

To the Ollis family,

I hope this letter finds you all well and in good spirits.

My name is Colonel Christopher M. Church, Commander of U.S. Army Garrison Poland. As the Commander of the newest U.S. Army Garrison here in Eastern Europe, I find myself on the forefront of history being made daily. The undeniable bonds between the U.S. Army and Republic of Poland share date back to the inception of our Nation are only further reinforced with our presence here. As a testimony to the bond, we official renamed V Corps Forward and U.S. Army Garrison Headquarters location here in Poznan "Camp Kościuszko" on 4th of July 2021 after Brigadier General Tadeusz Kościuszko, chief engineer to the Continental Army.

The tradition of memorializing the heroes of our military is the virtue of respect that we as a nation shall never allow the memory of those that paid the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom fade. Your son Michael's service and legacy embodies the values that a generation of young men and woman fought so hard to preserve in a 20-year global war on terrorism. Michael's actions on August 28th, 2013, and the full measure of devotion he displayed serve as a humbling reminder of the true meaning of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, and personal courage.

As a testimony to Michael and his memory, I have signed the authorization for the official name of the "Camp Kościuszko" dining facility to be the "Michael Harold Ollis Warrior Grill." We made the formal announcement in conjunction with a signing of the naming agreement with the Polish Military on August 28th, 2023. I would like to invite you, the family to be present at to official dedication. As we work through the ceremony plan, we respectfully wish to coordinate the dedication date at your convenience.

It has been my honor to learn about Michael during this process. It has also been my pleasure writing to you. Thank you so very much for your time in this correspondence.

Respectfully,

Colonel Christopher M. Church
U.S. Army Garrison Poland Commander