

EXPOSITION SVIDNÍK



The very beginning of this facility dates back in 1965. In the building the opening ceremony was held on 4th October 1969, on the occasion of 25th anniversary of the Dukla Pass battle. To commemorate this battle the museum was named the Dukla Museum. It specializes in collecting materials and gathering sources in order to document the national liberation movement in the region of Eastern Slovakia, focusing particularly on the

Carpathian – Dukla operation. The Museum resides in the purpose-built premises, and makes use of the exposition, depository and administrative facilities.

Exposition facility houses a permanent exhibit History of Warfare in the Eastern Slovakia from 1914 to 1945. There is a display of collection items and museum pieces related to the battles fought in the East Carpathians during the World War I and World War II as well.

PARK OF MILITARY VEHICLES

In 1974 the Park of military vehicles was established close to the Museum premises, with a display of military vehicles and wea-

pony used by the armies that took part in the Carpathian – Dukla operation.



MEMORIAL AND MILITARY CEMETERY OF THE SOVIET ARMY

In the close vicinity of the Museum premises there is the Memorial and Military Cemetery of the Soviet Army. The Memorial was built in 1954, based on a project presented by Ing. arch. K. Lodra, V. Sedivý and J. Krumprecht. The sculptures were created by the academic sculptors as follows: O. Kozák, J. Hana, F. Gibala. The pylon of the Memorial is 37 meters high. In front of the Memorial there is a bronze sculpture created by J. Bartoš and J. Hana representing a Soviet soldier. A part of the Memorial site is a military cemetery with the four mass graves where more than 9 000 Soviet soldiers who had

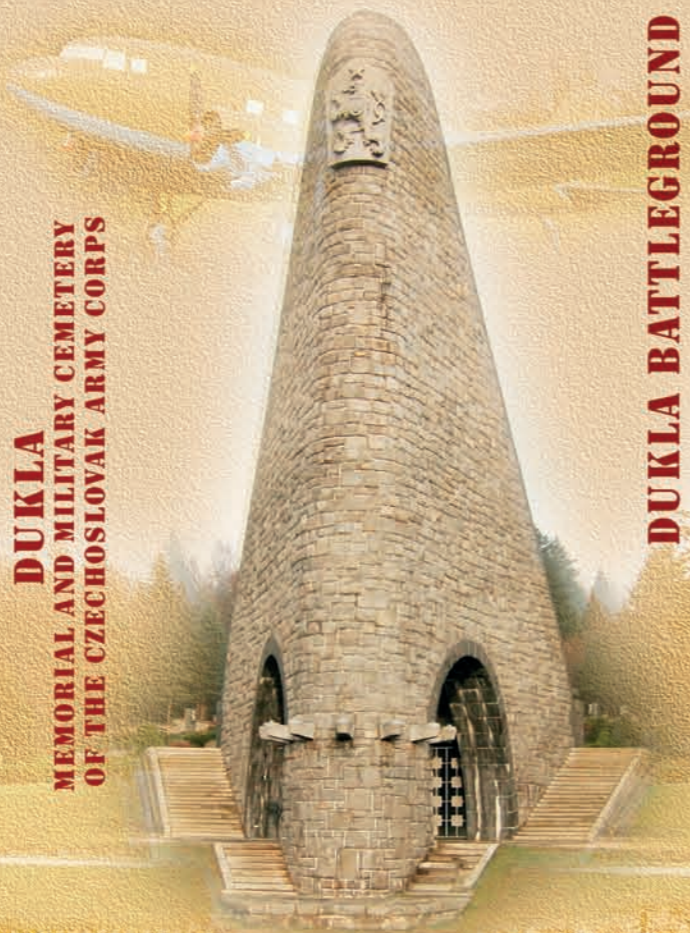


perished in the Eastern Slovakia in 1944 – 1945 are buried. In 1961 the Memorial was declared a National Cultural Monument.

In the Dukla Pass, spreading from the crossroad of the village Kapišová up to the border crossing to Poland in Dukla, belonging to the cadastre area of Nižný

Komárnik and Vyšný Komárnik, there is an open-air exposition of the heavy military weaponry deployed within the area. The exposition also includes the reconstructed artillery firing positions and bunkers of the 1st Czechoslovak Army Corps.

DUKLA MEMORIAL AND MILITARY CEMETERY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK ARMY CORPS



DUKLA BATTLEGROUND

Memorial of the Czechoslovak Army Corps was built in 1949 according to the architectonic proposal submitted by Ing. arch. J. Grus. The Memorial with the ceremonial hall is 28 meters high. On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Carpathian – Dukla operation a sculpture was situated on the site of the Memorial and Military Cemetery, named Žalujem (I accuse). There is a colonnade of bronze tablets with the engraved

names of 1 256 perished soldiers – the members of 1st Czechoslovak Army Corps - leading to the Memorial. A part of the Memorial is a Military Cemetery, where 565 members of the 1st Czechoslovak Army Corps in the USSR, killed during the Carpathian – Dukla operation, rest in peace. On the perimeter of the Military Cemetery the busts of the Dukla heroes are placed. In 1961 the Memorial was declared a National Cultural Monument.

VIEW TOWER

The first view tower in Dukla was made of wood and was erected in 1959. The present-day view tower is made of concrete and was opened to the public on 6th October 1974. The Tower is 48 meters high. It gives a view of the territory of both Slovakia and



Poland, which had been the scene of battles in the Carpathian – Dukla operation in autumn 1944. The interior of the Tower is rich in the works of art by F. Patočka, A. Račko, J. Koreň, D. Králik and O. Koreňová.



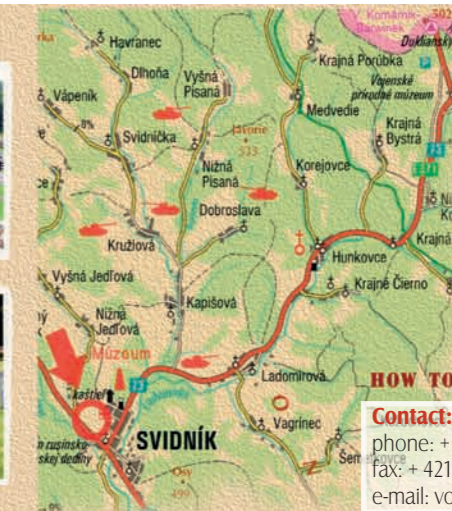
EXHIBITION AND INFORMATION HALL

This hall houses an exhibit documenting the negative impact of the combats, battles and military operations, as well as the subsequent process of restoration and revitalization of the Dukla region in the aftermath of the World War II. In the hall there is a detailed plan of the whole area of the Memorial and Military Cemetery of the Czechoslovak Army. The visitors can find information on military history memorials and other monuments available in the Dukla region.



HUNKOVCE MILITARY CEMETERY OF THE GERMAN SOLDIERS

In the cadastre area of the village Hunkovce there is a military cemetery where approximately 3 100 German soldiers who died in the World War II rest in peace.



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Opening hours – the Svidník Exposition:

1. May – 15. October:
Tuesday – Wednesday: 09⁰⁰ hrs – 17⁰⁰ hrs.
16. October – 30. April:
Tuesday – Friday: 07³⁰ hrs – 15³⁰ hrs.
Saturday and Sunday: 11⁰⁰ hrs – 15⁰⁰ hrs.

Opening hours

- View Tower - DUKLA:
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- Exhibition and Information Hall - DUKLA:
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Entrance fee: exposition Svidník

and View Tower – DUKLA:
Adults: 1 €
Students and Pensioners: 0.50 €
War veterans, Ministry of Defence employees, children under 15: free admittance!

Exhibition and Information Hall – DUKLA:
free admittance

“DEATH VALLEY”

Enclosed within the villages Kapišová, Kružlová and Nižná Pisaná, there are tanks placed in an open-air exposition, representing a tank company mounting an attack. The company is being made of 8 T-34/85 tanks. The purpose of this representation is to remind the visitors of the bitter tank battles that had taken place in this area from 25th to 27th October 1944.

