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Dear Fellow Veterans,

In my last column I wrote that I was looking forward to cooler weather, and now I have it. In fact, as I write this, Christmas is quickly approaching and the first snow has fallen.

The UAV concluded a successful 63d National Convention on October 2, 2010 in Kerhonkson, New York. I am deeply honored to have been reelected as your National Commander.

At the convention banquet, I presented Post 101 of Warren, Michigan, with the award for most new members. At the same event, Leo Iwaskiw, editor of *America* and a member of Post 1, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was awarded a plaque in recognition of his newspaper's support of the UAV. I want to thank LTC Orest Logusz for being our keynote speaker at the banquet. Orest gave a great talk about the 1<sup>st</sup> Division based on his book entitled *Galicia Division: The Waffen-SS 14<sup>th</sup> Grenadier Division, 1943-1945*, which was published in 1997.

Thanks to Bernard and Anna Krawczuk, the convention was very well covered in *The Ukrainian Weekly* and *America*. Both papers also published articles about the UAV Registration Project and the blessing of the UAV Monument site. UAV Press Releases also appeared on [www.brama.com](http://www.brama.com) and UOC of USA website [www.uocofusa.org/news](http://www.uocofusa.org/news).

In addition to the elections and other UAV business that were conducted at the convention, we all had a great time visiting with one another. This is what sets the UAV apart from other veterans' organizations—our members, besides being united by the bond of military service, are blood brothers and sisters because the blood of Ukraine flows in our veins.

Other highlights and features of the convention are covered in this issue of the **UAV Tribune**, but I am pleased to note that we received many positive comments about the convention journal. General Eric Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, was kind enough to send us a letter of greeting. I have some extra copies for posts.

I recently sent a congratulations letter on behalf of the UAV to Brigadier General Victor Petrenko, our newest Ukrai-

nian American general. He is currently serving as Deputy Commanding General, US Army Accessions Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky. This is a great achievement and we wish him well.

The UAV National Executive Board held a teleconference on December 11, 2010. We find this to be an efficient and cost-savings way to hold meetings of the board. We are looking for a post to host the 64<sup>th</sup> UAV National Convention in October 2011. Please let us know if you would be interested in hosting this convention.

I was recently asked by Colonel Roman Golash, UAV Post 35 Commander, Palatine, Illinois, what the UAV was doing to attract new members especially younger veterans. He is right to ask this question. We discussed this issue during our National Executive Board meeting. Jerry Kindrachuk, National Finance Officer and Acting Webmaster, suggested that we look at Facebook and that is what we will be looking at. I have also asked Ihor Hron, National Vice Commander, to review this matter and seek out potential ideas for attracting new members. If you have ideas, please send them to Jerry or me.

I want to thank National Adjutant Mathew Koziak and Oleh Babski, Post 27, Brooklyn, New York, for carrying the national and UAV colors during the Procession of Colors at the Veterans Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on November 11, 2010. Last year, CNN showed Matt carrying the UAV flag; this year we briefly saw his UAV cap.

On November 7, 2010, I had the privilege of marching with Major George Stachiw, UAV Post 14 Commander, Hartford, Connecticut, and Colonel Wiroslaw Snihurowych, UAV CT State Department Commander, and members of the UAV Post 14 in the Hartford Veterans Parade. We had a good turn out and were received with enthusiastic applause as we marched in the largest Veterans Day parade in New England. It was chilly but we made it.

By the time that you read this, the holidays will be over. Nonetheless, I wish all of you a wonderful New Year.

Honored to serve,  
Leonid Kondratiuk  
National Commander



***We Support  
Our Troops***

# GOD BLESS AMERICA!



*Photo by Anna Krawczak*

June 2001



September 11, 2001

# WE SHALL NEVER FORGET SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

# Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA  
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PRESS RELEASE



**Veterans Day - 2010!**

## **STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA**

*“Their memory remains with us from generation unto generation!”*

On this Veterans’ Day 2010, the Council of Bishops, clergy and laity of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, express profound gratitude to Ukrainian American Veterans and all those veterans, whose service in the military preserved the foundation of freedom, justice and equality, upon which this country was founded and remains anchored.

Mindful of our Lord’s words, “greater love than this has no man, than to give up his life for His friend” [John 15:13] we prayerfully commend to the loving eternal care of Him Who is our Resurrection, Life and Repose – Christ our true God, the noble souls of those sons and daughters “who feared not the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day” [Psalm 90/91], but sacrificed their lives in the defense of others during the various wars and conflicts, which this God-protected country was compelled to wage.

May their service and sacrifices of love inspire us and generations of Americans of divers heritages to always act as God’s responsible agents of freedom, justice and equality and be courageous in the defense of the God-given rights of others.

May the Lord God accept the service of those living Veterans on His heavenly altar!

May the memory of those who have fallen asleep remain and be cherished from generation unto generation!

+Constantine, Metropolitan  
+Antony, Archbishop  
+Daniel, Bishop



Artist’s version of the future UAV National Monument at St Andrew Cemetery in South Bound Brook, New Jersey

# They served, they sacrificed

By Anna Krawczuk, UAV Past National Commander

Periodically, information about the Registration Project of the Ukrainian American Veterans has appeared in the Ukrainian American press, including *The Ukrainian Weekly*, *America*, *Svoboda*, *Ukrainian Orthodox Word*, *Trybuna*, and more recently, on **www.BRAMA.com** as well as on the UOC of the USA website at [www.uocofusa.org](http://www.uocofusa.org).

The UAV appreciates the support of these media organs, which has given us many opportunities to reach out to Ukrainian Americans who have served or are on active duty in the US Armed Forces.



USCIS  
Sgt. Michael Strank, USMC

An interesting example of such media support is an article by Professor Mykola Mushynka of Slovakia, which was published in September 25, 2009, issue of *Svoboda*. The article was about the national origin of an American WWII hero, Sgt. Michael Strank (1919–1945), whose image together with other Marines is on the famous US Marine Corps Memorial (also known as the Iwo Jima Memorial) in Washington, D. C. and on US Iwo Jima commemorative stamps.

Professor Mushynka's extensive research proves once and for all, that Michael and his parents were indeed Ukrainians from the village Orjabyna (located in what was then Czechoslovakia). He also wrote that Michael's younger brother John Strank was killed in action in Italy almost at the same time as Michael was killed while serving on the Pacific front.

In May 2007, a portrait of Sgt. Michael Strank (painted by artist Mykola Dyc') was unveiled in Orjabyna in a ceremony attended by Mayor Mykola Kan, US Ambassador to Slovakia Rudolphe M. Vallee, and others. Although Slovakia claimed Michael as its native son, Professor Mushynka managed to correct the history of the Ukrainian American hero of World War II, who made the ultimate sacrifice for the United States of America on the battlefield in Iwo Jima, Japan, on March 1, 1945.

This article, and the underlying issue of "mistaken identity" that prompted it, brought to light the dilemma that we Ukrainian Americans still confront: a lack of an accurate demographic profile of Ukrainian immigrants to the United States from the late 19th century until 1991, when Ukraine became an independent state.

Prior to 1991, Ukrainian immigrants were routinely identified and documented as nationals (and citizens) of the various countries occupying Ukraine: Austria-Hungary, Poland, Russia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, etc., and the USSR. Although

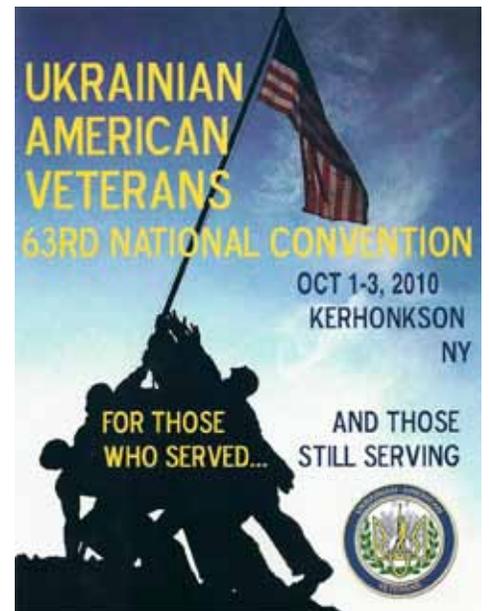
Ukraine did not officially exist as a sovereign geopolitical entity during most of the 20th century, it must be underscored that the Ukrainian people never ceased "existing." Historical realities and political expedience of the century simply blurred this existence, which led to an ongoing misidentification of ethnic origins. This problem continues for Ukrainians living in the present-day Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania, Croatia, Poland, and other neighboring countries.

It is for these and other reasons that Ukrainian American veterans have been and continue to be demographically mislabeled, and that the demographics of Ukrainians who have served or are presently serving in the US Armed Forces are inaccurate. History tells us that newly arrived Ukrainian immigrants served in World War I, their sons and daughters served in World War II, their grandchildren and post-World War II immigrants fulfilled their obligation when called to service during the Korean conflict, and their sons were drafted to serve in Vietnam. At the same time, women of Ukrainian descent volunteered for non-combat duties in all branches of the U.S. military.

Today, Ukrainian Americans who arrived in the United States bearing bona fide Ukrainian passports, continue this proud tradition of services—and it is the ethnicity of these Ukrainian Americans that is, for a change, correctly identified in demographic records.

At the UAV Convention of 1998, a decision was made to start the UAV Registration Project and register Ukrainian Americans who served or are on active duty in the US Armed Forces. Our quest was and continues to be to register and honor all American servicemen and servicewomen of Ukrainian heritage who served honorably and with distinction in the United States Armed Forces.

A related mission is to publish the names of Ukrainian Americans who by their dedicated service not only fulfilled their obligation to the United States of America but also contributed to the US military history. It is our way of honoring them.



## They served, they sacrificed *(continued)*

Volume I of the UAV Registration Project Report (1998–2003) was released in 2004. We are currently working on Volume II, (covering the years 2004–2010) with the overarching goal of publishing a list of names that clearly reflects and supports the accuracy of ethnic demographics—a list that correctly identifies the heritage of those listed.

To achieve this goal, we must prove our claims through documentation, whether such documentation comes from archival sources or actual registrations supported by the US government's military documents.

A future endeavor is to make the UAV Registration Project an integral part of an Educational Center for the UAV National Monument at the new museum at St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in South Bound Brook, New Jersey.

Although the response to our project has been good, it is only the tip of the proverbial iceberg. Thus far only about 1,000 veterans are registered and appropriately documented with US military service records, Form DD214 or equivalent.

Approximately seven thousand (7,000) names have been recorded from archival sources, such as WWII Honor Rolls, monuments, plaques, GI grave foot markers in Ukrainian cemeteries, newspaper clippings, obituaries, etc. Unfortunately, this is a far cry from the true picture of how many Ukrainian Americans served in the US Armed Forces. It is estimated that more than 200,000 Ukrainian Americans served in World War II alone.

It is for this reason that we appeal to readers of this issue of the Tribune to take the time to send similar documentation to us. Our appeal goes to veterans themselves, to descendants of Ukrainian American veterans, and to others who possess such documentation. Register yourselves and your loved ones, and inform your friends about our project. We cannot do it alone!

All you need to do is submit a UAV Registration Form with a copy of Form DD214 (or equivalent) and send this to:

UAV Registration Project  
PO Box 172  
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You may request a copy of the UAV Registration Form by writing to this address or by email:  
[uav.registration@verizon.net](mailto:uav.registration@verizon.net).

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IN MEMORY OF  
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1944

Dedication ceremony July 4, 1944



SGT Michael Pershyn, WWI Veteran



### We thank WWII veteran Theodore Pershyn for registering his father and himself.

Sergeant Michael Pershyn was born on September 25, 1889 in Western Ukraine. He immigrated to the United States in 1906.

Michael served with the US Army's 6th Cavalry from January 19, 1913 to July 1, 1919. He became an American citizen in 1918.

His assignments took him to Mexico in pursuit of Pancho Villa and in 1914 to Vera Cruz to protect American property. He received orders for European theater but was taken off the ship because he was born in Ukraine (Austria-Hungary) and his brothers were in the German Army.

In the upcoming years he was actively involved in establishing the Pvt. Nicholas Minue American Legion Post 1260 and the Ukrainian American Veterans Post 7 in New York City, New York.

Michael Pershyn was the chairman of the Ukrainian American Memorial Committee of New York City that erected the memorial dedicated to all American Heroes. It is located on Second Avenue and 10th Street in the city.



# 63rd UAV National Convention Highlights: Brigadier General Leonid Kondratiuk re-elected National Commander

By Anna Krawczuk, UAV IPNC



63rd UAV National Convention delegates, UAV National Commander Leonid Kondratiuk in the center

## 63D NATIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

### 1-2 October 2010

We, Ukrainian American Veterans, assembled at our 63d National Convention held in Kerhonkson, New York, on 1-2 October 2010, HEREBY RESOLVE:

- 63-1 to urge the President and the Congress to support our service men and women engaged in operations in Iraq and Afghanistan with all possible means in order to carry out their mission.
- 63-2 to urge the administration and Congress to continue full funding to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to assist returning injured service men and women and all veterans who had served this country.
- 63-3 to urge our fellow veterans to become engaged and involved in their local communities and to use their leadership skills in youth organizations, veterans activities, and other community activities.
- 63-4 to appeal to all veterans of Ukrainian heritage to register in the UAV Registration Project and to become members of the Ukrainian American Veterans.
- 63-5 to appeal to the Ukrainian community to contribute donations to the building of the Ukrainian American Veterans National Monument that will honor Ukrainian American veterans of all wars.

### Respectfully submitted:

Resolutions Committee Chair: Leonid Kondratiuk,  
National Commander

Resolution Committee Members: Edward Zetick, UAV  
Post 1, Philadelphia, PA  
Nicholas Skirka,  
UAV Post 301, Yonkers, NY

The 63rd Annual National Convention of Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc., was held on October 1-3, 2010, at the Soyuzivka Heritage Center in Kerhonkson, New York. The UAV National Executive Board met on September 30, 2010 to address pre-convention issues. The UAV National Ladies Auxiliary held their meeting and convention as well. Oksana Koziak was reelected president. The new slate of UAV National Executive Board Officers was presented by the chairman of the nominating committee, PNC Edward Zetick. With the exception of the new National Vice Commander, Ihor W. Hron, all other officers were reelected for 2010-2012.

The Convention began on October 1, 2010. According to protocol, UAV National Commander, Leonid Kondratiuk, led the opening and closing ceremonies and chaired the convention proceedings per accepted agenda. The opening prayer was offered by UAV National Chaplain Marian Bojsiuk, and Roll Call was conducted by UAV National Adjutant Mathew Koziak, PNC. Minutes of the 62nd UAV Convention were accepted. Oksana Koziak, president of the UAV National Ladies Auxiliary, reported on registration of UAV delegates, after which the quorum was established. She also appealed for donations to the UAV Welfare, Scholarship, and Monument Funds.

Financial and Activity reports were presented by the UAV National Finance Officer Jerry Kindrachuk, Quartermaster Stephen Kostecki, Welfare Officer Myroslaw Pryjma, and Scholarship Officer Nicholas Skirka. Anna Krawczuk, IPNC, reported on the UAV Registration Project and the UAV National Monument. Prior to acceptance, financial reports were audited by Anna Krawczuk and Michael Wowk. Jerry Kindrachuk reviewed the UAV Registration Project and the UAV National Monument books.

In his presentation, Jerry Kindrachuk placed special emphasis on adhering to IRS Code Section 501(c) 19 status that applies to the UAV. He also reminded post commanders to apply for their respective posts' Federal ID numbers.

Stephen Kostecki reported on the UAV quartermaster inventory and presented the new golf shirt and cap designed by the National Commander.

Myroslaw Pryjma's account included awarding grants to two UAV members in need.

Nicholas Skirka included UAV Scholarship Committee Bylaws and application requirements with his financial report. He also announced that six UAV Scholarships were awarded for academic year 2009-2010.

Anna Krawczuk pointed out that although the UAV Registration Project is open to all Ukrainian American veterans who honorably served in the US Armed Forces, it is a requirement for all the UAV members to register. She asked that members contribute archival material and photographs for this project and noted that material is being compiled for Volume II of The UAV Registration Project that will cover the years 2004-2010.

IPNC Krawczuk underscored the need for more intensive fundraising for the UAV National Monument and appealed to Post Commanders to inform their members.

The afternoon session began with the National Commander's report, which gave an overview of UAV activities since the 62nd UAV National Convention. Commander Kondratiuk thanked everyone for cooperation and commented that he was honored to serve as UAV National Commander. The emphasis of the Commander's brief, however, was on membership. He reminded delegates that the UAV was established in 1948 by World War I and World War II veterans. Since then Korean conflict, Vietnam War, peacetime, and currently Global War on Terrorism veterans have joined our ranks. He stated: "The challenge will be to continue to function as a viable organization in the future that will appeal to a new generation of veterans of the War on Terrorism campaigns."

Vice Commander Walter Michajliw's report was read next. The UAV Members-at-large roster was attached. An activity summary was

given by National Adjutant Mathew Koziak, and Judge Advocate Michael Demchuk presented proposed amendments to the UAV Bylaws.

Article VII, Section 2 on page 3, which defines the State Department, and Article IV, Section 5 C on page 9, which provides a detailed description of summer weather uniforms, were among the approved amendments.

Service Officer/Chaplain Marian Bojsiuk and Historian Edward Zetick reported on their activities.

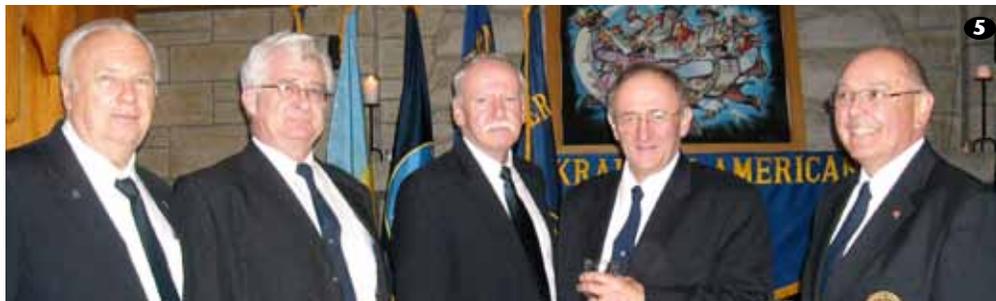
Public Relations Officer Bernard Krawczuk, who is coeditor with Anna Krawczuk of The UAV Tribune, informed those assembled about the last two issues of the Tribune that were released. These were mailed by regular mail to 600 recipients. Color versions can be found on the UAV website at [www.uavets.org](http://www.uavets.org). Bernard also thanked the editors of America, The Ukrainian Weekly, and Ukrainian Orthodox Word for publishing his UAV Press Releases that have also appeared on [www.brama.com](http://www.brama.com) and [www.uocofusa.org](http://www.uocofusa.org).

UAV National Monument Committee chairman Mathew Koziak reported on the monument fundraising plans.

Acting UAV Webmaster, Jerry Kindrachuk invited members to visit our official website at [www.uavets.org](http://www.uavets.org) that has been reconstructed and is up and running. He also appealed to post commanders to update their posts' information.

Report of CT State Department Commander Wiroslaw Snihurovich was read by Michael Wowk, and Post Commanders in attendance informed about the activities of their respective posts.

The official business formalities of the 63rd UAV National Convention were followed by Installation of Officers at the banquet by PNC Eugene Sagasz.



1. Past National Commander Eugene Sagasz, congratulates newly installed UAV National Executive Board Officers 2. UAV National Welfare Officer Myroslaw Pryjma, accepts award on behalf of Michigan Post 101 3. Commander Kondratiuk presents UAV Coin to keynote speaker, LTC Michael O. Logusz (USA Ret) 4. UAV NLA President Oksana Koziak with Myroslawa Bojsiuk 5. Old comrades M. Wowk, M. Demchuk, C. Harvey and E. Zetick 6. At the banquet Ihor Hron, Gen & Mrs L. Kondratiuk



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photo by Sandra Kondratiuk

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Pryjma Back row: J. Kindrachuk,  
E. Zetick, PNC and M. Demchuk.  
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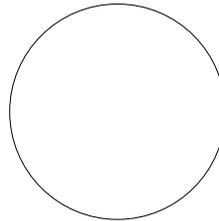
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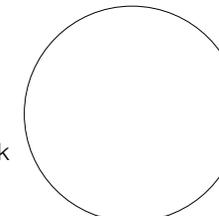
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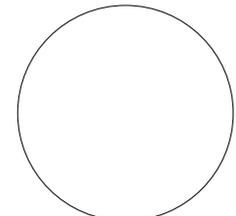
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PNC Anna Krawczuk

# Thank you for your service!

## Ukrainian American officer promoted to General

By UAV National Commander, Brigadier General Leonid Kondratiuk



Brig. Gen Victor Petrenko

Brigadier General Victor Petrenko was promoted to his current grade on August 6, 2010 at a promotion ceremony hosted by Army Accessions Commander Lt. Gen. Benjamin Freakly at Fort Knox, Kentucky. It was a proud moment for his family in attendance - wife Amy, father Leonid Petrenko and his aunt, Tamara Burda.

General Petrenko, the son of Ukrainian immigrants, was commissioned from the ROTC program at Arizona State University in 1983 in the field artillery. He had a number of assignments in the 82d Airborne Division culminating as Commander, 82d Airborne Division Artillery and Commander, 4th Brigade Combat Team. He served in the first Gulf War as well in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan where he held senior assignments.

General Petrenko is currently the Deputy Commanding General, US Army Accessions Command at Fort Knox. He holds numerous awards for service and achievement from the United States Army. He has also been decorated by the French and Polish governments. He wears the Ranger tab and the master parachutist badge. He is a graduate of the US Command and General Staff College and the Naval War College where he was awarded a master's degree in national and strategic studies. He also holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Missouri.

Brigadier General Petrenko is married to Amy (nee Shea, of Brookville, Indiana) and they are proud parents of son Mykola and daughter Larysa.

We congratulate General Petrenko on his achievement which brings great credit to him, his family and the Ukrainian American community. We wish him continued success in his military career.

## UAV members on active duty



**US Navy Aviator  
LT JG Stephanie Homick  
UAV Post 40**

### We Welcome New UAV Member-at-Large



**US Army LTC  
Les A. Melnyk**



**US Army SSG  
Venessa Papa  
UAV Post 40**

# News from Headquarters

## Reminder: Attention UAV Post Commanders:

Annual Post dues deadline is **April 15, 2011**.

Contact UAV National Finance Officer Jerry Kindrachuk.

Applications for UAV Scholarships are accepted year round, with the deadline being August 31, 2011. Contact UAV National Scholarship Officer Nicholas Skirka for more details.

All old style UAV Blue/Black golf shirts are available for Post fundraisers for a donation to the UAV Quartermaster Fund. Contact UAV National Quartermaster Officer Stephen Kostecki.

### May 1, 2011

UAV participation in St. Thomas observances at St. Andrew Cemetery in South Bound Brook, New Jersey.

## Dates to Remember

### April 24, 2011

Easter

### May 1, 2011

St. Thomas Sunday  
South Bound Brook, New Jersey

### May 30, 2011

Memorial Day observances  
Nationwide

### June 14, 2011

Flag Day

### July 4, 2011

Independence Day observances  
Nationwide

### August 24, 2011

Ukraine Independence Day

### September 11, 2011

Tenth Anniversary of 9-11 Tragedy

### October 2011

64<sup>th</sup> UAV National Convention

### November 11, 2011

Veterans Day observances  
Nationwide

### November 24, 2011

Thanksgiving

### December 25, 2011

Christmas

## From the National Quartermaster

Please Contact Quartermater Stephen Kostecki to place your order:

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call: 508-245-189

UAV Coins Silver/Brass	10.00
UAV Crest for blazer	18.00
NEW! UAV Black B/B hat	15.00
NEW! UAV Blue Golf Shirt	35.00
UAV Lapel pin	4.00
US/UKIE Flag pin	2.00
UAV Summer shirt patch set (US flag & UAV Logo)	7.00
UAV Car decal	4.00
UAV tie	6.00
UAV Small emblem	3.00



Flag Pin



Tie/Jacket Pin

UAV Registration Project 1998-2003 15.00 (report in booklet form) S/H included

UAV 1948-1998 Historical Analysis 15.00 (hard cover book) S/H included

# UAV Connecticut State Department

by Wiroslaw J. Snihurowych, UAV CT State Department Commander

While spring and summer do not involve a lot of activity at the Connecticut State Command, the fall season does. The activities and events vary in purpose, but all are worth remembering.

*September 10, 2010.* The season opened with the 2010 Annual Stand-down at the CT Veterans Home in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. I attended this event and spoke briefly with the CT State Commissioner for Veterans Affairs. While there, I presented Veterans Home a check in the amount of \$40 on behalf of UAV Post 14.

*October 1-2, 2010.* Five members of the UAV CT State Department attended the 63rd UAV National Convention at Soyuzivka in Kerhonkson, New York.

*November 7, 2010.* The Connecticut Veterans Parade was held on a Sunday, and as in past years, we received help from Plast, SUM, and the Dancing Ensemble Zolotyj Promin. We were honored by the visit and participation in the parade by the UAV National Commander, Brigadier General Leonid Kondratiuk.

We met General Kondratiuk at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall, where some members of our community had a chance to meet and talk with him. Subsequently, we all went to our parade marshaling area. After a long wait, we were off and marching. General Kondratiuk marched with us and later joined us for refreshments at the Ukrainian National Home. Because we did not have the General's flag, we made do with a bulava (mace) that was carried behind the

general on a red pillow. The General's name was announced from the reviewing stand over the loud speaker.

*November 22, 2010.* The Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame Induction ceremony, Class of 2010 was held on that day in the State Legislative Officer Building in Hartford. This event is under the auspices of the Connecticut State Governor. Eleven veterans were inducted. Our UAV State Command was represented by four veterans: Paul Bzowycyjk, Ihor Rudko, Wiroslaw Snihurowych and George Stachiw.

*December 11, 2010.* The "Wreaths Across America" wreath-laying ceremony was held at the Colonel Gates Veterans Cemetery in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. This was the final event of the season and was attended by seven of our veterans. Following this ceremony, was the semiannual State Executive Board meeting and the evening dinner of UAV Post 14 and invited guests.

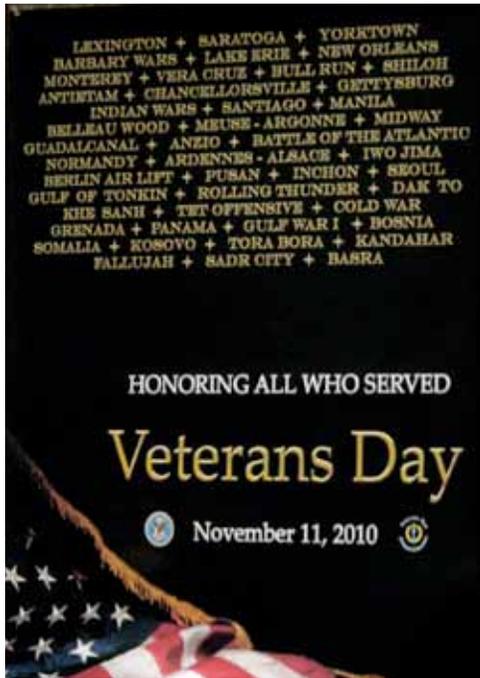
Our special thanks go to Dr. Andreas Bojko, MD (Plast), and Mrs. Daria Budas (SUM/Zolotyj Promin) for organizing and providing UAV flag and banner carriers. We are also grateful to Henry Jepeal, WWII veteran and UAV member and his family, for providing one of the cars used in the parade—a convertible driven by Henry's son, Peter Jepeal. We also thank Zenon Nesteruk for driving the second car in the parade, and Dr. Bojko, who personally carried one of our flags – the United States Flag - during this parade.



**1.** Banner carriers Misses Laryssa Budas and Christina Moore from Dancing Ensemble Zolotyj Promin first rank: Br Gen Leonid Kondratiuk, UAV National Commander; Lt Col Wiroslaw J. Snihurowych, USA (Ret), UAV Ct State Cdr; Major George N. Stachiw, USA (Ret), UAV Post 14 Cdr. **2.** Second rank: Mrs. Patricia C. Snihurowych carrying bulava; Steven Chomyn guidon bearer, Post 14. Third rank: Dr. (MD) Andreas Bojko PLAST, US flag; Markian Bojko, PLAST, Ukrainian flag, Victor Semczysyn, SUM, Post flag; Adrian Budas SUM, Missing in Action flag. Fourth rank: left to right: Walter Melnyk; Ihor Rudko, PC Elect, Post 14 Fifth rank: left to right: Michael Matiash, Paul Bzowycyjk, Walter Kowinko **3.** first automobile, driven by Peter Jepeal; MSGT Walter S. Hornat, USAF (Ret) and Henry Jepeal second automobile, driven by Zenon Nesteruk: Gerald Nesteruk, Walter E. Hrynchuk and Paul Hunchak. **4.** W. Snihurowych and with kitchen volunteer M. Matiash at "Stand Down 2009" on September 18, 2009, at Ct State Veterans Home, Rocky Hill, CT. **5.** Dr. Linda S. Schwartzs, RN FAAN, Commissioner of CT Dept of VA Affairs with Cdr W. Snihurowych.

# Anthony Bilyj UAV Post 1— Greater Philadelphia, PA

By Edward A. Zetick, PNC, Post Commander



November 13, 2010. The meeting of UAV Post 1 was held at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, in Jenkintown, PA. Children of the Heritage School sang patriotic songs and recited poems honoring member veterans on Veterans Day. The Ukrainian Selfreliance Federal Credit Union of Philadelphia presented a monetary gift to UAV Post 1 and sponsored a delicious luncheon for veterans and guests. Borys Pawluk, president of the UECC, thanked the veterans for their service and expressed the support of the center and community for veterans.

UAV Post 1 member Leo Iwaskiw, Editor of America — Ukrainian Catholic Weekly newspaper, received a special recognition award from the UAV National Executive Board for support of the UAV. It was presented by special NEB guests, Immediate Past National Commander Anna Krawczuk and National Public Relations Officer, Bernard Krawczuk.

On behalf of the UAV Post 1, Post Commander Zetick thanked the UECC, its staff and volunteers for the Veterans Day appreciation event.



Borys Pawluk



From left: PNC E. Zetick, B. Krawczuk, Leo Iwaskiw, IPNC A. Krawczuk



Students of the Heritage School

## UAV Post 6 — Newark, NJ

By Bozhena Olshaniwsky

Union, N. J. – November flew in on strong winds carrying multicolored autumn leaves and bringing back memories – the most poignant of them are about wars, soldiers, veterans and their participation in the history of the 20th century.

The most memorable events are the historical facts of Sichovi Striltsi, their battles in Lviv, which were left for us in the songs and poems of very talented and creative striltsi (i.e. Kupchynsky, Hayvoronsky, Lepky, etc.) But in the American veterans' memories, events from World War II, which engaged many Americans, are the strongest. Local veterans of Ukrainian

American Veterans, Inc., organized in Post 6, traditionally commemorate the Veterans Day attending a program at the monument erected by the post many years ago.

On November 14, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., a small group of UAV Post 6 veterans and their UAV Ladies Auxiliary members gathered at the Hollywood Cemetery in Union, New Jersey. They observed the traditional points of the program, ceremoniously reading all the names of their departed comrades that are written on the monument and, at the end, gathered in a nearby restaurant for a luncheon and reminiscences.



Danylo Marchishin at the monument



At the UAV Post 6 monument at the Hollywood Cemetery, in Union, N. J. From left: Dana Bekesewycz, Marie Marchiskin, Bozhena Olshaniwsky; UAV Post 6 Commander Michael Fedirko, Robert Doll, Walter Bodnar and Danylo Marchishin

## Major Myron Diduryk UAV Post 30 — Freehold, NJ

by Anna Krawczuk, IPNC, UAV Post 30 Adjutant

UAV Post 30 welcomes new Chaplain, Rev. Oleksandr Dumenko, pastor of St. Stephens Ukrainian Catholic Church in Toms River, New Jersey. Father Dumenko replaced Father Turyk who was transferred to another parish in New Jersey.

The new UAV Post 30 board, under the leadership of Post Commander Gerald P. Tchir began its plan of action prior to

the 63rd UAV National Convention. Commander Tchir and Jurij Jacus, PPC, were delegated to represent Post 30, while Anna Krawczuk, IPNC and Bernard Krawczuk, UAV NEB Public Relations Officer, attended as officers on the UAV National Executive Board. Both were reelected and continue as coeditors of the UAV Tribune. They are also founding members of the UAV National Monument Committee.

*Dear Friends of UAV Post 30,*

*Thank you so much for remembering me. For the first time in several years I will be home for Christmas.*

*My family will be, however, in many parts of the world. Our son, Colonel Frank will be in Iraq, his wife Sherry (SFC) will be with her unit in Kuwait and their son Elex (Specialist) with his unit in Korea.*

*Hope to be able to make the next meeting.*

*Best regards,*

*Nick Holinaty*

(Thank you for writing – we wish them well and safe return home. Holinaty family was featured in the Spring 2010 issue of the UAV Tribune. Ed.)



B. Krawczuk, A. Krawczuk, J. Jacus and PC G. Tchir,

# UAV Post 17 – Passiac, NJ

by James Fedorko, Post Commander

## Major General Leonid Holopatiuk Presented with UAV Coin

Members of the UAV Post 17 presented Major General Leonid Holopatiuk, Representative of the Ministry of Defense and Military Advisor to Ukraine's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, a Ukrainian American Veterans official coin during a reception hosted on the occasion of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Day in New York City on December 2, 2010. The event was also a farewell to Major General Holopatiuk, who is scheduled to depart for Ukraine in February 2011.

Major General Holopatiuk initiated a project with the UAV of collecting books for cadets and military personnel at bases in Ukraine, so that their libraries may be complemented with publications from the Ukrainian diaspora. So far, the project has been a going very well. We have received many books from private individuals as well as two large donations: one from UCCA in New York City and the other one from Yuri Nakonechny in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The UAV has also received two monetary donations from the Ukrainian National Home of Passaic, New Jersey, and the Self Reliance Federal Credit Union in Newark, New Jersey.

### Want to Donate Your Books?

Publications on European history, military topics, and culture are scarce throughout Ukraine. In addition to books on Ukraine, books on U.S. history are highly prized. Traditional works focusing on early American history, the United States Revolution, and the Civil War are also very desirable. The history of the debates surrounding the U.S. Constitution and early development of the United States of America as a nation will serve Ukrainians well in understanding the trials and tribulations that are an integral part of building a new nation state.

In lieu of books, donors may contribute money that will be used by the UAV Post 17 to purchase books. Handwritten dedications in donated books are welcome, and donations dedicated to some person (living or deceased) or some ideal or event are also welcome. Please make checks payable to **UAV Post 17** and send books or donations to:

James Fedorko, UAV Post 17 Commander  
68 Washington Avenue  
Rutherford, NJ 07070

You may also call Post 17 Commander Fedorko to schedule a book pick-up or drop-off. In some cases (for example, hard to acquire books that are out of print or certain multi-volume works), UAV Post 17 may have funds available to purchase the book(s). For more information about this, please send an email:

fedorko\_15003@yahoo.com or  
call James Fedorko at 512-887-5613.



Major James Fedorko USAR and Post 17 UAV Commander; Zenko Halkowycz UAV Post 17 Adjunct; Major General Leonid Holopatiuk, Representative of the Ministry of Defense and Military Advisor to Ukraine's Permanent Mission to the United Nations; and Dr. Orest Polischuk.

## Searching for Ukrainian Americans on Active Duty

UAV Post 17 is constantly searching for and requesting names of servicemen and servicewomen of Ukrainian descent on active duty in the U. S. Armed Forces. Our goal is to send these individuals packages containing kovbasa, candy, a religious icon, an issue of *Svoobda* and *The Ukrainian Weekly*. This project has been and continues to be funded by Self Reliance (NJ) Federal Credit Union, the Ukrainian National Home of Passaic, New Jersey, and Olympic Meat Market in Irvington, New Jersey.



Ataman General Serge Tsapenko and PC James Fedorko.

## SP4 Nikolaus Zozula UAV Post 31 — Boston, MA

by Stephen Kostecki, Post Commander



Veterans who attended Panakhyda Memorial Service at Christ the King Ukrainian Catholic Church. L to R: Bohdan Smolynsky, John Chopyk, Myron Boluch, Walter Michajliw, Yaroslav Muzyka, Stephen Kostecki, Lubomyr Szczudluk, Walter Boyko, Walter Balyk, and Mr. Hetmansky.



**August 29, 2010 - Ukraine Independence Day**  
Post Color Guard at the Christ The King Catholic Church in Boston, MA. From left: Walter Balyk, Yaroslav Muzyka, Myron Boluch, Ihor Kizuiuk, Stephen Kostecki & Bohdan Smolynsky.

## Jack Palance UAV Post 42 — Lehigh Valley, PA

by PNC Mathew Koziak, Post Adjutant



**November 11, 2010** Oleh Babski from Post 27 and Mathew Koziak from Post 42 represented the UAV in the Procession of Colors on Veterans Day Ceremony in the amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery.



**August 21, 2010** Members of Post 42 presented colors at the Ukrainian Independence Day Festival at The Homestead in Lehigh PA. From left to right are Mathew Koziak, Jerry Kindrachuk, Oleh Balaziuk and Orest Harasymowych.



O. Harasymowych and O. Balaziuk raised flags on Ukraine Independence Day in Bethlehem, PA. PNC M. Koziak in center.

**November 20, 2010** Members of Post 42 met with John Palance, brother of Post 42 patron Jack Palance to discuss plans for the blessing of the post flag. John agreed to participate in the ceremony and to bring some of Jack's mementoes for a display. Standing left to right are Orest Harasymowych, Mathew Koziak, Larissa Kebuz, John Palance, Oleh Balaziuk and Viktor Litkewycz.



# CPL Roman G. Lazor UAV Post 40 — North Port, FL

by Jerry Zinycz, PPC, Post Public Relations Officer

**About us:** UAV Post 40 was founded in 1999 and currently has 43 members.

**We welcome two new members:** Roman Rondiak, Col (ret) US Army Special Forces, Vietnam combat veteran, and George Baranowskyj, DDS, Capt US Army Medical Corp.

**We also have two members on active duty:** Lt. Jg. Stephanie Homick, US Navy Aviation and SFC Venessa Kostyk Papa, US Army. We wish them safe duty – come home soon!

**Two members have been elected to the UAV National Executive Board:** Ihor W. Hron, UAV National Vice Commander and Marian Bojsiuk, UAV National Service Officer/Chaplain.

UAV Post 40 is a very active post, participating in local US Veterans' events and supporting activities in Ukrainian American Community of North Port, Florida, and vicinity.

## Veterans Day 2010 was more like Veterans Week for the Ukrainian American Veterans of Post 40.

*November 7, 2010.* UAV Post 40 provided Color Guard and attended a "Panakhyda" conducted by Rev. John Fatenko at St. Andrew's Chapel in memory of Ukrainian Veterans.

*November 10, 2010.* American flags were placed by members on the graves of departed comrades at Venice Memorial Gardens.

*November 11, 2010.* Veterans Day. UAV Post 40 Color Guard and members participated in honoring veterans at Veterans Memorial Park, an annual event of the Veteran Organizations of Southwest Sarasota County. This year the emphasis was on helping homecoming veterans who suffer from PTSD. Over 300 people attended, many of them Ukrainian Americans. The next day, an article about the Ukrainian American Veterans was featured in The North Port Sun, the local newspaper.

*November 13, 2010.* The social event of the year—Post 40's newly elected officers' Installation Dinner Dance. This event was held at "Oseredok" and was a great success. The program began with posting the colors by Marine Detachment 948, singing of national anthems of the United States of America and Ukraine, installation of newly elected officers, and passing of the colors from outgoing Commander Eugene Tomashosky to newly elected Commander Ihor W. Hron.

Since 1999, UAV Post 40 and US Marine Detachment 948 have supported each other in various activities. Five UAV Post 40 members belong to Marine Detachment 948 and Marion Bojsiuk, the current Commandant of 948, is a member of Post 40 as well as UAV National Service Officer/Chaplain.

During the dinner, two Commander's Awards were presented by Eugene Tomashosky and Ihor Hron, the first one to Rev. John Fatenko and the other to Ms. Daria Horbachewsky for their dedication and commitment to promoting Ukrainian American civic, educational, and cultural activities in the North Port Community at large and for their support of the Ukrainian American Veterans.

Colonel Valerii Mamitko and Colonel Yuriy Tkhoruk, officers from the Ukrainian Armored Forces assigned to the Central Command at Mac Dill AFB in Tampa, Florida, were the honored guests at the Installation Dinner Dance and were presented with the UAV emblems. Also attending were UAV Past National Commander (1949–1950) Walter Shipka and his wife Mary as well as Ms. Chrystyna Bodnar Sheldon, widow of Henry Sheldon St/Sgt US Army WWII, Pacific.

A model of a monument to be dedicated to Ukrainian veterans and the UAV was unveiled during the celebration. It is scheduled to be erected at Venice Memorial Garden on Memorial Day 2011. The participants warmly applauded the idea, and many attendees pledged to contribute to this project.

Over 120 people had great time, enjoyed a fine dinner, an excellent band, and many danced late into the night. UAV Post 40 members thank our Ukrainian American community for their support.

For more information about Cpl. Roman G. Lazor UAV Post 40 of North Port, Florida, please visit [www.uavets.org](http://www.uavets.org). Anyone interested in joining UAV Post 40, please e-mail: [ojzin@verizon.net](mailto:ojzin@verizon.net).



Front row: Eugene Tomashosky, PC, Atanas Kobryn, PNC, PPC, and John Y. Sos  
Standing: Ihor Hron, Orestes Lazor, Julian Helbig, Demetrius Yadzyn, George Baranowskyj, Nicholas Milanytch, Jerry Zinycz

# Michigan UAV Post 101 – Warren, MI

**November 7, 2010.**

Numerous Military and Veterans Organizations assembled at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit for the Annual Veterans Day and Remembrance Service. UAV Michigan Post 101 was represented by its color guard and other Post 101 members. Our flag bearers were Leo Cionka, Eugene Kondziolka and Mark Togan. At the beginning of the service the color guards carried their flags down the Cathedral aisle.

The UAV color guard was among them. During the service our flags (U. S., Ukrainian and Post) stood proudly among the Stars and Stripes and other flags in front of the church.

This being the 60th year since the start of the Korean War, special recognition was given to veterans who served in this conflict. The Korean flag was posted in front of the church, speeches were given by representatives of Korean American Organizations and the Korean national anthem was sung. The participation by the Ukrainian American Veterans of Michigan Post 101 was acknowledged in the official program. The Very Reverend S. Scott Thunder, Dean of the Cathedral, was the keynote speaker.

## **November 10, 2010. City of Warren, Michigan, Honored the Korean War Veterans.**

The Korean War Veterans were honored with a special ceremony at the City Hall. Mayor James Pauls handed out certificates to those veterans who served during the Korean War. The following UAV Michigan Post 101 members were recipients of this certificate: Stefan Fedenko, Taras Hayda, Roman Maksimowich, Stephan Manko, Raymond Prysiazniuk, Myroslaw Pryjma, Wolodymyr Temnyk and Myron Woronowycz.

This program ended with these words: “Today the city of Warren salutes the brave members of our armed forces who served our nation in the “Forgotten War”. They deserve our deepest appreciation.”

We too here at Post 101 salute our Comrades who are the Korean War Veterans, who received the certificates. Thank you for your service and congratulations.

Michael Shumylo, Taras Hayda, Stefan Fedenko, Myroslaw Pryjma, R. Prysiazniuk, Roman Maksimowich and Stephan Manko



Korean War Veterans

## **November 11, 2010. Veterans Day Observance in Warren, Michigan.**

Members of UAV Michigan Post 101, members of the Brotherhood of the Veterans’ of 1st Division (UNA) and members of the Catholic War Veterans of William Melnyk Post 645 assembled at the Ukrainian American Veterans Monument on Ryan Road to pay their respect to all who served as well as all who are now serving in the U. S. armed forces.

The attendance was good in spite of cold weather. A wreath was placed jointly by the Commanders of the veterans organizations. Special prayers were read by the Fathers from the Ukrainian Catholic Churches in Warren and Hamtramck. After the ceremonies the participants were invited for coffee and delicious donuts at the Ukrainian Future Credit Union.



At the monument: Christian Shalay, Jerry Slywka, George Futiak, Marion Zarewych, and Anatolij Mykolenko



PC Oleh Cieply in front



*They served,  
they sacrificed.  
It falls to us to honor  
and remember.*

The UAV National Monument is a most important undertaking for the Ukrainian American community. It will serve as a proud iconic beacon, drawing visitors from across the country, reminding all who come of those who lived and died for love of country.

We are grateful to those who have already contributed; we humbly thank those whose contributions honor the memory of loved ones.

Today, the vision of the UAV National Monument lies before us. But before the monument is erected and dedicated, much work remains to be done. And much of that work depends on raising the necessary funds to see the project completed.

The estimated design and building costs are projected at \$250,000. To date, the donations that we have received meet only fifteen percent of these estimated costs.

And so, we appeal to you again to help us honor those who deserve to be honored, deserve to be recognized, deserve to be remembered.

It is on their behalf we ask that you take a moment to complete the form below and make a generous donation to this project.

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UAV National Monument Committee PO BOX 5058 Somerset, NJ 08875-5058

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