

LIBERATION FESTIVAL PILSEN

MAY 2-6, 2025



ANNIVERSARY

02/05 FRIDAY

LIBERATION FESTIVAL 2025 OPENING CEREMONY

Cop and Taxmeni bands, jeep rides, parachute jumps, drill team display of the Czech Armed Forces, commented flyovers of historic aircrafts

- 7:15 PM **ceremonial opening by the Mayor of Pilsen**
- 7:20 PM **Pilsen Philharmonic Orchestra & Vojtěch Dyk**
- 8:45 PM **From Normandy to Pilsen – audiovisual historical show**

04/05 SUNDAY

CONVOY OF LIBERTY

parade of vintage military vehicles and the Czech Army and the US Army

- 11 AM start of the convoy
- 11:45 AM overflights of contemporary and historic military aircrafts

Route:
Sukova Str. – Klatovská Ave. – sady Pětatřicátníků – Republic square

02-03/05

FRIDAY | 12 AM – 6 PM
SATURDAY | 9 AM – 6 PM

**Army shooting stadium Dukla
Plzeň-Lobzy**

Presentation of the Czech Army and the US Army

static and dynamic demonstrations, military vehicles and equipment, dynamic demonstrations of close combat, presentation of the recruiting station

Musical program

	02/05 FRIDAY	03/05 SATURDAY	04/05 SUNDAY
STAGE NÁMĚSTÍ REPUBLIKY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30 PM COP 3:30 PM annual ride of Military Car Club Plzeň and Klub 3. Armády Plzeň 4:30 PM Taxmeni 5:30 PM commented flyovers of historic aircrafts, parachute jumps 6:20 PM Stuttgart Legacy Drumline (USA) 7 PM drill team display of the Czech Armed Forces 7:15 PM ceremonial opening by the Mayor of Pilsen 7:20 PM Pilsen Philharmonic Orchestra & Vojtěch Dyk 8:45 PM From Normandy to Pilsen – audiovisual historical show 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM The Tap Tap 12:30 PM Vanua2 1:30 PM FREEDOM AMERIKY: arrival of American cars 2:30 PM November 2nd 4:30 PM Circus Brothers 6:30 PM Igor Orozovič & Co. 8:30 PM Anna K. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 PM welcoming the Convoy of Liberty based on the old folk tradition by the Folk Ensemble of Songs and Dances JISKRA 2 PM Touch N' Go Ensemble (band US Army) 4:30 PM Jan Smigmator & Band (CZ) feat. Anthony Hervey (USA) 6:30 PM Tremolo & Václav Noid Bárta
FOLK & COUNTRY STAGE, Amfiteatr Plaza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 PM Wenda Gang 4:15 PM Spolucestující 5:30 PM Crimson fields 6:45 PM Poutníci 8:30 PM ½ Rebel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 AM 9th Illinois String Band 12:15 PM SoVS 1:30 PM Košík Band 2:45 PM Zakkis trio 4 PM Paheyl 5:15 PM Devítka 6:30 PM Forehand 8:15 PM Geronimo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 PM Pavlína Jiřová & Baba Band 3:30 PM Ivan Hlas Trio 5 PM Samson a jeho parta 6:30 PM Na starý kolena Band
40'S STAGE Proluka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 PM Men and women fighting – fashion show of military uniforms 6 PM Swing dance and Pilsner Jazz Band 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Mladina & Kyjovánek 1:30 PM Paper Moon Trio (SK) 3 PM Even in wartime you can be chic! – fashion show 4 PM 1st Armored Division Band /USA/ 5:30 PM SESTRYOLY 7:30 PM Swing Field Unit (DE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30 PM Champagne Lovers Band 4:15 PM How to dance swing! – lindy hop workshop 5:15 PM Champagne Lovers Band
LIBERTY STAGE Kopeckého sady	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Kvartet Plamenomet 7 PM Ida The Young 9 PM The Prostitutes 10 PM afterparty MōōVEMENT (Tereza.Pro / JohnnyM / DJ Chaplin) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 PM Nora 6 PM Skotační Kulomet 7:30 PM Poly Noir 9 PM The Rocket Dogz 10 PM afterparty MōōVEMENT (Jeffology & Radimo) 	



For more information visit our website.

The program is subject to change.

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Military camps

02–04/05 FRI–SAT | 9 AM – 8 PM
SUN | 2–6 PM

City park | Křižíkovy sady

Camp of the 16th Armoured Division

military field kitchen with vintage equipment, large field workshops, military quarters, military police; dozens of vehicles of heavy and light armoured vehicles

City park | Šafaříkovy and Kopeckého sady

Camp of the 2nd Infantry Division

demonstrations of camp life of soldiers, Pilsen insurgents and civilians, 109th evacuation hospital with demonstrations of medical care, original historical equipment; guided tours and period reconstructions, screenings

Plaza park | Park area behind the Plzeň Plaza shopping centre

Camp of the Czechoslovak Independent Armoured Brigade

demonstrations of civilian life during the Protectorate, presentation of artillery training of Rota Nazdar, exhibition of period equipment, armament and military equipment

Under the bridge | Na Poříčí

RAF and WAAF camp

RAF and WAAF "settled" camp and equipment displays, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, wooden model aircraft, anti-aircraft machine gun, telephone exchange and a 1:1 replica of a Spitfire fighter aircraft in the markings of the 312th RAF Fighter Squadron; many activities for children and adults

US Army area | Pobežní ul.

Camp Raiders

presentation of equipment, weaponry and vehicles of the modern US Army under the auspices of the JTF Raiders Military History Club

Commemorative acts

02/05 10 AM | Chodské náměstí
Laying of the wreath ceremony at the 2nd Infantry Division memorial

02/05 11 AM | Husova ulice
Laying of the wreath ceremonies at the 16th Armored Division memorial and the Czechoslovak fighting on the Western front memorial

03/05 9:30 AM | St. Bartholomew's Cathedral
Holy mass for the veterans celebrated by Bishop of Pilsen Tomáš Holub

03/05 3 PM | ul. Na Okraji | Plzeň-Skvrňany
Unveiling of the 97th Infantry Division Memorial

05/05 11 AM | náměstí Míru
Commemorative act at the Fighters and victims of world wars memorial, the Memorial to the fallen members of the West Bohemian aeroclub in the WWII and the Fallen citizens of Pilsen in the May uprising 1945

06/05 10 AM | Americká ulice
The main commemorative act at the Thank you, America! Monument, public live streaming on náměstí Republiky

Day with Czech Radio Pilsen

05/05 na Obcizně
12:00 AM Live broadcasting remembering the first broadcasting of Karel Šindler

Stage náměstí Republiky

4 PM Melody Makers this time with Vojtěch Havelka

6:30 PM Gustav Brom Radio Big Band feat. Dan Bárta

Accompanying program

April 10 – May 18 | Ladislav Sutnar Gallery | Riegrova 11

Less is more but that's not ALL!

exhibition of the Fashion Design Studio in collaboration with the KEEN brand on a project of upcycling used shoes; guided tour on Sat, May 3 at 11 AM

April 23 – June 30 | Náplavka na Radbuze

American Army in Pilsen in authentic photographs, exhibition

April 24 – May 22 | The city hall

INDIANHEAD: Men with an Indian in emblem

The exhibition brings to the reality of WWII through the life stories and memories of the American 2nd Infantry Division soldiers who ended their wartime journey in western Bohemia.

April 24 | 2 PM | náměstí Republiky, by the plague column

Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Memorial day

public reading of the names of Holocaust victims

April 30 | 4 PM | Borský park

Maypole | organized by Plzeň District 3

activities for children, witches' festival, music and folklore program, roasting of sausages

April 30 – May 29 | Smetanovy sady, U Branky

35 years of Military Car Club Plzeň

exhibition of the foundation and history of the largest and practically the first club of American historic vehicles in the Czech Republic

May 1 | 2–10 PM | multifunctional complex Škodaland

Love and freedom | organized by Plzeň District 3

"Mock wedding" and photo corner, pedal boats rent and sports equipment, music program

May 1, 3, 4 | Pilsen region

Train rides

led by the historic steam locomotive 475.111 Šlechtična, together with a carriage of historical military vehicles and an accompanying program; more information at www.idpk.cz

May 2–6 | 9 AM – 6 PM | Patton Memorial Pilsen | Pobežní 10

the exposition dedicated to the liberation of the West Bohemia in 1945

May 2, 10 AM and 3:30 PM | May 3, 10 AM, 1 PM, 3:30 PM

May 4, 3:30 PM and 5 PM | May 5, 1 PM

Tourist Information Center, náměstí Republiky 41

Liberation 1945

guided tour of the city centre and places connected with the liberation; tickets available at tourist information centres and at www.plzenskavstupenka.cz

May 3 | 2 PM | Bolevecká návěs at the Linden of Freedom

honouring the memory of Barbara Raisová | organized by Plzeň District 1

commemorative act to of the courageous resident of the farm U Matoušů; arrival of historical military vehicles, concert of a swing band

May 3 | 5:30 PM | Měšťanská beseda, Divadélko Jonáš

multimedia one-man show The Accidental hero

by Patrick Dewane

May 3 | 5–10 PM | the farm Selský dvůr U Matoušů, Plzeň-Bolevec

Country ball in honour of Barbara Raisova

American country, genre performances, American-style refreshments

Other experiences

FRI–SUN | May 2–4 | Měšťanská beseda

CZECH TELEVISION CINEMA CAFÉ

documentaries and films on World War II and the liberation of western Bohemia

FRI–SUN | May 2–4 | Smetanovy sady

Interactive, entertaining and educational trail for children and their parents

based on the book The Allies by Tereza Marianová

SAT | May 3 | 10 AM – 6 PM | passage U Františkánů | NAVA

Travel yourself to 1945 – retro café and beauty salon

SAT | May 3 | 10 AM – 7 PM | DEPO2015

FREEDOM AMERIKY 2025

a meeting of American car fans, exhibition of 100 cars, ride to center city and brewery, talks about cars, St. JOHNNY band, 50's style pin-up girls, Food Trucks

SAT | May 3 | 11 AM | Kopeckého sady

Run for the Memory of Nations: We run for everyone who did not give up:

5 and 10 km and family run; information and registration:

www.behpropametnaroda.cz/plzen/

SAT | May 3 | 2 PM | Dobřany, náměstí T. G. M.

Sherman Returns

a dynamic display of a clash between the US and German armies, including a display of the tanks M4 Sherman and Tiger

SAT | May 3 | 2–10 PM | Náplavka na Radbuze

Beats For Liberty – unique DJ audiovisual show

SAT–SUN | May 3–4 | Mlýnská strouha

Presentation of Pilsen Scouts: activities for children on the theme of freedom and democracy

More experiences on www.firmanazazitky.com