**Clark-Yudkin Scholar**

Marek Lazarz, Director of the POW Camps Museum, Sagan, Poland, came to do research at the Academy in June 2016. During his week-long visit, he reviewed many records in the McDermott Library’s Stalag Luft III collections and as able to photograph important lists and histories that he is now using in Poland.

Marek graduated in 1997 from the University of Wroclaw, majoring in Slavic Studies, and is proficient in several languages. After graduation, he taught Russian, then became a tour guide, leading tours in France, Greece, Italy, and Spain. At the same time, he worked as a volunteer at the Polish Army Museum in Warsaw in the armored vehicles and tank restoration department where he learned how to restore not only the tanks but also how to restore other historic artifacts such as coins and dog tags. He also designed several exhibits devoted to the history of the Polish Army and published a book, *The Making of Four Tankmen and a Dog TV Series.*

In May 2011, Marek was appointed Director of the POW Camps Museum, where he is also the museum’s guide and researcher. He has attended and given presentations at three Stalag Luft III reunions. These visits to the United States have given him the opportunity to meet with the Stalag Luft III community. At the reunion in Colorado Springs in 2014, the participants honored him with a certificate in the Honor Book located in the McDermott Library’s Special Collections Branch for “efforts to not only improve the museum but to promote it to the public in order to preserve the memories of the prisoners of war for generations to come and provide a research facility worthy of them to all who come to learn more.”

He welcomes all of you to visit his museum: POW Camps Museum Zagan, Ul. Lotnikow Alianckich 6 68-100 ZAGAN