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Ihor B. Rudko UAV NC

Dear Fellow Ukrainian American Veterans,

Having had the experience of living my first formative nine years in German Displaced Persons camps I am numbed beyond outrage that the Russian aggressor has unleashed all its might and cruelty against my beloved Ukraine. Complacency by the western world nurtured an appetite for Russia to resurrect its stated goals of rebuilding the USSR empire. The world stood by when Russia invaded Chechnya in 1999, the world sat idly by when Russia invaded Georgia in 2008 and Syria in 2015. Then the world did nothing to stop Russia when it illegally annexed Crimea and invaded Donbas in 2014. The trickle of sanctions has not stopped the aggressor from its campaign of genocide against Ukraine, nor has it stopped the murder, rape, looting, kidnapping, and destruction of Ukraine's infrastructure. Is Europe numb to the fact that if Russia is successful in Ukraine that they will bear the same fate?

Ukraine has requested desperately needed weapons in order to defend itself against Russia's unprovoked aggression. The United States and the West have a perception that delivery of some of these weapons would invoke an escalation of the war. To that sentiment I would say that we have reached an inflection point where force needs to be met with a greater level of force to bring about an end to this conflict before it spreads outside Ukraine's borders. Anything shy of

this, and the world will never be at peace.

I am proud that the Ukrainian American Veterans are stepping up to the plate and delivering humanitarian and medical supplies to Ukraine.

Ukraine will need all the help that we can muster, especially during post-war reconstruction efforts.

Universally, freedom has never been free, it has always come at a steep price!

God Bless America!

God Protect Ukraine!

Ihor Rudko
National Commander





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75th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

OCTOBER 13, 14, 15, 2022

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June, 2022



Dear veterans, ladies auxiliary members, guests, and friends:

On behalf of the convention committee, it is my pleasure to write to tell you about our exciting plans to mark the diamond anniversary convention of the Ukrainian American Veterans set for October 13-15, 2022. Your hosts are UAV Post No. 1 Philadelphia and UAV Post No. 42 Lehigh Valley. The very first UAV convention took place at the Ben Franklin Hotel in Center City Philadelphia during Memorial Day weekend in 1948. How appropriate that the site of our annual gathering this year is in the Philadelphia area.

All business sessions, meetings, and the hospitality event will be at the Hampton Inn, Willow Grove/Philadelphia. A festive banquet will take place on Saturday evening October 15th at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center (UECC) in Jenkintown. There will be opportunities for sightseeing excursions during free or leisure time. We look forward to seeing you this fall and anticipate a truly memorable 75th UAV Annual Convention.

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NATIONAL UAV COMMANDER & POST 33 COMMANDER HONORED

Submitted by: National Commander Ihor Rudko



(l/r) Commander Carl Harvey, Post 33, Commissioner Thomas J. Saadi, Esq., DVA, UAV Commander Ihor Rudko and Mayor Dean Esposito

Thomas J. Saadi, Esq., Connecticut Commissioner of Veterans Affairs met with National Commander Rudko and Post 33 Commander Harvey to acknowledge their humanitarian efforts towards Ukraine.

The first event was at Pembroke Pumping with Company President Bill Coffey and his wife Sara Coffey who worked to raise funds and gather donated goods for Ukrainian refugee relief programs. Their effort provided six pallets of clothing, toys, personal hygiene, and many other items along with a monetary donation of \$2,700 which will get to those in need in coordination with St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in New Haven and the Ukrainian America Veterans Organization Post 33 in CT.

be delivered to the Municipal Social Welfare Center in Walbrzych, Poland. In addition to meeting with the staff and students we were joined by CT Governor Ned Lamont, Danbury Mayor Dean Esposito, and area legislators. While the school was having difficulty securing the means to ship the items to Poland, Carl Harvey offered to coordinate with the school and St. Michael's church to ensure that the donations get to Walbrzych, Poland.

Commissioner Saadi thanked the UAV so much for coming to Danbury and promised to continue with Ukrainian relief efforts here and at the Department of Veterans Affairs. He will be in touch during the week regarding UAV's return to the DVA campus in Rocky Hill for a monetary donation in early April.



Thomas J. Saadi, Esq., Commissioner, DVA, UAV Commander Ihor Rudko, Commander Carl Harvey, Post 33, CT Governor Ned Lamont

UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS WILD GAME DINNER 2022

Submitted by: Roberta Wroblewski, Post 101



Commander Matt Wroblewski and staff

in this event and we would like to say it was very nice to see all the smiling faces again!

The UAV Michigan Post 101 7th Annual Wild Game Dinner/Fundraiser which was held Saturday, February 26, 2022, was a rousing success. This event was attended by over 150 Veterans, hunters, fishers, and families who contributed some of the venison, duck and fresh fish which was served for the main course dinner. A variety of hunting prizes were raffled off to raise funds for the Organization and to gather donations towards the humanitarian effort for the war in Ukraine.

We thank everyone for their participation



Roberta Wroblewski

Wild Game Dinner guests preparing to dine.



WHERE DID THE GERMANS GET SO MANY HORSES FOR WW2?

Submitted by: *George Stankevych & Jay Bazzinotti*



The German military killed 2.7 million horses in WW2 and effectively denuded the continent of horses for years. By the end of the war, even circus horses were being drafted to pull guns. For every 3 working horses, 2 were needed to pull the feed wagons - and that was just for the horses. The men and their supplies needed horses to draw their stuff too. And then more horses were needed to pull the ammunition.

At the beginning of the war, German war horses were bred and trained to work the tough conditions of combat. Most of the horses that died, nearly 60 percent died of artillery or gun fire or being strafed by aircraft. 30 percent died of heart failure from overwork. The rest died of disease or exposure. In the cold of Russia, European horses had to be looked after more carefully than the men. At the beginning of the war, a war horse had a life span of 6 months; by the end of the war it was 6 weeks. On a farm, a horse can live 25 years. The Germans ramped up mechanization as the war progressed but never divested themselves of the need for horses.

Horses were increasingly requisitioned from the farms to the point where women and children were forced to pull the plows to farm the fields. In 1944 Albert Speer reported to Hitler that the war would most certainly be lost by 1946 by simple starvation alone. There were no horses to plow; no horses to bring in the harvest; no horses to bring the harvest to market or processing centers and there certainly was no gas for tractors.

A horse goes into heat every 21 days but it takes a pregnant horse a year to deliver a foal and 18 months to achieve the kind of maturity needed to do any kind of work; 24 months for hard work like pulling a cannon. And horses have to be trained to ignore gunfire and explosions. The Germans employed tens of thousands of soldiers as hostlers, farriers, leather workers, harness makers, vets - and butchers. Because when a horse dies, by any method, it ends up in the stew pot. The Germans moved entire massive herds of cattle behind the armies to feed them; at first they also moved sheep and goats as well, but those animals provided too little benefit so they were eliminated early, and cattle were hard to move quickly. So horses, which rendered 700 rations versus 1000 for a head of cattle, were turned into food by the butchers. It didn't pay to get attached to your horse, not at all, because in six weeks you would be eating it.

When the Germans invaded Russia they came across an unfamiliar beast, a small, shaggy horse called a "Panje". It was the horse the Russians used. They were unfit for riding, usually and had stubby legs and the Germans laughed at them but they were perfectly suited for the Russian winters with their long fur and manes and they were incredibly strong. It wasn't long before the Germans were rounding them up wherever they could. Their European horses were dying in droves from the cold alone.

The Germans fell in love with the Panje horses; something the Russians already knew well. The Panje was the most valuable thing the Germans had in Russia. And the Panjes were fearless in the face of exploding bombs and bullets.



The only benefit of horses, if it could be called one, was that at that time, the horse was still a widely used tool in Europe and so there were many horses to be had. Even after the war, people could be seen with starving nags pulling their possessions from the battlefields and ruined cities.

In the US, the horse was disappearing from America so quickly that the government predicted extinction of the horse by 1955. The current number of horses in America is 4 million, down from its peak in 1917 of over 50 million. America mechanized much faster than the rest of the world.

POST 32 CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Submitted by: Bohdan Dudycz, National Publications Officer



Post 32 - Chicago members and guests at their Gala 25th Anniversary Banquet. (6th from the left) is Father Poliarny, Chaplain and to his left Peter Bencak, Post Commander.

May 7, 2022 was a milestone in the history of the Chicago Chapter of the Ukrainian American Veterans. A gala banquet was held to honor Post 32 on its Silver Anniversary. The event was held at the St. Andrew Orthodox Church Cultural Center in Bloomingdale, IL.

An air of excitement filled the banquet hall as attendees gathered to celebrate the anniversary of this preeminent community organization. Tickets were sold out weeks before and guests flocked eagerly to reacquaint themselves with friends after being quarantined and sequestered for two years. The threat of Covid waned and good fellowship reigned that evening.

Walter W. Dudycz, retired Illinois State Senator, hosted and set the tone for the evening. The event opened when friends of the UAV were greeted at the entrance with a celebratory flute of champagne. After an hour of re-connecting, 170 people were seated and then invited to participate in several Veteran presentations. Our Colors were presented, a ceremony was held to remember POW's and MIAs, followed by a musical recognition for members who served in each of our military branches. The centerpieces were mini Ukrainian and American flags. An addition, each table had a large handmade blue and yellow candle from the Door County Candle Co. These candles were prizes and a mini auction was held at each table. A delicious, family style, dinner was served by Catering with Elegance.

Musical entertainment was provided by Veseli Chasy and a silent raffle was held where we had 15 winners.

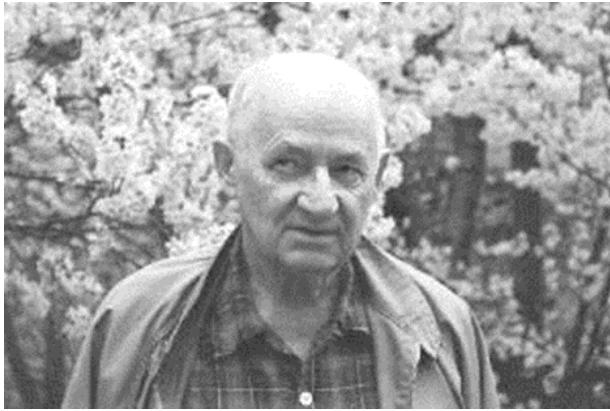
Post Commander Peter Bencak expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all who attended and to the organizations they represented. He expressed sorrow for those we lost in the war against Russia. The refugee Mothers and their children were publicly acknowledged for their resilience while fleeing the bombs raining down on their homeland. Commander Bencak proudly reminded everyone of the heroism and spirit of Ukrainian men and women who pledged to fight until the Russian invaders are expelled from Ukraine. They truly have the resilience needed to win.

Peter thanked our guests and supporters for their appreciation of the Post 32 collaboration with religious, fraternal, financial, and other cultural organizations. A special appreciatory nod goes to the Selfreliance Credit Union of Chicago and the Heritage Foundation for their continued friendship, funding, and partnership in bettering our community.

Finally, Commander Peter assured everyone that we committed the net proceeds from the evening to be contributed to our Post 32 Humanitarian fund.

IN MEMORIAM

Submitted by: Commander Anna Krawczuk, Post 30



WALTER BODNAR

1922 - 2021

Walter Bodnar, 99, passed away peacefully on June 23, 2021, in the comfort of his home in North Carolina where he was surrounded by his loved ones. Born in Smithmill, PA, on June 4, 1922, Walter lived in the tri-state area and retired in NC. He was the son of Julia Bodnar and the late

Very Reverend. Joseph Bodnar a Ukrainian Orthodox Priest who was one of the first pioneers in establishing the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church in America. He was also the loving brother of the late Stephania Nogga, Olga Minner, Mary and Sonya Bodnar, a long-time companion to the late President of AHRU, Boshena Olshaniwsky and her late husband the principal founder, as well as a surrogate grandfather to her grandchildren, Markus and Kathryn. Walter graduated from Syracuse University and NYU where he earned his bachelor's degree in social science and a master's degree in education and language arts. He was also a graduate of the Harvard Divinity School.

Throughout his life, he worked as an English teacher and a salesman. Walter Bodnar enlisted in the US Navy on February 15, 1943, where he served 3 years in the Asiatic Pacific and the Philippines. He was awarded numerous World War II medals including the Victory Medal and was an Electronics Technician's Mate, First Class. After he received an honorable Discharge on February 23, 1946, he became active in the Ukrainian American community in New Jersey.

Walter was a charter member of Post 6 in 1946 that united with the Ukrainian American Veterans in 1948. He held many leadership positions including the UAV National Adjutant for 4 years and was the UAV National Monument Committee Secretary until the monument's dedication in 2015. Walter was one of the last members of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Post 6. As an activist in the Ukrainian American community, one of his greatest accomplishments involved working with AHRU (Americans for Human Rights in Ukraine). Recognized for his writing skills, letter editing, and many lobbying trips to Washington, he was one of the driving forces behind Senator Bill Bradley of NJ who sponsored the Ukrainian Famine Commission in the Senate. This legislative miracle to research Stalin's genocide in Ukraine in 1932-33 where over 10 million Ukrainians died, was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Reagan on October 12, 1984.

As the committee continued to forge ahead against all odds, Walter Bodnar participated in the fight for other injustices toward the Ukrainians. There were numerous letters sent on AHRU's request by members of the House of Representatives and the Senate to soviet leaders on behalf of Ukrainian political prisoners and the entire Helsinki group. Thus UNCHAIN (Ukrainian National Center: History and Information Network) was proposed and launched as well. Walter once again worked tirelessly hand in hand with the UNCHAIN committee for combatting defamation and disseminating correct data about Ukraine, its history and its people. In his later years, he participated in fundraising for Children of Chernobyl, the Lviv Clinic, and worked with post-Chernobyl Green World to change the many things that needed changing. Walter will forever be remembered as a great World War II hero and for his dedicated community service. Throughout his life, he also was a great supporter of fine arts including opera, classical music, and the visual arts. Vichnaya Pamiat!

POST 24 – PARMA, OHIO LOSES A FOUNDING MEMBER

Submitted by: Roman Rakowsky, PNC

Ihor Olijar suffered unspeakable hardship in his early life. He was born in Ukraine on December 8, 1946. When Ukraine came under the occupation of the Russians after World War II, his mother was found guilty and sent to prison in 1953 for espionage and aiding and abetting the Ukrainian Army during the war. His father, a Commander in the Ukrainian Army, was forced to flee Ukraine and immigrated to the United States, leaving Ihor an orphan. In 1957, his mother was released from prison and the following year their family was reunited in the United States.



Ihor also served honorably in the United States Army, where often leadership called upon him to translate in languages. He was fluent in English, Ukrainian, Russian, and Polish. His military background led him and other Ukrainian Veterans to establish and

create The Ukrainian American Veterans of America organization, where he later served in its leadership. Ihor served as President of the Ukrainian American Youth Association, where he ran its administration and summer youth camps. He was also a founding member of Post 24 in Parma Ohio.

Ihor attended The Ohio State University, majored in Fine Arts, and ran cross country. During this time, he met Stephanie and later married her in 1983 and with whom he would go through life until his death. Even in his retirement, Ihor worked tirelessly at "the house on the hill," running the bar and serving pierogies and other Ukrainian foods. Again, he remained in touch with the community and its youth until his health failed him.

As his brother Myron states, "Ihor may be remembered for many things, but his service to his family and his community best embodies his true essence." As it is written in Matthew 25:23, "Well done, good and faithful servant."



POST 24 FOUNDING MEMBERS

(l/r) Ivan Nych, Marines - Vietnam Vet, Adam Misztal, Army - Vietnam Vet, Nestor Kostyryk, Air Force, Zen Golembiowski, Army - 1st Commander, Myron Belynsky, Army - Vietnam Vet, Roman Rakowsky PNC, Army - Vietnam Vet, Emil Lysniansky, Army - Vietnam Vet, Ihor Olijar, Army.



(l/r) Bohdan Samokyszyn, Russ Kmiotek, Travis Mill, Roman Rakowsky, Nick Bartkiw



(l/r) Nick Bartkiw, Roman Rakowsky, Russ Kmiotek, Bohdan Samokyszyn, Michael Kazymyriw.

Picture Left: Members of Post 24 - Parma, OH present Mr. Travis Mills with a contribution of \$500 for his foundation that helps veterans. Picture Right: Parma, OH Post 24 members celebrate Veterans Day at Mission Hills Bar-B-Que.

No picture: Post 24 also participated with Joseph Jacobic Post 572 - American Legion where the Purple Heart Association of Ohio presented a certificate designating Parma, Ohio as a "Purple Heart" city.

FIRST TO FIGHT IN WORLD WAR II: NORTH DAKOTA UKRAINIAN AMERICAN SOLDIERS

Submitted by: BGen Len Kondratiuk, PNC



Ukrainian American soldiers from North Dakota were among the first US Army personnel to enter combat in World War II. How was it possible for Ukrainian Americans to be one of the first to fight in World War II? Therein lies the tale.

Ukrainians first immigrated to North Dakota in 1896. They had initially immigrated to Canada and settled in Manitoba. They were enticed with cheap farming land. Immigrants from Eastern Galicia began arriving shortly thereafter. (When I went to visit Ellis Island a few years ago there were photos of Ukrainian immigrants in North Dakota).

According to Dr. Wasyl Halich in his 1937 book *Ukrainians in the United States*, Ukrainians settled in the towns of Byfield, Wilton and some 17 other towns including the new towns of Kief and Ukraina. All of the first settlers were farmers. In 1930, there were 1,529 Ukrainians living in the state.

In 1940 it was evident to President Franklin D. Roosevelt that the U.S. would enter World War II. He took two major steps to increase the size of the U.S. Army. In August 1940, Congress authorized the president to mobilize the National Guard and to initiate the draft. The size of the Army went from 269,000 in 1940 to 1.5 million in 1941.

The largest organization in the North Dakota National Guard was the 164th Infantry Regiment. The 164th had been organized in 1885. It had served in the Spanish American War, the Philippine Insurrection, the Mexican Border Campaign and World War I. The 164th consisted of three battalions each with a heavy weapons company and three rifle companies. The 164th also had an anti-tank company and a service company.

There were three dozen and probably more Ukrainian Americans in the 164th. They had joined the National Guard to serve with their buddies. Service in the Guard was popular as companies fielded sports teams. Guardsmen drilled one night a week and attended two weeks of annual training. It was the Depression and the monthly pay of \$4 and a free pair of shoes enticed many to enlist.

Most of the Ukrainian Americans serving in the 164th were born in North Dakota, however, a few had been born in Ukraine. Private Joseph Krawczyk was born in Ukraine in 1910. His father immigrated in 1913 but left the family in Ukraine. It took him ten years to save enough money to buy a farm and move his family to the U.S. Joe enlisted in Company H on 10 February 1941 listing his occupation as a bartender.

Brothers Charles and Frank Votava enlisted together in Company C. If there was going to be a war, they wanted to serve together. So did George and Max Straka who enlisted in Company M. The largest number of Ukrainian Americans were assigned to Company K in Dickinson in southwest part of the state.

Nearby was the town of Belfield where there was a sizeable community of Ukrainian American farmers.

Even today 13.6% of the people are Ukrainian American, one of the highest per capita of Ukrainian Americans in the U.S. One of the Guardsmen was Harry Dolnyiuk who could have stayed out of military service due to a health issue, instead he signed up with his buddies and convinced the regimental surgeon to sign off on his physical. Harry was later promoted to platoon sergeant and ended the war as a second lieutenant in Military Intelligence.

The 164th Infantry was ordered to active duty on 10 February 1941. One week later the regiment arrived at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana near Alexandria. The 164th now consisting of Guardsmen and draftees, underwent ten months of intensive training in hot and humid weather. Days after Pearl Harbor, the regimental commander was summoned to HQ, 34th Infantry Division where he was told that the 164th Infantry had been selected for a special mission and to prepare to depart Camp Claiborne within weeks. The 164th was transferred to Fort Ord, California and then departed San Francisco on 12 March 1942 and arrived on the French island of New Caledonia in the Southwest Pacific on 7 April. The War Dept. was concerned that the Japanese would seize the island as a springboard for the invasion of Australia.



Two members of the 164th manning an artillery Gun

(Continued from page 12) First to fight in WWII...



164th Guadalcanal. Picture in Life magazine, June 1942

A mixed assortment of National Guard units was soon organized as the Americal Division. My Marine Corps readers know that the first American offensive in the Pacific Theater was conducted by the 1st Marine Division. The 1st landed on Guadalcanal on 7 August 1942.

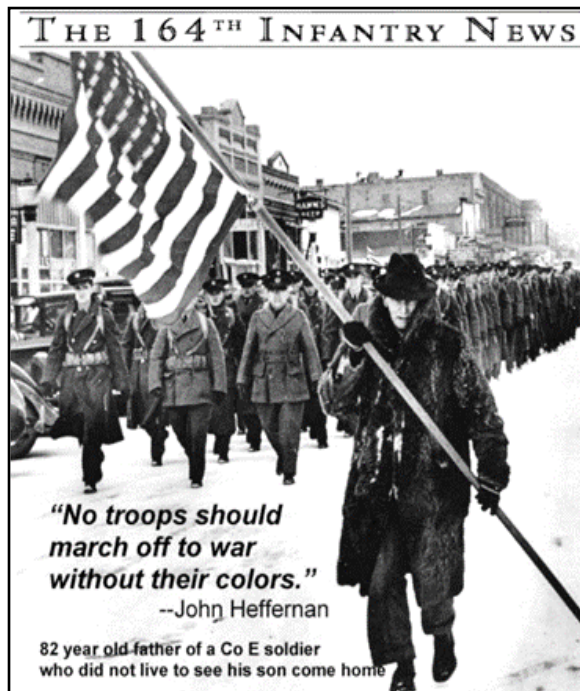
The 1st fought a grueling campaign under difficult circumstances in inhospitable terrain. The Japanese launched a series of attacks with the intent of throwing the marines off the island. The Japanese outnumbered the 1st Division until the arrival of the 7th Marine Regiment and shortly thereafter on 7th October the 164th Infantry.

The North Dakota regiment was attached to the 1st Marine Division as the initial Army reinforcements. It takes a month or more for a unit to be acclimated to combat instead the 164th got two weeks. At midnight on

24 October, the 3d Battalion, including Company K with many Ukrainian Americans moved into frontline fighting positions on the right flank of the 7th Marines. The Japanese then launched a counteroffensive. The fighting was often hand to hand and foxhole to foxhole. For two days, the 7th Marines and 164th infantrymen held their positions despite waves after waves of attacking Japanese infantry. The 3d Battalion held and killed over 1,100 enemy soldiers. For its first time in combat, the North Dakota Guardsmen fought well. MG Alexander Vandegrift, Commander of the 1st Marine Division, praised the determined stand of the North Dakotans. After serving alongside the 1st Division, marines nicknamed the regiment the 164th Marines as a high honor. However, it was not without cost for Ukrainian Americans.

PVT Stephen Zakapayko was the first to die in action. PFC George Strachata and PFC George Kudrna also died. PFC Matt Devorshak and PFC John Monzelowsky were wounded. PFC William Kostelecky was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry. As the war went on other Ukrainian Americans paid the supreme sacrifice for their country. PFC Mike Haniuk, PFC Frank Resko, PFC Joseph Krawczyk and PFC Adam Tomczyk. Dozens of our boys were wounded and all came down with malaria.

The 164th Infantry was attached to the 1st Marine Division for two months before being released to the control of the Americal Division. The 164th took part in the Bougainville Campaign and on Leyte and the Southern Philippines. The Americal ended the war as occupation troops in Japan. I had a personal connection with the veterans of the 164th Infantry. As part of the DOD commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of World War II, as Chief, Historical Services Division, National Guard Bureau, I received permission to plan a trip for 25 veterans of the 164th back to Guadalcanal in October 1992. The North Dakota National Guard planned the trip. It was a great success and veterans were truly grateful for the chance to visit the battlefields where they lost so many of their buddies. While Department of the Army was OK about the trip, DOD was not. Shortly after the trip, I received word not to put veterans on DOD aircraft. We did not care. The veterans of the 164th had a great trip. Ukrainian Americans continued to serve in the North Dakota National Guard. In 2006, MG David. A. Spryncznatuyk was appointed The Adjutant General of North Dakota and head of the North Dakota National Guard. He retired in 2016 with 44 years of military service. The Ukrainian Americans of the 164th Infantry would have been proud.



**I wish to thank LTC Shirley J. Olgeirson, Command Historian, North Dakota National Guard for her research assistance and photos. She is the subject matter expert concerning the history of the 164th Infantry.

COLONEL PETER IVAN RAKOWSKY PROMOTION

Submitted by: Commander Roman Rakowsky PNC, Post 24

On January 10, 2022 Lieutenant Colonel Peter Ivan Rakowsky was officially promoted to Full Bird Colonel at the Ohio Army National Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. The new rank was pinned on his shoulders by his wife Shana and son Lukas as his daughters Mia and Kara looked on. In attendance were his proud parents, Roman and Daria as well as a large contingent of his fellow army cadre and friends. Due to Covid restraints, the promotion ceremony was live streamed so that his brother Damian and Peter's extended family could take part in the event.

During his acceptance speech, Colonel Rakowsky thanked Brigadier General More who presided over the ceremony. Colonel Rakowsky emphasized that his most important duty was to defend the United States Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic. He also reflected on his heritage, in that his grandparents escaped the Communist rule in Ukraine for the freedoms of the United States. His mention, that his father Roman was also a US Army and Viet Nam Veteran, received a warm applause from the audience.

Colonel Peter Rakowsky is the J3 director of Joint and Domestic Operations for the Ohio National Guard. He received his commission as a United States Army Engineer Officer from The Ohio State University Reserve Officer Training Corps in 2000. He is a graduate of the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Exercise, Airborne School, Command and General Staff Intermediate Level Education and Advanced Operations Courses, Joint Engineer Operations Course, Joint Task Force Commander Training Course, and most recently a Distinguished Graduate of the U.S. Army War College.

Peter Rakowsky was born in Parma, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. He was raised in the Ukrainian American Community. He attended St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic School, Green Valley Elementary School, Hillside Jr. High and Normandy High School. He was an Alter Server at St. Josaphat Cathedral and an avid scout in the Ukrainian Plast Organization,



(l/r) Col. Peter I. Rakowsky, Commander Rakowsky



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Colonel Rakowsky's most recent assignments include Assistant Chief of Staff of the Ohio, National Guard and Deputy Commander of 73rd Troop Command and Regional V Homeland

Response Force. Prior to Joining the Ohio National Guard he served on active duty as a Combat Engineer Officer where he deployed to Iraq in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from The Ohio State University, a Master of Engineering Degree from the University of Colorado, and a Master of

Strategy from the United States Army War College. His awards and decorations include The

Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 1 Sliver OLC and 1 Bronze OLC, Army Commendation Medal with 3 Bronze OLC. Various Unit Awards, OIF Campaign Medal, and the Parachutist Badge.

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Olena Bilozerska - The Ukrainian Sniper

Olena Bilozerska 10 confirmed kills



Submitted by: Bohdan Dudycz, UAV Publications Officer

Olena Bilozerska was a journalist in Eastern Ukraine when Russians invaded Luhansk and Donetsk. She quickly traded her camera for a more lethal weapon and joined a volunteer defense force. Olena proved herself in battle and possessed a calm demeanor that is a valuable sniper attribute. She tried out several weapons. As she tells it: "In the first battle I had a Sniper's rifle, a Mauzer KAR 98, a German sniper Karabiner from 1937. It was obsolete and replaced by a Kalashnikov for about a year. After that I had a malfunctioning SVD-Dragunov sniper rifle. Its dispersion was 14cm at a 100-meter shot and totally unusable. When I got my Zbroyar Z-10, it was so much better. Its accuracy was higher, and the shot grouping was amazing. From the moment I touched it I knew that this weapon was for me."

Russia has been waging war against Ukraine for the ninth year in a row, and, with the exception of a few short breaks, sniper Olena Bilozerska has been defending her homeland all this time. She recalls: "In the first days of the war, it was like a safari; enemy vehicles moving in dense columns were destroyed by ambushes on roads passing through the forests. The surviving personnel fled into the woods, where they were caught by the territorial defense force or local hunters."

"Now the enemy primarily resorts to "pressing-out by firing" tactics, using a large number of artillery pieces and a large number of shells. The enemy's task is to "grind" our positions and then try to occupy them. Nothing new – these are classic tactics since the First World War."

When asked how many women are currently fighting in the armed forces and how comfortable do they feel in such extremely difficult and dangerous conditions? She replied: A lot. Currently, 17% of Ukrainian service members are women. Of course, the vast majority of them do not fight directly on the front line, but there are more and more girls on the front line too. They feel the same way as the men.

In her opinion, what are the strengths and weaknesses of the Russian army?

"As for strength, they have mechanisms to influence personnel to achieve their goals at any cost. Soldiers are simply treated as cannon fodder, and they are forced to accept it as their due."

"Their weakness is the absolute lack of initiative on the part of sergeants and junior officers. As a result, an inability to make autonomous decisions."

Olena has been a real morale killer for the Russians. She is well known to the enemy who, attempting to suppress Ukrainian confidence, spread misinformation that she had been killed in battle. She proved them wrong with her next sniper shot.

Olena has stated that she will not show mercy to the enemy who enters her shooting range, she said: "You take a weapon against my country, then you are my target. I will make you a "cargo 200" (an old Soviet military term for dead, referring to the labels put on coffins).

UKRAINIAN AMERICAN PATRIOTS

UAV POST 40 - NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

Submitted by Bohdan P. Hirniak, Publications Officer, Post 40

We all were either born in Ukraine, born in a Displaced Person's camp while waiting to settle in the West, or we became first generation immigrants in a western country such as the USA. As we grew, we studied about our ancestral home and its history. That history was about a proud nation with great achievements, but also with much suffering. We were taught about Ukraine's many aggressors and how she fought back; some times with success but very often with further suffering. We all came to the United States because the most recent aggressor, the Soviet Union, threatened the lives of our families and parents.

The Soviet Union fell apart in 1991 and this resulted in a free Ukraine which we celebrated, but history recently repeated itself. The unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by Russia on February 24, 2022 is Ukraine's "Day of Infamy".

As did the United States, so will Ukraine survive its Day of Infamy and will be stronger than before. The whole free world supports Ukraine's battle for freedom, and also now realizes the evil nature of Russia and its dictatorial leadership. Victory will be Ukraine's.

The UAV Post #40 membership has participated in many various events in Southwest Florida helping the Ukrainian fight for independence. As examples, some of us marched in the St. Patrick's parade in Naples carrying the colors in front of a group of about 100 Ukrainian participants. Along the entire parade route (about 2 miles) our group received tremendous applause and expressions of support. It can truly be said that, at that moment, we were all "Ukrainians".

Two synagogues invited us to attend their regular services for the purpose of gathering funds for Ukraine. Some members even volunteered after realizing that they were not Russian, as originally thought, but actually from Ukrainian born parents, and much prouder for it.

Two Lutheran churches invited us to attend their fundraisers on behalf of raising funds for the Ukraine. We also participated in many presentations of the Ukrainian flag placed and various signs on many major intersections in the surrounding communities.

Post #40 members will continue to speak and make presentations at various functions to help raise money for humanitarian and military aid for Ukraine. Post #40 Commander Ihor Hron will be the keynote speaker at the Memorial Day services at North Port, Fl., City Hall.

Ukraine will prevail in all of this. It is sad that many innocent people perished in defense of our ancestral home, but in the end there will continue to be everlasting glory to Ukraine and glory to its heroes.

THE CITADEL MILITARY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UKRAINIAN CADETS

Submitted by: PNC Len Kondratiuk

As a graduate of The Citadel, Military College of South Carolina, I was pleased to see that my alma mater has recently established two full scholarships for Ukrainian cadets. GEN Glenn Walters, President of The Citadel, announced the creation of the scholarships with the statement that as an institution The Citadel has been dedicated to the ideals of liberty and freedom for two centuries. "What is happening in Ukraine right now is an affront to these values, and it's our duty to support those fighting for their freedom however we can."

MAJ Serhiy Ponomarov, PhD, a native of Ukraine, Associate Professor of supply chain management, is coordinating with the Embassy of Ukraine toward identifying prospective applicants. Future Ukrainian graduates of The Citadel are expected to receive commissions in the Ukrainian Army.

Anyone wishing to support the scholarships may send a check to The Citadel Foundation, 171 Moultrie St, Charleston, SC 29409 and to note the scholarship in the memo section.

UAV CHICAGO—PRO UKRAINE RALLIES—SPRING 2022

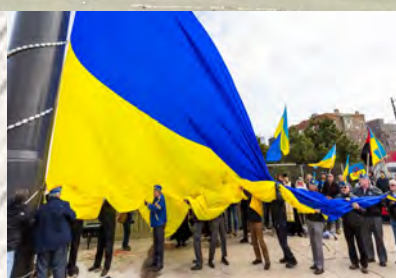
Submitted by: Bohdan Dudycz, UAV Publications Officer

God Bless America

Slava Ukraini! Heroyam Slava!



Pro-Ukraine rallies held throughout Chicago in March and April 2022



The raising of a 30 foot by 60 foot Ukrainian flag on a 200 foot pole in Chicago

COMMUNITY REDEDICATION OF DR. OLES BABIY'S FINAL RESTING PLACE

The Consul General of Ukraine Serhiy Koledov, members of the Ukrainian American Veterans - Post 32, and leaders of the Ukrainian community of Illinois, joined Bishop Benedict Aleksiychuk for the blessing and rededication of the grave of Dr. Oles Babiy, author of the anthem of the modern Ukrainian Armed Forces. Dr. Babiy was a member of the Legion of Ukrainian Sich Riflemen Corps during WW I, fighting to liberate Ukraine from the Russian Empire. He later authored the anthem of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists and Ukrainian Insurgent Army, which was especially popular during WWII, as OUN and UPA were fighting against both Nazi and Communist oppressors.

Dr. Babiy came to live in Chicago where he was active in community life, until his death on March 2, 1975. He was an accomplished poet, author, and unwavering Ukrainian patriot. In 2018 the hymn officially became the anthem of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

The American Ukrainian Youth Association Choir performed near the military walkway. Remarks were offered by Borys Potapenko, who recently returned from Ukraine where he was imbedded with the Territorial Defense Forces for five weeks.



Over the years the marble plate on Dr. Babiy's grave became damaged, so it was recently refinished and restored. The purpose of the blessing and rededication is to bring awareness of the significant contributions of Dr. Babiy during this time of horrific devastation taking place in Ukraine as the Russian unprovoked war slaughters innocent civilians, and the Kremlin destroys Ukraine's infrastructures, fields, churches, schools, museums leaving a wasteland to be rebuilt.

RUDKO FAMILY'S NEED TO HELP UKRAINE IGNITES A COMMUNITY OF GIVING

Written by: Cathy Padilla, Submitted by: Anna Krawczuk PNC



The Rudko Children (l/r) Santino, Domenica and Deeko

caused the Rudko family much distress, and feeling the pain of the Ukrainian people. Dee's wife Sunny, and their three children, Santino, Deeko and Domenica, sprang into action to find a way to help. Together in Dee's memory, the family created a flyer in the colors of the Ukrainian flag to begin a donation drive to help those in need.

"The tragic war on our family's roots has truly hit home," shared Sunny. "Dee was incredibly proud of his heritage and often taught the children stories of how the people of Ukraine gained freedom and their important role in the world economy. It's been very difficult for the kids and me to process all that is happening in Ukraine. It's bringing up lots of feelings for us and we are missing Dee more than normal."

Always a supporter of charitable organizations, Dee and Sunny taught their children to give back at an early age. The flyer requested donations for men, women, and children, ranging from clothes to books, to baby and personal items. The Rudkos were overwhelmed with the generosity of their local community as residents stepped up and the family watched the donations pour in. The kids collected, carefully packed, and prepared the goods for shipment and delivery. They were amazed at how the many boxes of supplies soon turned into an incredible six truckloads of much needed donations for those suffering in Ukraine.

"I can only imagine all the things Dee would be doing to support Ukraine and all the insight he would be sharing with us all," shared Sunny. "The kids and I wanted to do something, we had to do something...Dee would expect it." It is exactly what Dee, fondly remembered as "Tato", would have wanted them to do.

Dee was proud to be Ukrainian," said Sunny. "His Baba survived the Holodomor, and he was first generation born here. Ukrainian was his first language, he attended Ukrainian school every Saturday, he was a member of Plast, and went to Vovcha Tropa for summer camp where he loved being a lifeguard. As he got older, he took great passion in supporting Ukrainian veterans. Like their father, our children, who are American born with Ukrainian roots wanted to make an impact – and that is what we accomplished! We are grateful for those who participated, and they will not be forgotten – for it is the kindness and giving to others that we are able to heal from within. Many thanks to those in the community that made this gift of giving back possible!"

All items were collected by mid-March and made ready to make their way to the Sumy and Kirovograd regions through the non-profit Hope for Ukraine (HopeForUkraine.net). Despite all the Rudko family has been through with their own personal loss, and perhaps because of it, help was sent to Ukrainians from the small town of Colts Neck. In loving memory of Dee Rudko, the drive was a tremendous success.

As many know in and around Colts Neck, the Rudko family recently suffered a great loss when Andrij "Dee" Rudko, a loving father and devoted husband, passed away. What some may not know is that Dee was a first generation American of Ukrainian Descent. The tragic war taking place in Ukraine has



The Rudko family (l/r) Deeko, Sunny, Domenica, The late "Dee" and Santino



**POST 101
MEMORIAL
DAY
OBSERVANCES
5/30/22**



POST 32 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES 5/30/22



UAV - Potpourri



On the left is Michael P. Hrycak, Judge Advocate/NJ Dept Cdr. having Christmas dinner with a classmate of Markian Paslawsky, patron of Post 17.

I remember Christmas Day, 2006, in Diwaniyah, Iraq. We just received supplies from Baghdad for our Iraqi Security Force counterparts. They showed up at our Forward Operating Base Echo, and the convoy was there. I asked the convoy Soldiers, and they had private security as well, how the ride was, "...sir, we got hit on the way down, and we'll get hit on the way back up." Yet, later that day, we all got together and say a prayer of peace on earth.

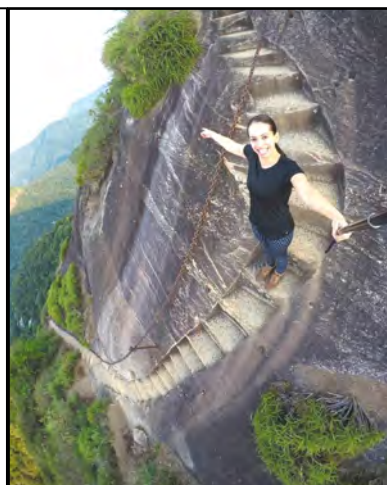
We pray for peace, but stand vigilant against our enemies, who would take away freedoms from us and our loved ones. Christmas is a special occasion that we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior.



Post 301 from Yonkers attended the UN Rally to chant "Say No To Putin." From left to right Commander Nicholas Skirka, Maksym Makarczuk, and George Pasiuk. Ukraine thanks the United States, NATO counties, and all the counties that want a free democratic society.

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No names were used in the Star's report, but the tale was told this way by its source.

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