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Ihor B. Rudko UAV NC

Dear Fellow Ukrainian American Veterans,

As I sit down to write this column, we had just completed our observance of Memorial Day. Our UAV posts throughout the country placed American flags on veteran's graves, attended commemorative services, and took part in parades. Overall, my perception towards the general public was that their focus was more on celebrating the beginning of summer. I noticed that attendance at Veterans commemorative events was sparse. I also noticed that at our Ukrainian cemetery, St. John the Baptist in Glastonbury, had veteran graves that were neglected and in some cases, nearly missed, and I wondered how many were overlooked entirely.

Our cemetery has 98 buried veterans from WW I, WW II, Korea, and the Vietnam Era. This issue has inspired Post 14 to undertake a project of inventorying and mapping veteran burial sites. Our diaspora population in Connecticut is diminishing and an increasing number of graves appear abandoned. We cannot let our deceased brothers-in-arms final resting places fall to neglect.

During the 69th National Convention, PNC Ihor Hron had commented that a quarter of a million American Ukrainians took part in WW I and WW II and that our UAV registry has records of only 3,200. I feel that we have an obligation to help Anna Krawczuk with her efforts to increase those numbers. We also have an obligation to get the word out and are currently working with the editors of the Ukrainian Weekly to enact a UAV Column. The Ukrainian Weekly has been very responsive to our requests to publish articles and I whole heartedly encourage our members to subscribe to the Ukrainian Weekly.

We are in discussion with the US Ukrainian Foundation (USUF) to publish stories of UAV members and their service experiences. USUF provides their publications to members of Congress and our articles would help impact their knowledge of UAV blood, sweat, and tears. By extension, our requests for assistance to aid Ukraine and their Wounded Warriors would also have merit.

PNC Leonid Kondratiuk has asked that we push to obtain stories from our Vietnam Era veterans before time passes

us as it has for the previous war veterans. An outreach project started in 1946 as the Veterans Voices Writing Project encouraged wounded soldiers to write their stories, thoughts, and feelings on paper. We could emulate this program for our UAV here in the States and in Ukraine. The written product could also then be utilized for our publication efforts.

On a lighter note and on a highlight of our capabilities, we started our Ukrainian Wounded Warrior excursion at the 71st UAV Convention. Our initial daunting challenge was to raise \$10,000 to help wounded Ukrainian soldiers in need of rehabilitation due to missing limbs and other challenges. These heroes fought in Eastern Ukraine against a well-known historical foe. Russia has again invaded Ukraine and occupied two Oblasts and the Crimean peninsula. We found that there was a drastic shortage of rehab equipment needed to improve the lives of these soldiers. It was voted unanimously that we undertake this challenge. An added incentive was the offer of matching funds of up to \$10,000 if raised by Christmas Eve. We met this initial goal and raised the challenge to \$50,000 by Memorial Day. The total funds in our Rehab account have reached \$51,425, we did better than anticipated by exceeding our goals. For this achievement I congratulate all those who participated.

I thank each Post that worked hard to reach this sum. 15 of 20 Posts, and a group of MALs did a herculean job and I am proud of you all. We now approach the task of purchasing and delivering the equipment needed to help normalize the lives of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. This too will be done.

In conclusion, the 72nd UAV Annual National Convention will be held from October 31 to November 2, 2019, in New Haven Connecticut. Additional convention details will be forthcoming.

God Bless America!

God Bless Ukraine!

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Please note that Post 24 - Cleveland has a new Commander. The IPC was Bohdan Samokyszyn who has decided that it was time to spend more time with his family, friends, hobbies and other community obligations. Bohdan will still be a UAV member. We wish him well in his retirement.

Welcome to the new Post 24 Commander, Roman Rakowsky. He is no stranger to UAV governance, having previously held the posts of Commander and National Commander. We extend a hearty handshake and a familial hug of the shoulders to Roman and thank him for his continued UAV leadership.



UAV NATIONAL REGISTRY REPORT

UAV National Teleconference 5-2-2019

1. According to the UAV Constitution and Bylaws all UAV members are required to register.

2. Also, all new members should be registered before adding them to the Post roster.

I appeal to all UAV Post Commanders to send their updated membership rosters. I still did not receive many Post Rosters for 2017 and 2018. It is important (not only) to include new members in the UAV National Registry, but also to update those who have been registered.

Registration documents should be sent by regular (snail) mail: **original** UAV REG Form with original signature, a copy (only a copy) of DD Form 214 or equivalent, and photo in uniform, which is optional but appreciated. Do not send these documents via email – electronically. Upon request, I can send Post Commanders a roster of those members that were registered and those that are not.

I have emailed this request to all UAV Post Commanders in April 16, 2019 and I have not received any answers and/or updated Post Rosters thus far.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Krawczuk, PNC
UAV National Registry Officer



THE UKRAINIAN PRINCE BURIED IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Submitted by: PNC Leonid Kondratiuk

Prince Leon Bogun Mazeppa Razumowski, also known as 2LT Jacob Makohin, USMC (1880-1956) is buried in honor with thousands of other servicemen, servicewomen, retired military personnel and veterans at the Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. How did a Ukrainian prince end up serving in the Marines? Here lies the tale.



Some years ago, someone sent me a photo of Makohin's grave with the comment that it was unusual for someone with a foreign title to be buried in Arlington. I thought yes very unusual since naturalized citizens must give up foreign titles when they become American citizens. What is his story?

Makohin was born on 27 September 1880 in the village of Viazova which is today located in the Zhovka Raion, Lviv Oblast, Ukraine. I am sure he was born to a peasant family. Later in life, he claimed he was a relative of Hetmans Mazeppa and Rozumovskyi. He clearly was not, and his title of a prince is false. Nonetheless, he had an interesting life.

He immigrated to the U.S. in 1903. On 7 August 1905, he enlisted in the Marine Corps at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. In 1907, he was transferred to the company at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Station, Cuba where he was promoted to sergeant. After serving in the Philippines and the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, Sgt. Makohin was assigned to the Marine Barracks, US Navy Aeronautic Station, Pensacola, Florida in 1913.

He was promoted to First Sergeant and placed in charge of mechanics. In April 1916 he was selected for pilot training and graduated as one of the first flying Marine sergeants. During World War I, Sgt. Makohin flew antisubmarine missions as a pilot in the 1st Marine Aero Company from the Azores. Later in the war, he flew missions from Miami, Florida. In November 1918, he was assigned to the Mare Island Naval Air Station, California where he flew the HS-21 flying boat.

On 1 June 1919, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and became the first Ukrainian American commissioned officer. 2LT Makohin experienced a number of crash landings and was hurt several times. His injuries affected his flight duties and, as a result, he was ordered to appear at a fitness board at HQ, USMC, Washington, DC. The board ordered his retirement for disability.

While in Washington he met Susan Fallon and soon married her. The internet claims that she was the daughter of an admiral and well-off. She was neither according to my research. Makohin's story then becomes more curious. During the 1920s and 1930s, he traveled extensively to Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland where he met with former leaders of the Ukrainian National Republic and the Western Ukrainian Republic.

He became a sort of coordinator and one-man information bureau on behalf of a future independent Ukraine. I could not determine the sources of his funding. He may have raised the necessary funds from Ukrainian Americans. In one source he was described as a wealthy Ukrainian American philanthropist. In 1931 he opened the Ukrainian Bureau in London with the purpose of serving as an information and lobbying agency for Ukrainian interests, affairs and coordinating office with other Ukrainian organizations in Europe.

The office's first mission was to issue articles, information and as the Pole's called it, propaganda concerning Polish pacification policies in Western Ukraine. However, the mission changed in 1932 when the office began issuing information about the Holodomor and its effects. Apparently, his efforts were successful as the Western media began publishing articles about mass starvation in Ukraine.

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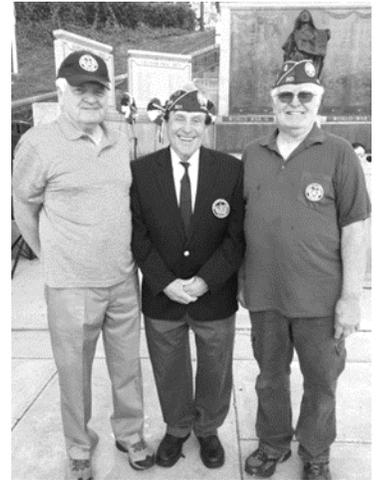
POST 301, YONKERS, NY, HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Submitted By: Nicholas Skirka, Commander, Post 301



(On the Left), Maksym Makarczuk and Nicholas Skirka who were at Rye, NY for Veterans Appreciation Day on May 26, Sunday. Veterans received free rides and food.

(On the Right), Maksym Makarczyk, Nicholas Skirka and Peter Olijarczyk attended a Memorial Day Ceremony that took place at the City of Yonkers on Monday, May 27th.



NEW JERSEY DEVILS UKRAINIAN HERITAGE NIGHT – UAV THERE

LTC Michael P. Hrycak, US Army, Ret.

On 1 December 2018, at the Prudential Arena in Newark, NJ, the New Jersey Devils hosted the sixth Ukrainian Heritage Night. UAVs Walter Stepaniak, Post 17, and Michael Hrycak, New Jersey Commander, along with Boy Scouts Peter Hrycak and Arthur Hrycak, as well as PLAST and CYM scouts, comprised the Honor Guard at the opening National Anthem. Later, Ukrainian American Veteran SFC Walter Wilczak, a Vietnam War Veteran, who served in the First Cavalry Division, was honored as the Hero of The Game, and among those honoring him were Walter Stepaniak, 2018 Hero of The Game, and Michael Hrycak, 2017 Hero of The Game, Marta Biskup, Myron Bytz, Andrij Dobriansky, and Oleksii Holubov, Consul General of Ukraine in New York. The New Jersey Devils were bested 4-3, by Winnipeg Jets, with Ukrainians from the United States and Canada supporting each teams.



Honor Guard led by LTC Michael P. Hrycak, US Army, Ret. (Back row, center)

SPECIAL UAV CAR MEDALLION



This exclusive silver, black and white medallion designed by Walter Dudycz is now available for purchase by UAV members. It is made from a light metal alloy and weighs 1.3 ounces. It measures about 3" in diameter and has an adhesive on the back.

You can buy this medallion at our upcoming 72nd National UAV convention in November for \$10.00 or order it today from our quartermaster Steve Kostecki for \$10.00 plus shipping.

Steve Kostecki at 508-245-1890 or email: skostecki108@comcast.net

See page 19 for more UAV accessories.

In our efforts to provide total transparency to our members, the Humanitarian Fund Committee is pleased to present our fellow veterans with this completed document. Commander Rudko's column (page 1) gives a brief history of this fund.

The following is a compilation presented for UAV Member dissemination. It represents the results derived from the activities of the Ukrainian American Veterans Fundraising efforts for the stated Rehab Fund.

The Prohny Group is not affiliated with the UAV.

**UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS
HUMANITARIAN FUND
WOUNDED UKRAINIAN WARRIORS – REHAB FUND PROJECT**

Profit and Loss Statement

For the period of October 25, 2018 thru May 31, 2019

INCOME:

Donations Received	\$ 52,109.00
Dividends Earned	<u>32.02</u>

Gross Income

\$ 52,141.02

EXPENSES:

Go Fund Me fees	\$ 63.96
Office Supplies	202.99
Postage	198.50
Printing	<u>95.01</u>

Total Expenses

\$ 560.46

Net Income

\$ 51,580.56

This Profit and Loss Statement was compiled using information provided by the organization. The information provided included bank statements, deposit tickets and receipts. The current balance in the bank account is \$51,580.56.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of June, 2019:

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POST 40 WELCOMES A UKRAINIAN MACHINE GUN SERGEANT

Stories and photos submitted by Bohdan P. Hirniak Post 40 PR Officer



Ukrainian machine gunner Sergeant Serhij Kantov (in front of tripod) addresses Post 40 members.

The UAV North Port Post #40 meets monthly, usually the first Friday of every month. Every so often, the Post is honored to have the benefit of a guest who is important to the moment. At a recent meeting the Post was so honored to welcome Machine Gun Sergeant Serhij Kantov, a veteran of the Ukrainian Army.

Sgt. Kantov fought in Eastern Ukraine against the occupying Russian army and sustained a severe wound to his facial area. In spite of being severely wounded, Sgt. Kantov is recovering both physically and spiritually as is exhibited by his very positive attitude. He indicated that he and his fellow soldiers are in it for the long term until a final victory will be achieved. He also said that the army and its soldiers have the undying support from local residents and the whole of Ukraine. He concluded by expressing a heartfelt sense of appreciation from his fellow soldiers for what the diaspora is doing for him and the cause.

THE FORGOTTEN WAR, GREAT HISTORY. "TOOTSIE ROLL MARINES"

Story submitted by Peter Polnyj, State Commander NY



On November 26, 1950, 10,000 men of the First Marine Division, along with elements of two Army regimental combat teams, a detachment of British Royal Marine commandos and some South Korean policemen were completely surrounded by over ten divisions of Chinese troops in rugged mountains near the Chosin Reservoir. Chairman Mao himself had ordered the Marines annihilated, and Chinese General Song Shi-Lun did his best, throwing human waves of his 120,000 soldiers against the heavily outnumbered allied forces. Adding to this human threat, a massive cold front blew in from Siberia, and with it, the coldest winter in recorded Korean history for the encircled allies at the Chosin Reservoir, daytime temperatures averaged five degrees below zero, while nights plunged to minus 35 and lower.

Jeep batteries froze and split. C-rations ran dangerously low and the cans were frozen solid. Fuel could not be spared to thaw them. If truck engines stopped, their fuel lines froze. Automatic weapons wouldn't cycle. Morphine syrettes had to be thawed in a medical corpsman's mouth before they could be injected. Precious bottles of blood plasma were frozen and useless. Resupply could only come by air, and that was spotty and erratic because of the foul weather.

High Command virtually wrote them off, believing their situation was hopeless. Washington braced for imminent news of slaughter and defeat. Retreat was hardly an option; not through that wall of Chinese troops. If the Marines defended, they would be wiped out. So they formed a 12-mile long column and attacked.

There were 78 miles of narrow, crumbling, steeply-angled road and 100,000 Chinese soldiers between the Marines and the sea at Hungnam. Both sides fought savagely for every inch of ground. The march became one monstrous, moving battle.

The Chinese used the ravines between ridges, protected from rifle fire, to marshal their forces between attacks. The Marines' 60-millimeter mortars, capable of delivering high, arcing fire over the ridgelines, broke up those human waves. They became perhaps the most valuable weapon the Marines had but their supply of mortar rounds was quickly depleted. Emergency requests for resupply were sent by radio, using code words for specific items. The code for 60mm mortar ammo was "Tootsie Rolls" but the radio operator receiving that urgent request didn't have the Marines' code sheets. All he knew was that the request came from command authority, it was extremely urgent and there were tons of Tootsie Rolls at supply bases in Japan.

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UKRAINIAN BUSINESS OWNER IN IRELAND SERVES ROYALTY

*Submitted by: Michael P. Hrycak, UAV Judge Advocate
Photo Credit: Tom Swanton, Camden Fort Meagher*



Miceál O'Hurley and wife Oksana Shadrina,

Cork, Republic of Ireland – Fantastic Flavours Ice Cream Parlour in Youghal, Co. Cork, owned by Ukrainian entrepreneur Oksana Shadrina, formerly of Dnipro, and her husband Miceál O'Hurley were honoured this week by being selected to produce their award-winning artisan ice cream for King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima of the Netherlands during their State visit to Ireland on 14 June 2019. The Dutch King and Queen visited Cork Harbour where they concluded a cooperation agreement for shipping and transportation as part of Ireland and the Netherland's plans to bolster their economies as Brexit will see the United Kingdom leave the European Union.

"We created a special, rich and dark Double Dutch Chocolate ice cream for their Majesties, as well as our signature Mint Chocolate Chunk and 'Thrilla from Vanilla ice creams," said Miceál. Oksana and Miceál make all of their ice creams by hand, using fresh milk and cream and locally sourced ingredients wherever possible.

Oksana and her husband Miceál established their business in 2013, based on Miceál's more than 30-years of making ice cream as a hobby, and Oksana's background as a business trainer and customer service manager with Vodafone Ukraine. Fantastic Flavours Ice Cream Parlour has gained a truly international reputation for quality and customer service.

Having moved to Ireland after marriage, Oksana quickly took her place as a business leader. In 2016, she was awarded a rare privilege for a Ukrainian in being presented with a Proclamation from the United States Congress noting her business leadership, charitable work and volunteer activities. Oksana has been named 'One of Ireland's 100 Most Inspiring Women in Business' and was presented with the Business Cork Customer Service Person of the Year Award in 2018 at a ceremony attended by Her Excellency Olena Shaloput of the Ukrainian Embassy to Ireland.

Although living in Ireland, Oksana continues to stay active in supporting her native Ukraine. During Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin's visit to Dublin last year, Oksana presented Patriot Defense with a donation to train combat medics in lifesaving techniques. Owing to her husband Miceál's combat service, Oksana is a member of the Ukrainian American Veterans (UAV) Auxiliary as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary. Oksana has appeared on UATV as well as Radio Ukraine International.

The couple uses public appearance opportunities to speak to media outlets around the world about the importance of charitable giving and volunteering. Oksana and Miceál used each international media appearance to advocate for Ukraine and the return of Crimea and Donbas. "We never forget that many of my fellow countrymen have been illegally cut-off from their beloved Ukraine and my husband and I will not rest until Ukraine is restored to her rightful borders" noted Oksana.

According to Ireland's Central Statistics Office, there are less than ten thousand Ukrainians currently living in Ireland.



King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima of the Netherlands

POST 40 VOTES FOR CONTINUITY IN THE UAV ON NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

Submitted By: Bohdan P Hirniak, PR Officer, Post 40

On November 13, 2018 Cpl. Roman G. Lazor Post #40, North Port Florida, held its annual Veterans Day Luncheon. The Luncheon was held at Herron Creek Country Club in North Port, FL. This year's Luncheon was the usual success with approximately 110 members and guests attending. The Luncheon started at 12:00 noon and went past 2:30 pm. Among the fund raising events were the usual raffles, auctions, and 50/50 tickets. Over all, it was a social and financial success.



Happy Post 40 members re-elect Ihor Hron (center) to the office of Commander.

The Luncheon started with the posting of the colors, singing of both national anthems, and the invocation by our very own Rev. Roman Badiak, who is also a member of the Post. Post Commander Ihor Hron, PNC introduced new members and guests, and Post member Marian Bojsiuk, our Welfare services officer, read the "In Memoriam" recognizing and remembering those who are no longer with us.

As in previous Luncheons, we were also joined by two members of the Ukrainian military who are currently posted at Coalition Forces at MacDill Air Force Base. These guests were Col. Alexander Mickewych and Col. Yuriy Pasichuk. Both colonels spoke briefly about ongoing issues in Ukraine, and spoke positively about its future.

Post #40 traditionally has its election of new officers every two years, with the installation and swearing in taking place at the Luncheon. This year the entire current group of Post officers was unanimously re-elected for another two years, with Ihor Hron continuing as the Post Commander.

POST 1 – PA WELCOMES A NEW MEMBER TO OUR AMERICAN FAMILY

Story & photo Submitted By: John R. Hill, Adjutant, Post 1



New American Citizen Halyna Mizak (3rd from left) with her husband Bohdan to her left.

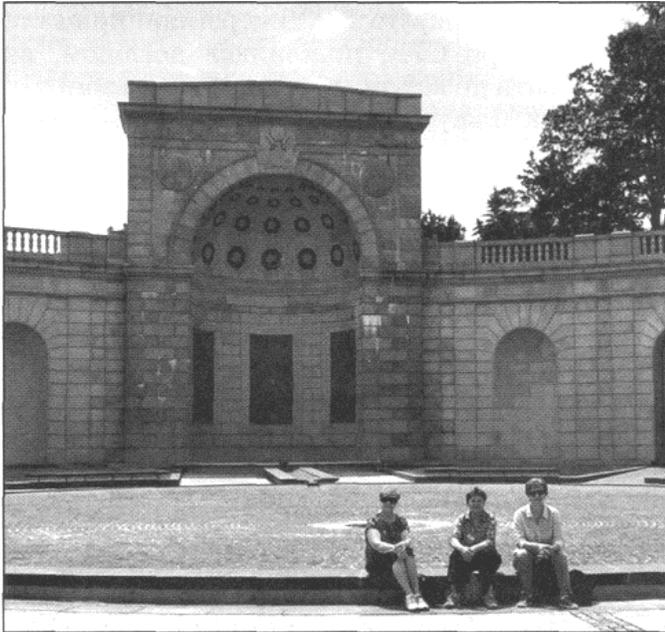


A photo from our Post #1 luncheon where we had great company, great food and great discussions for approximately 35 attendees. We all met at The Passage restaurant which always provides a good setting for our annual get together. A high point was the singing of Mnohaya Lita to Halyna Mizak who had become a new citizen of the United States the morning of the luncheon.

UKRAINIAN AMERICAN WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE OF AMERICA

Submitted by: *Anna Osinska Krawczuk,*
UAV Past National Commander and UNWLA Honorary President

“Military women inspired, Inspiring!” — slogan of Women In Military Service For America.



M. Orysia Jocus, Mario Kravchuk and Orpnn Sokulska at the WIMSA Memorial.

Last year I had an opportunity to take two guests from Ukraine to the most revered Arlington National Cemetery, in Arlington, Virginia. After obtaining a pass to drive to the grave of my cousin, LTC Ignatius Eugene Stefaniw, US Army, we proceeded. My cousin was a decorated US Army officer, who saw two tours of duty in Vietnam and later died from exposure to Agent Orange. He was the son of Colonel Hnat Stefaniw who fought in the Austrian Army before and during World War I and, as Lieutenant Colonel, was third in command of the Ukrainian National Army 1917—1922 in Kyiv.

My visitors were in awe, practically speechless at what they saw! They had never seen such a peaceful restful place where those who served, fought for and died for their country (either as civilians or in the military) were laid to rest. What impressed them most was that people, especially soldiers who served and died for their country, were thus honored. But there are many more Ukrainian American heroes at this and other national military cemeteries in the USA and throughout Western Europe, Africa and Pacific countries.

On the way out, we stopped to visit the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Arlington, Va., which stands proudly at the ceremonial entrance

to this hallowed place. As we slowly walked through the exhibits and took some photos, they were speechless and amazed. After many questions, one of my visitors, Iryna, said: “Now we see how human life is respected, cherished and honored here in the United States of America.”

I explained to them that women in the military finally have equal rights and ranks; some have even reached the rank of Major General. It was not always like that. For decades and even centuries women were not allowed to serve in the military; even much later they were permitted to serve only as service support personnel, working as nurses or doctors or filling other noncombat roles and working behind the front lines. My guests and I proceeded to view the exhibits and came upon one that showcased women military chaplains, which raised even more questions. We then came upon a handmade patch quilt on a wall: each patch on the quilt held the name of an American female soldier killed in action in more recent conflicts. Since the Afghanistan war and as the laws changed, the number of women in the military has increased. We found not only their names, but also their military and personal histories. There were 162 American servicewomen who were KIA (killed in action) recognized as of June 2017. By the time my story goes to press this number will be higher.

Even though many women have volunteered, served and sacrificed for more than 220 years in the military forces of the United States of America, the general public knows little about their lives. They had interesting lives that merit attention. Among the women who so gallantly served in the US Armed Forces are women whose ethnic roots reach Ukraine. We do not know all of them or all their names, but have learned, from the UAV National Registry and assorted archives, about Ukrainian American women volunteers’ during World War I. Among the names we found are Mary Dryhenich, Rose Hawrysz and Catherine Perok of Perth Amboy, New Jersey. There may have been others, from other states, but finding them would be difficult. Fortunately, we also have histories of Ukrainian American servicewomen from World War II to the present time.





A VET IN COLLEGE

Story submitted by: *Bohdan Dudycz, UAV Publications Officer*

Photo taken by a *Vet Club Student*

Northeastern Illinois University has an enthusiastic veteran who is responsible for the school's Admissions Review and Processing office. He is our own Nicholas Skyba from Post 32-Chicago.

(L) Nick proudly displays a special Memorial Day tableau which includes memorabilia, artifacts, photos and personal keepsakes which are on loan from other veterans and organized by the Student Veterans Club.

We are proud of Nick and his efforts to instruct young people on the importance of liberty and the cost of our freedom, paid with the blood of patriots. Congratulations on a job well done.

THE UKRAINIAN PRINCE

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The London Ukrainian Bureau functioned until World War II and then folded. In 1940 Makohin and his wife were reported to be living in Italy. With the outbreak of World War II, he and his wife returned to the U.S. and lived in the Boston area. Because of the war, his funding and travel ceased. He was forced to live with his brother-in-law in Newton, Massachusetts. In the 1940 census, he reported his Marine Corps pension of \$1,430 and his wife's income as zero.

During the war, he moved to Boston where there is a large Ukrainian American community. However, he did not take part in community affairs and was relatively unknown. On 30 December 1955, he was admitted to the US Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Massachusetts where he died on 13 January 1956 from heart disease at the age of 75. Svoboda reported his death in the edition of 17 January 1956.

2LT Jacob Makohin was buried in area 558A of Arlington National Cemetery later in the month. Sometime later, his wife erected a large monument with his fictitious title of Prince with Naval aviator wings and his rank of Second lieutenant, USMC. Surprisingly, cemetery officials allowed her to do this.

Jacob Makohin did make history as the first Ukrainian American officer and one of the first Marine pilots. He then went on to become a champion for Ukraine in the 1920s and 1930s. There lies his tale which is largely unheralded.

THE FORGOTTEN WAR

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Tootsie Rolls had been issued with other rations to US troops since World War I, earning preferred status because they held up so well to heat, cold and rough handling compared to other candies.

Tearing through the clouds and fog, parachutes bearing pallet-loads of Tootsie Rolls descended on the Marines. After initial shocked reactions, the freezing, starving troops rejoiced. Frozen Tootsies were thawed in armpits, popped in mouths, and their sugar provided instant energy. For many, Tootsie Rolls were their only nourishment for days. The troops also learned they could use warmed Tootsie Rolls to plug bullet holes in fuel drums, gas tanks, cans, and radiators, where they would freeze solid again, sealing the leaks.

Over two weeks of unspeakable misery, movement, and murderous fighting, the 15,000-man column suffered 3,000 killed in action, 6,000 wounded and thousands lost various appendages through severe frostbite. But they reached the sea, demolishing several Chinese divisions in the process. Hundreds credited their very survival to Tootsie Rolls. Surviving Marines called themselves "The Chosen Few," and among themselves, another name: The "Tootsie Roll Marines". Join me in sharing this story and as you enjoy some Tootsie Rolls, I guarantee that you will never again see a Tootsie Roll in the same light.



POST 32 - CHICAGO - PAR 9 MECHANIZED GOLF SQUAD



Story submitted by: Bohdan Dudycz, UAV Publications Officer
Photo taken by: Russ Ruffalo



(from Left) Bohdan Dudycz, Wasyl Mirutenko, George Horbenko, Walter Dudycz, Walter Kosogof, Peter Bencak.

All fearless UAV Members in the “Present Arms” position and ready to assault the fearsome “Dimpled White Spheroid”.

June 4, 5 and 6, 2019 saw the formation of a new UAV unit known as the Par Nine Mechanized Golf Squad. Basic training was held at several Golf Clubs where each squad member was trained in rigorous body building maneuvers. The most common being: “Standing in the Rough”, Sand Walloping” and finding hidden spheroids in dense underbrush. Some squad members excelled in special movements called: Topping, Slicing, Hooking, Whiffing and the ever popular ball remove & replace maneuver.

This was a mechanized outfit that drove specially designed vehicles built to withstand most outdoor conditions like cracked cart paths and fairway dips. After initial equipment checks, our intrepid combatants locked and loaded their clubs and

stepped onto the field of battle. The enemy was cunning but our heroes were determined. Ultimately there were no real winners but our boys gave as good as they received. Dinner was a real treat. All of the golfers built up an appetite from stalking golf balls in the thick underbrush and forests. We all gathered at Lark’s Bar-B-Que in lovely Benton Harbor, Michigan. From a distance it looked like 9 lions feasting on a wildebeest. After the meal, all retired to their quarters for some much needed refreshments, medications and hot tub rejuvenation. Needless to say, this was a road-trip for the guys.

This was our first attempt at a golf tourney in some of the most beautiful courses in Michigan. A great time was had by all and we made a commitment to turn this into a special tradition and to revisit next year. All UAV golfers are invited for future tourneys. We’d love to share in the fun and comradeship.



Yum, Yum!
Finger Lickin’
Good!



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POST 17 –PASSAIC, NJ CELEBRATES A FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Submitted by: *Zenko Halkowycz Post 17 Adjutant*

December 30, 2018, was a nice, bright day. The sun dispelled all thoughts of cabin fever and inspired people to party.



Commander Walter M. Kovbasniuk (3rd from left, front) presides over the annual Christmas party.

Past post commander James Fedorko organized the traditional Christmas get together. Post 17 members gathered at Krichian's Grill & Bistro with their wives to enjoy the holiday season, talk with old comrades and greet new members. We were happy to see our active duty Staff Sgt. Leonid Bolya and the post formally welcomed our newest member Vincent Perratore, a navy veteran.

Jim Fedorko and his wife were the gracious hosts of this event and Post Commander Walter Kovbasniuk welcomed the post 17 families. We missed our long-time member Frank Nakonechny who was in the hospital recuperating from a hit and run accident. The post authorized a monetary donation from its welfare fund to be sent to Frank.

Our ever diligent post commander reminded everyone that a post 17 meeting will be held in late January 2019. As the sun was setting in the West we happily gathered for our traditional holiday picture and then dispersed. Some went home while others strolled through our local mall. It was nice to see that our WWII participant Peter Babirad was among us. He patiently listened to our second oldest member Eugene Sagasz who was having a good time talking about old times.

UAV MOVES UP IN THE SOCIAL MEDIA WORLD

Submitted by: *Michael P. Hrycak, Commander NJ State Department*

When it comes to Social Media, the National UAV is making significant advances. In the 71st National convention the delegates voted to explore the viability and acceptability of our UAV membership's incursion into the world of Facebook. Our progress has been monitored since October, 2018 and we can now report some interesting statistics.

We had another record breaking week for the Ukrainian American Veterans' Facebook page. It appears that we have an audience that wants to share and see what we are doing to help Ukraine, Ukraine's Soldiers and Veterans, as well as Ukrainian American Veterans.

The Page Insights Summary for Ukrainian American Veterans from May 19 to June 15 illustrate the following:

6.3K
Post Reach
+200%

4.6K
Post engagements
+117%

41
New Page Likes
+583%

**Trends compare the current and previous 28-day periods

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Another way is to ask your grandchild for help.

FROM RETIRED ENGINEER TO ARTISAN

Submitted by: Roman Stefaniuk, Michigan Post 101

Photos by: Myrosia Stefaniuk

One works all his life so that he can retire and pursue leisure activities. After years of hard work, we all eagerly look forward to free time and welcome our new-found freedom. The whirlwind of schedules, timetables, obligations, stress and anxiety fade away as we embrace our new future.

We take those often dreamed about trips, chase low scoring golf games, read books and watch movies. Household projects are tackled and chores become a routine. It is here when one realizes that that retirement is a major life-changing event. Here, decisions must be made and you face the fact that you have too much idle time. Ultimately, the way we spend our time will define who we are now and what we value.

That is the decision I faced when I retired after 42 years as an industrial engineer at Chrysler Corporation. Fortunately, at that time my wife Myrosia gifted me with a mini-lathe and registration in a woodturning class. I always loved working with wood and now, I turned my energies towards this hobby and, with more time on my hands, that interest developed. Eventually, it became a family enterprise aptly named "From the Forest".

Today, together with my wife Myrosia and my sister-in-law, Marta Sobko, using creative imagination and skilled craftsmanship, we transform wood and gourds into unique and functional art objects.

I do the woodturning on a large lathe in my "garage-studio." First, wood is seasoned, cut, and shaped into a rough form. Then it is turned and sculpted on a lathe and polished to a high gloss until it reflects the tree's natural colors, patterns and characteristics. This process actuates a special satisfaction in transforming aged wood into handcrafted items, allowing the wood to take on a life and shape of its own. Raw materials can be found anywhere. Fallen tree parts, old fence posts and driftwood collected around Michigan are recycled to become vases, bowls, candlesticks, birdhouses, salt & pepper shakers, key chains, pens and much more.

Myrosia and Marta are artists skilled in pyrography. They design, Woodburn and hand-paint ornamentation on wood and gourds, incorporating ancient and modern patterns from native Ukrainian folk art as well as themes from nature.

It's a labor-intensive process. Each piece is cut, shaped, and sanded, then designs are sketched on the surface and burned with pyrography tools then hand-painted. The final products include vases, frames, necklaces, whimsical artifacts and decorative household items, as well as holiday ornaments and angels. Originality, artistry and balance are the key ingredients in the beauty of each piece. Several times a year, we display and sell our works at local art fairs. It's really more a labor of love than a lucrative business. More often, we simply give our wares as gifts to family and friends.

Having this interest and doing this work keeps me active and makes me feel alive and relevant. One of my favorite actresses from days of yore, the lovely Sophia Loren, once said: "There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age."



Salt and Pepper Shakers by Roman Stefaniuk



3 mirrors Frames by Myrosia Stefaniuk



Woodturned cedar vases by Roman Stefaniuk



Vases by Marta Sobko

POST 24, CLEVELAND, OHIO - HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

Submitted by: Roman Rakowsky, Commander Post 24
 Photos submitted by: Daria Rakowsky



St. Andrew Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony and Panachyda 2019.
 (From left) UAV Post 24. Msg.Stavinsky, Rev. Ihor Kasiyan, Michael Zadarecky.(101 yrs old WWII veteran), Roman Rakowsky, Micheal Kazymyriw, Rus Kmiotek , Bohdan Samokyszyn, Marion Vyrsta, Rev. Ditchuk, Archdean J. Smolilo



(Front from L) Commander Roman Rakowsky PNC and Joseph J. Jacubic American Legion Post 572
 Commander Tony Kessler with Post Members



2019 Memorial Day Ceremony was conducted jointly by UAV Post 24 and American Legion Post 572, at St. Andrew Cemetery in Parma, Ohio. American Legion Post 572 was originally formed by Ukrainian Americans in Cleveland, Ohio shortly after WWII. They initially had their meetings at the Ukrainian National Home.



Memorial Day Mass, 2019, St. Josaphat Cathedral, Post 24, Parma, Ohio.

(From L) Rev.Sviatoslav Ditchuk, Rev. Barytsky, Commander Roman Rakowsky PNC, Michael Kazymyriw, Bohdan Samokyczyn PC, Marion Vyrsta, Msg. Stravinsky

UAV POST 1, PHILADELPHIA PATRON PAYS THE ULTIMATE PRICE

Submitted by: John R. Hill, adjutant, post 1

Sunday, December 7th, 1941 was a bright sunny day in Pearl Harbor. That day turned out to be historically memorable because then President Franklin Delano Roosevelt labeled it "a day that would live in infamy".

At 8:00 am a young Ukrainian sailor named Anthony Bilyi from Philadelphia would have been preparing breakfast for his shipmates on the destroyer USS Shaw. He was young and just starting a tour in the US Navy. Anthony was a ships' cook 3rd class (SC3c) who had offered his services to the United States as all veterans have in the past and all will continue to do. This day began in peace and ended in war.



The USS Shaw had been commissioned only 5 years before and was capable of a maximum speed of 35 knots. It was armed with 4x5 inch guns, 12x21 inch torpedo tubes, 4 Bofors 40 mm AA (2x2), 6x20 mm AA, 2 depth charge roll-off racks and 4 K-gun depth charge projectors. For its day, the Shaw was a well-armed naval vessel. All naval personnel had an assigned battle station. Even as a Ships' Cook, Anthony would have had his place at one of the firing positions.

Pearl Harbor was attacked that beautiful Hawaiian day and the USS Shaw ultimately received major damage. When a bomb struck its forward magazine, the explosion resulted in one of the most iconic photos of the attack. Anthony died, along with 23 other shipmates.



The young Anthony Bilyi had many hopes for his future. He did not live to see that future but his name and memory live on as the namesake and patron of Ukrainian American Veterans Post #1.

Ukrainian Americans have always answered the call to service. Our posts are 100 % veterans who have given the government that blank check offering years of their lives as a duty and obligation to our country.

The sunken USS Shaw was raised from its watery grave, repaired and refitted with a new bow. It was back in service within one year. This resilient ship later participated in operations at Guadalcanal, New Hebrides, Saipan, Santa Cruz, Marshall Islands, Mariana Islands and the Philippines. The Shaw was known as "A Ship too Tough to Die". It is hoped that the spirit of Anthony Bilyi was there to help his shipmates.

SAVE-A-DATE

The 72nd Annual UAV National Convention will be held on October 31, November 1 and November 2. The location will be in New Haven, Connecticut. This is a 3 day event that will begin with an Executive Board meeting on Thursday evening. UAV members are invited to observe but not participate. The convention will begin on Friday morning and will adjourn in the afternoon. We will continue on Saturday morning and will close in the afternoon. A banquet will be hosted by the Host Post on Friday evening where we will have food, informative speakers and entertainment. More information will be mailed to all members in early July. We welcome all Delegates and their guests.

ANNUAL WILD GAME DINNER, POST 101, MICHIGAN

Story & Photos submitted by: Matthew Wroblewski, Commander Post 101

The UAV Annual Wild Game Dinner Fundraiser was held on Saturday, February 23, 2019. Many prizes were available for the raffle and our 50/50 raffles were well funded. Additional raffle prizes were a 55" Samsung TV, a \$500 Gift Certificate to Field & Stream and a Long Bow donated by Bear Archery, Inc. Our Special Guest Speaker was Chef Smith, who specialized in wild game gourmet cooking and gave many helpful hints and recipes. On display, was an assortment of wild game animals trophies hunted by world renowned safari hunter Dennis Bzowka. The hundreds in attendance enjoyed many wild game entrees for dinner.



Wild game animals trophies hunted by safari hunter Dennis Bzowka.



Hungry attendees at the Wild Game Dinner fundraiser getting ready to enjoy a feast.



GREAT HUNTER OF THE EAST, POST 43, JOHNSON CITY, NY

Story submitted by: Bohdan Dudycz, UAV Publications Officer

Michael J. Dobransky, Commander of Post 43, Johnson City, NY shows that he wears many hats. Last fall, he exchanged his UAV Garrison cap for a stylish green Bavarian hat after he went hunting.

Pictured is the result of 3 "hard weeks" of deer hunting in the snow, rain, cold in the local Catskill Mountains of NYS. (L) Michael displays his prize: a 7 point white tail buck which weighed 140 pounds field dressed. Nice work Commander.



POST 32, A PROUD PART OF THE CHICAGO COMMUNITY

Submitted by: Bohdan Dudycz, UAV Publication Officer
 Photos by: Adam Yurkiw & Myra Nalywajko



(Left) Post 32 - Chicago prepares to march in the 2019 Annual Chicago Memorial Day Parade. Joining them were ten children from the 7th and 8th grades of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School in Chicago, IL on Saturday, May 25, 2019.



(from L) 2019 Memorial Day - Peter Bencak, George Horbenko, John Steciw.



(from L) 2019 Radio Station WOPA, promoting the UAV. John Steciw, Wasyk Mirotenko, Nicholas Skyba, Peter Bencak..



(from L) 2019 UAV Members, after posting colors, St. Andrews Church



(from L) George Horbenko, Peter Bencak, Archbishop Daniel, Adam Bihun, John Steciw. The Archbishop served in the US Chaplains Corp. in 2016.



Retirement of Selfreliance CEO Bohdan Watral (3rd from left) with UAV members.



UCCA Ukrainian Independence Day celebration UAV members with (center L/R) Rev. Fathers Yaroslav Mendyuk and Mykola Buryadnyk.

June 22, 2019, The 4th annual UAV picnic where over 50 members and families enjoyed beautiful weather, good company and excellent BBQ with burgers, brats, corn, hot dogs and all the "Fixin's".



NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by: Michael P. Hrycak, LTC, USA, Ret., Commander, New Jersey State Department



(L/R) Rev. Oleksij Holchuk conducts a Memorial Service for those who passed on.

(Left) May 27, 2019. Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Paterson, N. J. Memorial Day was celebrated at the Ukrainian American Veterans Post 17 monument. Post 17 Commander, Walter Kovbasniuk, led the ceremony, which consisted of a Panakhyda by Rev. Oleksij Holchuk, followed by reading the list of all deceased Veterans from Post 17 by Zenon Halkowycz, Post 17 Adjutant, then a short speeches by Michael Hrycak, New Jersey Department Commander, and Fr. Holchuk, about the meaning of Memorial Day, and the just passed Ukrainian Day of Heroes.



New Jersey Commanders stand at rest during the Memorial Service.



State Commander Hrycak addresses UAV members and guests about Memorial Day



(Right) May 27, 2019.

South Bound Brook, N. J. Memorial Day was celebrated at the Ukrainian American Veterans National Monument, in front of St. Andrew Memorial Church, S. Bound Brook, New Jersey, with a service conducted by His Eminence Antony, Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A., with the assistance of clergy and seminarians from St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary. Metropolitan Antony explained that Memorial Day commemorates Veterans who were deceased. His Eminence then placed a wreath assisted by Post Commander, Michael Fedirko, Post 16 (Newark), a World War II Veteran.



The UAV Monument is blessed by clergy during a Memorial Service.



State Commander Hrycak and UAV members honor departed veterans.



NY Commanders gather at the Monument after the placement of the wreath

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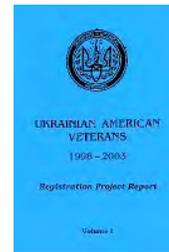
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UAV Pocket Notebook With the UAV emblem \$3.00 each

Desktop replica of our Ukrainian American Veterans National Monument



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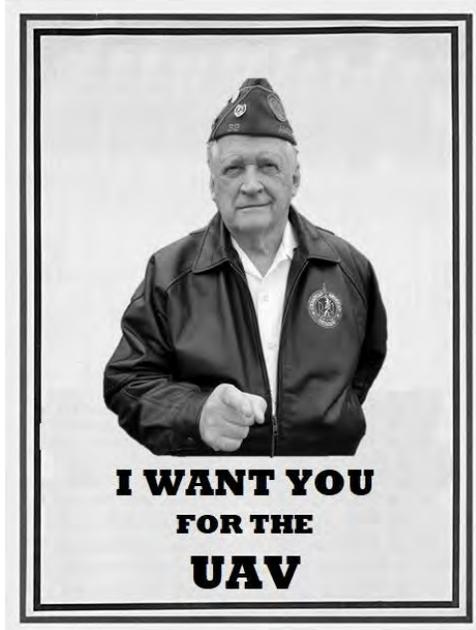


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