Canadian Forces Reserve as a Captain of the Royal Canadian Engineers.

He was the recipient of a number of World War Two decorations, among them Gold and Silver Cross of Merit, Cross of Valour, Bronze Cross of Merit with Swords, the Home Army Cross, Cross of Monte Cassino, 1939-45 Star, and Italy Star.

Among his professional distinctions are: Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Engineering Applications of Mechanics, and Special Research Achievement Award of the National Research Council 1989-90.

Dr. Garlicki received the Order of Canada in 1985, and Canada's Medal for the 125th Anniversary of Confederation in 1992. In recognition of the Polish Government for his lobbying the Federal Government to support Poland's membership in NATO, he was awarded the Knight's, Officer's and Commander's Crosses of the Order Polonia Restituta.

Photos from top left clockwise:

- Andrzej Garlicki, artillery officer of the Polish Third Carpathian Rifles, Second Polish Corps • Order of Canada presentation ceremony at the residence of Governor General in Ottawa, 1985 • Canadian Polish Congress National Executive Board: Dr. A. Garlicki president (1996-1998) • Laying a wreath at the Polish War Cemetery in Loreto, Italy, 1985

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