

## Střezetice Cavalry Clash Monument



The new sculptural group was created by academic sculptor Petr Novák from Jaroměř. Thanks to financial support from the Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic and the Region of Hradec Králové, the work will be ceremonially unveiled on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the battle, directly in the place of the cavalry clash at Střezetice. Almost 11,000 cavalymen of the two opposing armies participated in this conflict.



## History of the commemorative project

The history of the commemorative Königgrätz 1866 Project dates back to the 1980s when military history fans met in the battlefield on its anniversary. However, these events were forbidden by public security forces and the battlefield itself was closed on anniversary days. A new era of commemorative events started after the Velvet Revolution of 1989; they are held by the Guard of the Town of Hradec Králové in cooperation with the Museum of Eastern Bohemia and the 1866 Committee. For decades, the Königgrätz 1866 Project has been profiled as one of the most significant military-historic events in Europe and has become an important part of further tourism development in Hradec Králové and the entire region of Hradec Králové.

In 2016 we will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Hradec Králové, which was the largest battle of the Prussian-Austrian War of 1866 and the biggest historical battle in the Czech territories in terms of the number of soldiers involved. In a single day, 436 thousand soldiers clashed in Chlum, 16 thousand of which were either dead or missing after the gory massacre. About 11 thousand horses also died in the battlefield. The aim of the project on the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Hradec Králové is to capture this historic event through a variety of activities that will not only show the historical context and the tactics and strategy, but will also introduce the Střezetice Cavalry Clash Monument to the other pious places of remembrance.



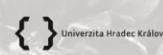
## Site of the 1866 battlefield

Commemorative site of the biggest and bloodiest battle of the Prussian-Austrian War. There are almost 500 monuments, memorials, crosses and individual and mass graves in the battlefield. The site also includes a new military museum building and a watchtower.

## Patronage

The events organised within the framework of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Hradec Králové will be held under the auspices of the President of the Czech Republic Miloš Zeman, the Austrian ambassador, the Archbishop of Prague Dominik Duka, Minister for Regional Development Karla Šlechtová, Minister of Culture Daniel Herman, Minister of Defence Martin Stropnický, Minister of Foreign Affairs Lubomír Zaorálek, and Rector of the University of Hradec Králové Josef Hynek.

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Programme of the commemorative events series  
on the occasion of the 150th anniversary  
of the Battle of Hradec Králové in 1866

### Exhibitions

- „Fortress of Hradec Králové“ Exhibition  
9 October 2015 – 1 January 2017, Museum of Eastern Bohemia in Hradec Králové
- „Life in the Fortress“ Exhibition  
26 February – 13 November 2016, Museum of Eastern Bohemia in Hradec Králové
- „Hradec Králové in the War of 1866“ Exhibition  
16-19 June 2016, TESLA premises in Hradec Králové
- „In the Shadow of War“ Exhibition  
1 July – 13 November 2016, Museum of Eastern Bohemia in Hradec Králové
- „Consequences of the Prussian-Austrian War“ Exhibition  
23 September 2016 – 29 January 2017, Museum of Eastern Bohemia in Hradec Králové

### Conferences

- International conference  
on the „Prussian-Austrian War of 1866 in Terms of Political,  
Military, Social, Economic and Cultural History“  
29 June 2016 – 1 July 2016, Museum of Eastern Bohemia in Hradec Králové

### Social events

- „Ball of Emperor Franz Joseph I of Austria“  
16th Municipal Ball of Hradec Králové  
23 January 2016 – Saturday, ALLDIS Congress Centre in Hradec Králové

### Battle scenes

- 25th Imperial-Royal manoeuvres of historic armies  
21 May 2016 – Saturday, Hněvčeves battlefield 1866
- „Střezetice Cavalry Clash of 1866“ re-enactment  
1 July 2016 – Friday, Střezetice battlefield 1866
- Battle re-enactment at individual locations on the battlefield  
2 July 2016 – Saturday, Battlefield 1866
- „Königgrätz 1866“ great battle scene  
3 July 2016 – Sunday, Chlum battlefield 1866

### Church services, acts and ceremonies of reverence

- Unveiling of the Střezetice Cavalry Clash Monument  
1 July 2016 – Friday, Střezetice battlefield 1866
- Ceremonial service  
2 July 2016 – Saturday, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Hradec Králové
- Ceremonies  
2 July 2016 – Saturday, Velké náměstí (Great Square) of Hradec Králové
- Act of reverence in the battlefield  
3 July 2016 – Sunday, Chlum battlefield 1866
- Memorial service for the fallen of the battle of 3 July 1866  
3 July 2016 – Sunday, Church of the Lord's Transformation in Chlum
- Visit of Emperor Franz Joseph I of Austria to Hradec Králové  
5 November 2016 – Saturday, Hradec Králové
- All Souls' Day in the battlefield  
with Emperor Franz Joseph I of Austria  
5 November 2016 – Saturday, Chlum battlefield 1866

### Cultural events

- „First Day Together“ – New Year's projection and fireworks  
„150th Anniversary of the Battle of Hradec Králové in 1866“  
1 January 2016 – Friday, Velké náměstí (Great Square) of Hradec Králové
- Hradec Králové Philharmonic Orchestra concert dedicated  
to the memory of the victims of the Battle of Hradec Králové  
– Arvo Pärt, Philip Glass, Johannes Brahms  
11 February 2016 – Thursday, Hradec Králové Philharmonic Orchestra
- Chlum season opening  
26 March 2016 – Saturday, Museum of the War of 1866 in Chlum
- Hradec Králové Philharmonic Orchestra concert dedicated  
to the memory of the victims of the Battle of Hradec Králové  
– Antonín Dvořák: Stabat Mater  
26 May 2016 – Thursday, Hradec Králové Philharmonic Orchestra
- War of 1866 themed museum night  
27 May 2016 – Friday, Museum of Eastern Bohemia in Hradec Králové
- „U kanónu stál aneb Bitva u Hradce Králové“ theatre performance  
during 2016, DRAK Theatre in Hradec Králové



„Benedek“ theatre performance  
during 2016, Střezina Primary School of Art in Hradec Králové

### Cultural programme

- 1 July 2016 – Friday, Velké náměstí (Great Square) of Hradec Králové
- Multi-media programme with Hradec Králové Philharmonic  
Orchestra concert and an audiovisual projection with fireworks  
2 July 2016 – Saturday, Velké náměstí (Great Square) of Hradec Králové

### Publications

- A book called  
„Prusko-rakouská válka roku 1866: Výzbroj a výstroj“
- A book called „Očima vítězů 1866“
- A book for children called „Chlum dětem“
- A book called  
„Jezdecká srážka u Střezetice 3. 7. 1866, historie a současnost“

### Education

- „Muzzle-loaded firearms versus breech-loaded firearms  
in the War of 1866“ shooting day  
7 May 2016 – Saturday, Kunětická Hora Castle
- Interactive programme in the Museum of War of 1866 in Chlum  
An innovated programme
- „150th Anniversary of the Battle of Hradec Králové of 1866“  
educational programme in the White Tower  
A special sightseeing programme
- Guided tours, accompanying and educational  
programmes of current exhibitions  
in the Museum of Eastern Bohemia in Hradec Králové
- Cycle of specialised lectures  
in the Museum of Eastern Bohemia in Hradec Králové
- Series of educational lectures in the University  
of Hradec Králové for teachers, history students and the public
- Fortress – a sightseeing tour of the town  
(a tour of the site of the former 5.5 kilometre baroque fortress)

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