



## UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS TO ERECT NATIONAL MONUMENT

*Memorial to honor Ukrainian Americans who served in the  
United States Armed Forces*



For decades there has been a strong desire among the membership of the Ukrainian American Veterans (UAV) to construct a national monument that would pay tribute to the hundreds of thousands of Americans of Ukrainian ancestry who gave so much – in far too many cases their very lives – in service to the United States. The idea of a national monument honoring all Ukrainian Americans who served in the United States Armed Forces was presented to his Eminence Archbishop Antony, President of the Consistory of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA approximately one year ago. Archbishop Antony enthusiastically embraced the idea and, after discussions with the Hierarchs and Metropolitan Council of the Church, offered a plot of land in a prime location on the grounds of St.

Andrew's Memorial Church and Cemetery in South Bound Brook, New Jersey, as the site for the monument.



*Left to Right: Michael Wowk, Bernard Krawczuk, Walter Demetro, Oksana Koziak, Mathew Koziak, Archbishop Antony, Rev. William Diakiw, Anna Krawczuk, Metropolitan Stefan, Rev. Daniel Gurovich, Rev. Frank Estocin, Ed Zetick, Irene Estocin, and Walter Bodnar.*

Especially interesting and most appropriate is the fact that the site in South Bound Brook has historical significance dating back to the American Revolution. The property was owned by Hendrick Fisher, a leader of the New Jersey Delegation to the Continental Congress. The family's private cemetery is now surrounded by the graves of Ukrainians who fought for freedom both in Ukraine and in the United States. Thus, this presents a unique blending of two histories – Ukrainian and American.

On October 21, 2004, at a meeting presided over by newly-elected UAV National Commander Anna Krawczuk, a group of veterans and clergy met and formed the Ukrainian American Veterans National Monument Committee. Honorary Chairmen are His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, His Grace Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the USA, and long-time UAV activist Stephen Wichar. Archbishop Antony is the active advisor to the committee.

Co-Chairmen of the committee are UAV Immediate Past National Commander Mathew Koziak and the Rev. Protopresbyter Frank Estocin, Ukrainian Orthodox Church. The Treasurer is National Commander Anna Krawczuk and Assistant Treasurer is Dobrodiyka Irene Estocin. The committee secretary is UAV National Adjutant Walter Bodnar.

Other committee members include the Rev. Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Ukrainian Orthodox Church; Archpriest Daniel Gurovich, Ukrainian Catholic Church; PNC and UAV National Historian Vasyl Luchkiw; Vice President of the UAV Ladies Auxiliary, Oksana Koziak; UAV National Webmaster Walter Demetro; UAV Post 30 Commander, Bernard Krawczuk; UAV National Public Relations Officer, Michael Wowk; and UAV Past National Commander, Edward Zetick.

Further information concerning the monument will appear in various newspapers and on the UAVets website as the project progresses. For inquiries and donations, please contact:

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