

## Mieczyslaw Najman As A Guest In A Soviet Military Base



On this picture you can see me and my colleagues from the combatant association ZBoWiD. They are almost all dead now. There are also Soviet officers. The photo was taken in the Soviet military base in Swinoujście; we visited the Rusksies, there was a reception and we had some pictures taken with them. How do I spend my time since I'm retired? I'm active in the combatant association; I'm member of the administration, leading the commission for social matters. I'm helping my friends how I can. I go to the hospital, a friend of mine's there. Every second day there's a funeral, I go, you have to make a speech, offer your condolences to the family. We recently created a special section for war veterans at the cemetery, a nice entrance, it took five years, we reached a deal, did it for us for a few zlotys. I have a stretch there under my care, we lay the flowers, my friends are buried there. We gather, talk, do some official business. I'm always the one to go to an office. You have to do well, show that the Jew works, so that they don't say, he's a scrounging Jew. I sit at home and have peace of mind, wait for them to come to me and help me, this is my life. My wife died and I'm alone. It's good my grandson is here to help me, make lunch for me, dinner, do everything he can. I sometimes get some support from the community. I get medicines for free. They help me, I can't say, whatever I ask them, they'll always be helpful. I was renovating the apartment, they helped, can't say a bad word about them. Show interest in how I live. When you're old, everyone shows concern. It's an advanced age, you know, it's good I can walk, I can talk, not everyone can do it at my age.