

We are the last generation that has the honor of listening to the stories of WWII veterans in person. Next generations after us will not have this opportunity and their only source of information will be our own knowledge, memoirs and stories that veterans shared with us. It is upon us how much we will be able to pass on to future generations so they will not have to experience these horrible events again.

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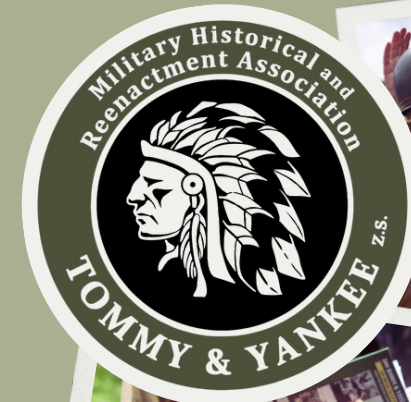
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ABOUT US

The Military Historical and Reenactment Association Tommy & Yankee z.s., based in Pilsen, Czech Republic, is a non-political, non-profit, special interest association engaged mainly in the military history of World War II with a focus on the Western Allied forces. The foundation of the association can be dated back to 2007, when its team gradually began to form in order to establish an officially registered association in 2009. Currently, the association has twenty-two active members, mainly men but even women as well.

The activities of our association have been diverse and wide-ranging since its founding. Within the reenactment field, our members primarily devote themselves to the WWII US Army. Most often we portray members of the 2nd Infantry Division "Indianhead" (other units alternatively, but mostly infantry divisions). Women in our association portray the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC/WAC) or the Army Nurse Corps (ANC). Some of the interests and activities of our members are extended to the Czechoslovak military units, the British Army or civilian re-enacting of the 1930s or 1940s.



Our association takes part or organizes public reconstructions of battles and demonstrations of period life. Our aim is to show the public what life and conditions were like for Allied soldiers in one of the most furious war conflicts human history has ever seen. Among the main activities organised by our association is undoubtedly the extensive PILSEN 1945 project. This has become a traditional and key part of the annual Pilsen Liberation Festival, which commemorates the liberation of our hometown from Nazi tyranny in May 1945.



As part of these activities, we organize interactive lectures for primary, secondary and university students and special exhibitions presenting artifacts and memorabilia from our collections. Our members regularly participate in a number of historical expeditions abroad, where we document the battlefields of the 2nd Infantry Division, we accompany the families of WWII veterans and actively participate in commemorations and memorial events.



Last but not least, we work closely with other military historical organizations and institutions even beyond our borders. Our important home partners include, for example, the Association of Czechoslovak Legionnaires. Among the foreign ones, let us mention at least the veteran 2nd Infantry Division Association. Our association is regularly in contact and cooperates on various projects with several WWII and modern military veterans and their families. Three American WWII veterans are even honorary members of our association.

Among one of the largest currently arranged projects belongs the project "**Men of the 2nd Infantry Division**", whose main goal is to create an extensive database of members who served in this famous Division in the years 1940–1945. This will not only be a database, but more importantly a community where the names and stories of these men will be shared and preserved forever as a reminder to the public. One of the big reasons behind our decision was a quite high number of Czech compatriots in this division who served in both world wars.