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Dear Fellow Veterans:

I am writing this column at the end of July 2012, my final column as National Commander.

On September 22, 2012, UAV members will be electing a new National Commander at the 65th National UAV Convention.

I have enjoyed my four years as National Commander of this organization. During this time I have had the opportunity to visit many UAV posts and meet many UAV members. During my tenure as National

Commander, I was proud to represent our organization at numerous ceremonies, installations, dinners, and conventions. I also attended many UAV events. Without exception, it was an honor and a pleasure to attend each of these events. The memories of these shared experiences will stay with me for many years to come. It was also a pleasure to serve with such a dedicated and experienced UAV National Executive Board, and I was fortunate to have had their wisdom and assistance to draw on.

The UAV is a wonderful organization. Of all the military and veterans groups that I belong to, the UAV has given me the most satisfaction. I have formed long and lasting friendships and have watched with admiration the dedication of members to their posts, to our organization, and to their communities. Being a Ukrainian American veteran and being with fellow Ukrainian American veterans is a special experience, a gift. As I have often stated, we share two very strong bonds—our military service and our Ukrainian heritage.

As a national organization we are not large. Our World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War cohort grows smaller with each passing year, and recruiting new members is not an easy task. But we are strong in spirit and committed to our mission of service to all Ukrainian American veterans. We are also committed to the oath we took when we joined the military, to uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States. Ukrainian Americans have served our nation in peace and war since the Civil War, often with distinction and gallantry. Many of our forbearers died in the cause of freedom. Today, a new generation of Ukrainian American servicemen and servicewomen continue to serve in the US Armed Forces with honor and fidelity.

A few days ago, PNC Anna Krawczuk, the coordinator of the UAV Registration Project, received an email from a Ukrainian Canadian writer asking how many Ukrainian Americans had served in World Wars I and II. PNC Krawczuk replied that a conservative estimate was 30,000 for World War I and as many as 200,000 for World War II. Those numbers are quite high for an ethnic community of our

size, but they tell something important about that community, namely that Ukrainian Americans served the nation well in those two wars. I am sure that our Canadian correspondent was impressed.

In research and sometimes from observations I have discovered many Ukrainian names among lists of soldiers who served in World War I, including hundreds of Ukrainian American veterans from Massachusetts who lived and worked in the mill and factory cities and towns. I have even discovered two soldiers with my surname; one was killed in action in July 1918 in France and the other was in training when the war ended. Thousands more lived in the other New England states and across the Northeast and Illinois.

The Ukrainian American names I run across never fail to remind me of one very important UAV mission—the commitment to remember and honor those servicemen and veterans who have passed on, whether as combat casualties or from natural causes. I have seen and read about the monuments individual posts have erected over the years. The most recent of these was Post 31, which recently took part in dedicating a square honoring SP4 Nikolaus Zozula who was killed while defending his firebase in Vietnam. This is a wonderful tradition, a tribute to the heroes being honored and also tribute to the living members who will not let their memories be forgotten.

Assorted articles, press releases, and sitreps from the field keep me informed that posts are actively engaged in ceremonies and events honoring veterans. A number of you took part in local Memorial Day and Independence Day events; Posts and Post members represent the UAV at many of these events and always do a great job and here again we uphold the sacred tradition of remembering those who served.

One important way our organization is hoping to continue and enhance this tradition is through the UAV National Monument. In March I sent each of you a letter and a brochure asking for donations to support the completion of this monument. I thank those of you who sent checks. The National Monument Committee is working on finalizing the design and cost of this endeavor.

I close this summer letter by inviting all of you to the 65th National UAV Convention, which will be held in Boston, Massachusetts September 21–23, 2012. Our convention chairman is National Quartermaster Steve Kostecki who, with the help of his enthusiastic and dedicated committee, has made all the arrangements. Come, participate, and support the UAV.

As always, I thank you for all that you do for the Ukrainian American Veterans.

Honored to serve,

Leonid Kondratiuk
National Commander

GOD BLESS AMERICA!



911 NYC, NY Memorial Rendering



911 Memorial Rendering



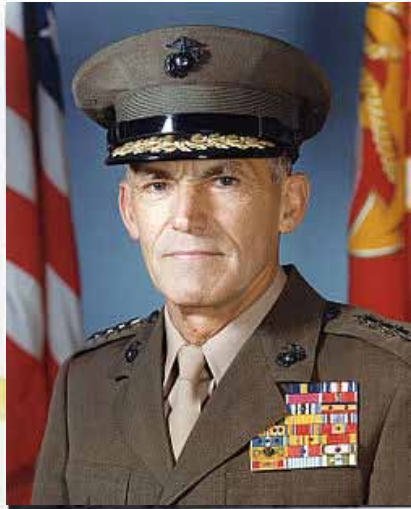
September 11, 2001



WE SHALL NEVER FORGET SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

AS WE REMEMBER AND HONOR

*This was the greatest generation of our time,
these were the heroes that we knew.*



**GENERAL SAMUEL JASKILKA,
USMC (RET) 1919 – 2012**

Samuel Jaskilka was born on December 15, 1919, in Ansonia, CT and was baptized in St. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, where his family members still worship.

He grew up during the Great Depression and attended schools in his hometown. In May 1942, he graduated from the University of Connecticut and soon after accepted an appointment as a Second Lieutenant in the US Marine Corps

Reserve, transferring to the regular Corps in March 1943. Thus began his 36-year distinguished career in the Marine Corps that ended upon his retirement in 1978 with the rank of general, and as Assistant Commandant, the second highest-ranking officer in the US Marine Corps. General Jaskilka passed away on January 15, 2012, at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington,

VA at the age of 92. On January 26, 2012, General Samuel Jaskilka was laid to rest, among his comrades in arms, with full military honors, that included a flyover and 17-gun salute, in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

During the course of his illustrious military career General Jaskilka fought in three wars: World War II, Korean and Vietnam. Upon his return from Vietnam he was promoted to major general, then lieutenant general and on March 4, 1976, full general. His military decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, two Silver Star medals, the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star for Valor and many other awards.

His wife of 57 years, Norma Blick Jaskilka, and their daughter Anne Stalker, who died in 2008, predeceased him in 2000. He is survived by his two sons Michael and Mark, his daughter Diane Jaskilka; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

General Samuel Jaskilka was a long time honorary member of UAV Post 23 in Buffalo, New York. He will be remembered as a dedicated American soldier, great warrior and patriot. On behalf of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc., we bid farewell to the highest-ranking Ukrainian American veteran.

EMIL SENKOW, PNC 1925 – 2012

UAV Past National Commander Emil Senkow was born on September 11, 1925, in Philadelphia, PA., the son of Michael and Anna (Kruba) Senkow. He passed from this life on February 28, 2012, in Paoli, PA., and was laid to rest at SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian Cemetery in King of Prussia, PA.

Emil enlisted in the US Navy on November 15, 1943, a time he described in his own words as “sea duty on LST-806 from 1944 through April 1946 in the South Pacific. I was a Motor Machinist Mate 2/c stationed in the main engine room. But during battle stations I was part of a 20 MM Gun Crew (forward starboard side). The LST 806 earned two battle stars: one for initial landing on Palawan, in the Philippines, the other for initial landings (on the beach) at LaBuan, Borneo. It was said that General McArthur was on the Invasion Command ship observing the unloading of US and Aussie troops onto the beaches. In addition we made many other secondary beach

landings throughout the islands—Leyte, Mindinao, Wadke, Mindoro, Hollandia.” Having attained the rank of Motor Machinist Mate 2/C and being awarded the Pacific Theater Ribbon (2 Stars), the American Theater Ribbon, the Victory Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Emil was honorably discharged on May 15, 1946.

PNC Senkow was a long time member of UAV Post 4 in Philadelphia. He served as UAV National Commander from 1957 to 1959.

Emil was predeceased by his wife Dorothy (Woloshanky), who died in 2006, and by two brothers, Eugene and Walter. He is survived by daughter Denise A Kirk; his two sons, Bruce and Gary J.; their families; and his brother Bohdan of Clifton Heights, PA.

Memory Eternal!

ROMAN BAJLAK 1925 – 2011

Once a freedom fighter, always a freedom fighter.



It was with sadness that we received news of the passing of the UAV member-at-large, US Army Korean War veteran, Sgt. Roman Bajlak, who died on November 22, 2011, in Mattituck, New York. Roman was laid to rest on November 26, 2011. His gravesite is among those of other UPA freedom fighters buried at St. Andrew's Cemetery in South Bound

Brook, New Jersey. He left behind his beloved wife of 43 years, Anna Karvanska Bajlak, a veteran of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army and the author of two books, "Во ім'я Твоє" (In Your Name), published 1999–2000, and "Україно, визнай" (Ukraine, recognize), published in 2002.

Roman was the son of Ukrainian patriots Dmytro and Maria (nee Kohuch) Bajlak. His life journey began on August 3, 1925, in the village of Pavlivka, Ivano-Frankivsk oblast, Ukraine, at a time when Ukraine was struggling to recover its independence, rekindle patriotism, and reestablish the national identity. As a young man, Roman witnessed the atrocities committed in his homeland under foreign occupation (USSR, Poland, and Germany). He was determined and duty bound to join the fight for Ukrainian independence. In 1943 he joined the "Ukrainian Division – Halychyna"; from 1944 to 1948 he served in the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (УПА). In 1948 (after WWII), he escaped to West Germany; two years later, he immigrated to the United States. On June 2, 1952, Roman was inducted into the US Army. After training he was assigned to



Book Cover - "Bohun's Threepath" R Bajlak 1944-1948

the army's Engineering Battalion and deployed to Korea, with orders "not to fight, but to build." Sergeant Bajlak was honorably discharged on May 22, 1954, decorated with the Korean Service Medal w/1 Bronze Service Star, the United Nations Service Medal, and the National Defense Medal.

Roman's autobiography, "Богунова тридорога" (Bohun's Threepath) was published New York and Warsaw, Poland, in 2004. In a chapter entitled "US Army," he describes his military service as an American soldier and his decision to pursue an engineering degree. The GI Bill helped him realize this ambition. After graduating from Mandel Institute in New York City in 1960, he embarked on a successful career as a civil engineer, retiring from his position with New York City Housing Authority in 1991.

Memory Eternal!

Вічна пам'ять!

JOHN TYMASH, PAST UAV NJ SD COMMANDER

1934 – 2012

John Tymash passed into eternity on March 3, 2012, in Florence Township, New Jersey. He was born on September 8, 1934, in Roebing, New Jersey, and was the son of the late Michael and Mary Bozar Tymash.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at Sts. Francis & Clare Parish Holy Assumption Worship Site, with internment in Holy Assumption Cemetery, Roebing, New Jersey.

PFC John Tymash served proudly in the US Army from June 5, 1957 to May 26, 1959 and in the US Army Reserves until June 5, 1963. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Sharp Shooter Medal.

John was a long time member of UAV Post 25, Trenton, New Jersey, (founded in 1988) and served as Post

Commander for many years. He was the first Ukrainian American veteran to become Commander of Mercer County Veterans Council in 1989. In later years he served as UAV New Jersey State Department Commander. John was a true American patriot and was very proud of his Ukrainian heritage.

John Tymash is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Patricia Pasierb Tymash and his sons Scott & Todd Tymash.

Memory Eternal!

Remembering Ukrainians

A Tribute in Granite



Newly blessed Ukrainian monument at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Cemetery in Amsterdam, New York

On May 6, 2012, a moving ceremony took place at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Cemetery in Amsterdam, NY, as a monument comprising of three solid granite slabs was blessed and dedicated in honor of all Ukrainian people who struggled to survive and fought for freedom in the old country and of the Ukrainian immigrants who toiled and struggled to make a new life in this country.



Mr. Ihor Rymaruk

ment as a way to leave a snapshot history of the Ukrainians who lived, worked, and contributed to their adopted country, America. With the blessing of the parish priest and permission from the church trustees, Rymaruk began his special project, which he titled “Remembering Ukrainians.”

The triptych-like granite monument was designed by Ihor Rymaruk, an immigrant and Vietnam War Veteran who served in the US Marine Corps and who currently serves as chairman of trustees of Amsterdam’s Ukrainian American Citizens Club, which funded the monuments. Rymaruk proposed and designed the monu-



Veterans Memorial

The central and largest section of the granite monument measures 9’ x 7’ and represents the cultural and educational aspects of Ukraine, embodied in the portrait of Taras Shevchenko, which is etched in the granite along with these words of wisdom, “Read and learn. Respect all cultures. Remember your roots.” Also etched in the granite is an old church, signifying the strong faith of the Ukrainian immigrants who came to Amsterdam and built this Ukrainian Church.

A depiction of the immigrants seeing the Statue of Liberty for the first time is etched into the bottom left corner; a map of their homeland is outlined on the bottom right corner. The crowning glory of this mammoth stone is a huge golden trident—the Tryzub—the state coat of arms of Ukraine and the national symbol of Ukraine and its people.

The stone on the left, measures 4’ by 6’ and is named the Millennium stone in celebration of a thousand years of Christianity in Ukraine. This stone also commemorates the millions of Ukrainians who perished in the Famine-Genocide (Holodomor) of 1932–1933.

The 4’ by 6’ stone on the right is dedicated to all Ukrainian Americans who served with honor to preserve our nation’s freedom.

Today, the giant stone monument watches over Ukrainians who have departed from this life and now rest in eternal peace. Three smooth granite benches flank the monument in a quiet, calm setting that invites visitors to sit and contemplate this combination of strength and beauty, which represents what life is all about: truth, dedication, hard work, sacrifice, and a belief in peace and freedom for all.

We thank Mr. Ihor Rymaruk for submitting this article and photographs.-AK

Rev. Marion Kostyk and Rev Paul Szweczuk blessed the monument. Veterans in attendance: Polish American Veterans (PAV) on the left and The American Legion, Post 701 on the right. Ihor Rymaruk and Vira Dyakiv in the center.



News from the Headquarters

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UAV 65th Annual National Convention on September 21-23, 2012, near Boston, MA.

Hosted by the UAV Post 31 this year's convention will be held at the Comfort Inn, Randolph, 1374 N Main St (Route 28) in Randolph, MA.

For reservations call 781-961-1000 indicating you will be attending the UAV Convention.

All UAV National Executive Board Officers should arrive on Thursday, September 20, 2012 in time for the meeting at 7 pm. Deadline for booking reservations was August 20, 2012.

Detailed information was mailed to all UAV members in the beginning of June 2012.

Registration documents and advertising forms are available for download from our web site:

www.uavets.org/64th-annual-convention-information

Should any questions arise do call UAV Post 31 Commander and Convention Chairman Stephen Kostecki at 508-245-1890 or email: skostecki108@comcast.net.

From UAV National Finance Officer - Attention All UAV Post Commanders:

Current UAV Post Roster is to be submitted with the payment of annual dues not later than April 15th. All UAV Posts should have their own EIN # - Employers Identification Number - and file (mostly electronically) IRS Form 990-N by May 15th of each year. UAV Posts that do not have their own EIN# should file Form SS-4 to obtain one. General information is available on the Internet and/or at IRS Offices. All questions should be addressed to Jerry Kindrachuk, UAV National Finance Officer at: uavfinance@gmail.com

From UAV National Scholarship Chair

Deadline for submitting applications for UAV Scholarships is August 31, however, they are accepted year round. For detailed information contact UAV National Scholarship Chair Nicholas Skirka at: nskirka@optonline.net

WE WERE THERE!

April 22, 2012. St. Thomas Sunday.

Heavy rain did not prevent UAV members from participating in St. Thomas Sunday ceremonies at St. Andrew Memorial

Church in South Bound Brook, New Jersey, who came from near and as far as Michigan and Massachusetts. Due to inclement weather the procession was limited. Memorial services were held at His All Holiness Patriarch Mstyslaw's crypt located under the church.

Lead by UAV National Commander, Brigadier General Leonid Kondratiuk, UAV participants were:



First Row (L to R): PNC Edward Zetick, IPNC Anna Krawczuk, PNC Mathew Koziak, National Commander Leonid Kondratiuk, Christian Shalay, and Oleh Balaziuk. Second row: Jurij Jacus, Myroslaw Kedyuklych, Bernard W. Krawczuk and Marion Zarewych.

July 13-15, 2012.

The Sixth Ukrainian Cultural Festival at Soyuzivka in Kerhonkson, New York

More than 3,000 people attended this year's festival. The weekend was full of entertainment by many artists, which included Peter Yarrow (of the well known American folk group Peter, Paul and Mary), as well as International pop star Ruslana (Lyzhychko), singer Iryna Lonchyna and many other performers from Ukraine and the United States.

UAV members Stephen Kostecki (Post 31) and Jurij Jacus (Post 30) participated in the color guard with Mr. Michael Hotz during the opening ceremonies. Ms. Lonchyna was surprised and proud to see Ukraine's flag included in the color guard and expressed a desire to be photographed.



CONGRATULATIONS - YOU'VE MADE US VERY PROUD

Korean War veteran and Purple Heart recipient, Peter Yurkowski, was awarded the NJ Distinguished Service Medal and the NJ Korean Service Medal at the ceremonies in Holmdel, NJ. He belongs to UAV Post 30 in New Jersey.

PFC Peter Yurkowski served in the US Army from May 7, 1951 until his Honorable Discharge on February 7, 1953. He was with the 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division unit in North Korea, when seriously wounded in action on December 24, 1951. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal in January 1952, CIB, Korean Service Medal w/2 Bronze Service Stars, UN Service Medal and O/S Bar. Peter is also a Lifetime member of DAV.

Palm City, Florida: U.S. Marines Honor Residents of 'Whispering Sound' for their Community's 'Flag Display' Program *submitted by D. Robin Barker*



Ukrainian-American veteran Eugene Tim Shawaryn. 4th from right in first row.

If you ever hear that patriotism is lacking today, one only has to look to one small community, comprised of many of 'the greatest generation' in Palm City. At 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, 2012, Commandant Jack Proshuh of the Lance Corporal Justin J. Wilson Detachment 1045, Marine Corps League, accompanied by his Junior Vice Commandant D. Robin Barker and Sergeant-At-Arms Ralph Newlon, visited the club house of the Whispering Sound gated community, located on S.E. Martin Highway in Palm City, Florida, to honor that community's many residents who participate in a patriotic 'Flag Display' program.

One of Whispering Sound's residents is Marine Tim Shawaryn, a WW II combat veteran and Detachment member who, along with two of his neighbors, Mr. Jim Pardieck and Mr. Charlie Nail, were the driving forces behind an effort to provide all of that community's homes with a 3' by 5' American Flag and pole set. Both Mr. Pardieck and Mr. Nail provided the flag sets for a mere \$10.00, and installed all of the 53 flags for their neighbors at no cost. *(partial press release)*

Godspeed and God Bless



"My apologies for not getting this to you sooner. Communications from the ship are very difficult at times. Here is a photo of me on the ship, USS Underwood, off the coast of Peru back in June."

Very respectfully,
Lt. Stephanie Homick, a.k.a. Steph

Dear Steph:
Thank you so much for keeping in touch!

August 4, 2012.

UAV National Executive Board meeting in Glen Spey, New York. The UAV NEB meeting was held at the Kindrachuk residence in Glen Spey, New York.

We thank Jerry for his hospitality, great barbeque and perfect weather....

The agenda included activity reports from all the UAV NEB Officers. Special attention was given to the details of the upcoming 65th UAV National Convention in Boston, MA., UAV National Monument fundraising and UAV Registration Project.

A decision was reached to publish Volume II of the UAV Registration Project Report (2004-2012) with projected release by Memorial Day 2013.

It will be dedicated to both Korean and Vietnam War veterans.

Only **registered** and **documented** Ukrainian American veterans' names will be printed in this report. New information from archival sources will be included as well. (see Volume I).

Attention all UAV members: Please note that all UAV members are required to register.

You may request UAV Registration Form by email: uav.registration@verizon.net or write to:

UAV Registration
PO Box 172
Holmdel, NJ 07733-0172.

You may obtain a copy of your Form DD214 or equivalent by filing SF 180.

Request pertaining to military records – Standard Form 180 (SF 180).

Significant changes have been made in requesting copies of military records, including Form DD214. Online requests may be submitted to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) by a veteran or deceased veteran's next of kin using eVetREcs at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/>.

For detailed information about filing SF 180 that is needed to obtain a copy of DD214 or equivalent visit: www.archives.gov/research/order/standard-form-180.pdf



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News from the UAV New York State Department

Posts of the UAV New York State Department Participate in Various Ceremonies

by Peter Polnyj, UAV NY State and UAV Post 27 Commander

UAV Post 27 of Brooklyn, N.Y., held a Flag Blessing event on Sunday, January 22, 2012, during which the post presented six flags to Brooklyn's Holy Ghost UOCC. Officiating at the ceremony was the church administrator and Post 27 Chaplain, Fr. Ivan Tyhovych. The ceremony was conducted during religious services, just before the end of liturgy. Led by UAV NY State Department and Post 27 Commander Peter Polnyj, post members Jerry Nestor, Jerry Kril, John Baburka, Peter Terrebetzky and Michael Buczek, along with church trustees Edward Bartosiewicz and Hryhorij Merva, marched to the front of the church and stood at attention in front of the six flags to be blessed. As Fr. Tyhovych approached, each flag bearer raised the ends of his flag to be blessed. At the end of the liturgy, Mr. Bartosiewicz and Mr. Merva placed the American and Ukrainian flags in their proper place in the front of the church.

As the parishioners prepared to leave the church, post members carried and placed four of the blessed American and Ukrainian flags on the stage of the church hall; the remaining two flags were set aside for UAV Post 27 use. After the ceremony, everyone gathered for coffee and cake in the church

hall, where Fr. Tyhovych thanked Post 27 for their thoughtful donation.

On Sunday, June 10, 2012, UAV Posts 27 (Brooklyn, N.Y.) and 19 (Spring Valley, N.Y.) participated in the annual "Zeleni Sviata" memorial service at Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery in Hamptonburgh, N.Y. Those attending and participating in the service solemnly paid their respects at the cemetery's Main Cross, the bishops' graves, the UAV Monument, and the UPA Monument. UAV Post 19 was represented by Post Commander William Szozda and new UAV member of Post 19, Nicholas Jakowiw. Representing Post 27 were Peter Polnyj, Jerry Kril, John Baburka, Peter Terrebetzky. PNC Mathew Koziak (PA UAV Post 42) represented the UAV National Executive Board.

At the July 1, 2012 "Sviato Heroiv" at the SUMA Camp in Ellenville, N.Y., UAV NYS Commander Peter Polnyj placed a wreath at the monument of heroes during the brief ceremony. Representing the UAV were Commander Polnyj, Zenon Halkowycz (Post 17), William Szozda (Post 19), and Nicholas Jakowiw (Post 19).

Photos by Maria Polnyj



Flags ready to be blessed and donated to Holy Ghost UCC, Brooklyn, N.Y.

UAV NY State Department Commander Peter Polnyj



NYS/PC Peter Polnyj (Post 27), John Baburka (Post 27), William Szozda, PC (Post 19), Bishop Emeritus Losten, Peter Terrebetzky (Post 27), Nicholas Jakowiw (Post 19), and PNC Mathew Koziak (Post 42) currently serving as UAV National Adjutant.



Bishop Emeritus Basil Losten with Stamford Eparchy clergy during Panakhyda



UAV Monument at Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery, Hamptonburgh, N.Y. with walkway and plaques.



NYS Commander Peter Polnyj placing wreath at Monument of Heroes during the "Sviato Heroiv" ceremonies at SUMA Camp in Ellenville, N.Y. on July 1, 2012.



William Szozda (Post 19), NYS Cdr Peter Polnyj (Post 27); Bishop Paul Chomnycky, Stamford Eparchy; Zenon Halkowycz (Post 17); and Nicholas Jakowiw (Post 19) at the "Sviato Heroiv" ceremonies in SUMA Camp, Ellenville, N.Y.

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU MADE US VERY PROUD!

New York. UAV New York State Department Commander, Peter Polnyj, informed us that UAV Post 27 member, Jerry Kril was inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame on May 24, 2012.

Vietnam War veteran, Sp4 Jerry Kril served in the US Army from January 15, 1968 to January 14, 1970. He was with Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam when wounded in an area called the "Iron Triangle."

His numerous medals included: Purple Heart Medal in 1969 for wounds received as a result of hostile actions, National Defense Service Medal, 2 O/S Bars, Vietnam Service Medal w/2 Bronze Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 Device, Air Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Combat Infantryman Badge (1st award) and Bronze Star Medal.

Besides UAV Post 27 membership, Jerry also belongs to MOPH, DAV and CWV.

UAV Post 17 — Passaic, NJ

by James Fedorko, Post Commander

Leadership at Twelve O'clock High

As part of being promoted as an officer in the United States Army Reserve, an extensive course called Intermediate Level Education (ILE) must be taken. A portion of the course is devoted to leadership, and during one class, the homework assignment is to watch the 1949 movie *Twelve O'clock High* starring Gregory Peck and directed by Daryl



Zanuck. I believe it is one of the best war movies I have ever seen. The screenplay was written by three 8th Army Air Force veterans who depict actual incidents and individuals they knew from personal experiences while serving on airfields in Great Britain during World War II.

Watching the movie certainly stimulates discussion on leadership styles and effectiveness, but more importantly

Twelve O'clock High demonstrates the importance of vision. A quote from the Bible, Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision the people perish" is a revealing statement that pertains to individuals and organizations. If you or an organization has no vision of where you want to go or what you want to be, you will aimlessly muddle along and become a victim of circumstance. However, if you develop a clear and concise vision then you or your organization can rally around this vision and you will likely reach your desired end state. Vision is the ability to use your intellect to imagine and conceptualize a destination, a state of being, or object that does not exist in the present, but can be reached in the future. Visionary leaders use personal attributes such as technical proficiency and imagination to draw a picture in their own minds of what they want to happen or possess in the future. They have created a vision.

I often hear the cliché at work "It is what it is." When you say this you are not creating vision. This is life happening to you. A good leader says "It is what I make it to be." Imagine if our leaders during World War II said "It is what it is." If they did, then I would now be saying "Das ist richtig!"

UAV Post 24 — Cleveland, Ohio

by Bohdan Samokyszyn - Post Commander



PC B. Samokyszyn holding a M-60 machine gun



PC. B. Samokyszyn, Ray Saikus - President of Joint Veterans & Post 24 member Jerry Shutovich in Cleveland for Flag Day Event



Post 24 members PNC Rakowsky (L), SSgt. Rivers, Shutovich and PC B. Samokyszyn at Marine Week - July 16, 2012



Post 24 members Bartkiw, Shutovich, Samokyszyn, PNC Rakowsky (backrow) and (L to R) Wasyl Liscynesky honor our oldest member, Michael Zaderecky (94) at Nicky's Restaurant on 7-27-12



PC B. Samokyszyn in Marine Vehicle turret used in Iraq



Jerry Shutovich standing by the MV-22 Osprey during July 15, 2012



UPA members with wives at Post 24 Christmas party with PC. B. Samokyszyn



Post 24 members at Christmas Party on 12-18-11

Major Myron Diduryk UAV Post 30 – Freehold, NJ

by Anna Krawczuk, UAV IPNC, UAV Post 30 Adjutant

MAY 7, 2012 – New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day.

Ukrainian American Veterans Post 30 members John Dzera and Peter Yurkowski participated in the Presentation of Wreaths ceremony held at New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel, New Jersey.

UAV members and friends came to honor Post 30 patron, Major Myron Diduryk, who was killed in action in Vietnam on April 24, 1970 and whose name is inscribed on the Memorial.

We are grateful to the Editors of *America* and *The Ukrainian Weekly* for publishing our article about this event.



Photo by Lauren Casselberry of John Dzera was published on the front page of the May 10, 2012 issue of local newspaper *Independent*. Thank you.

They also came to witness one of their members, Peter Yurkowski, Korean War veteran and Purple Heart Medal recipient, receive a NJ Distinguished Service Medal and NJ Korean Service Medal. Raymond L. Zawacki, NJ Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, including Al Bucchi, Sgt Joe Nyzio, Chuck Robbins and Elizabeth Schofield, led the Medal Ceremony while Br. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff decorated the honorees.



BR. GEN. Michael L. Cunniff Decorating Peter Yurkowski

This memorial complex includes the Women Veterans Meditation Garden that was dedicated on Veterans Day in 2001, and the US War Dogs Memorial dedicated on June 10, 2006. The Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center has been part of the compound since September 27, 1998, with the sole purpose of providing educational material, lectures and exhibits to help visitors understand the complexities of the war years. For more information on the site visit: www.njvvmf.org.

The Memorial's Biography Project is seeking to collect biographical data on the 1,561 men and one woman who are listed on the Memorial. Our goal is to obtain that information for the New Jersey Ukrainian-Americans killed in action in Vietnam.

Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc., Post 30 appeals to the Ukrainian American community to help us in this endeavor. Please write to: UAV Registration Project PO Box 172 Holmdel, NJ 07733-0172, call: 732-888-0494 or email: uav.registration@verizon.net.

Sp4 Nikolaus Zozula UAV Post 31 — Boston, MA

by Leonid Kondratiuk, UAV National Commander

Post 31 Dedicates Zozula Square

On April 28, 2012, UAV Post 31 of Boston, Massachusetts held a special ceremony dedicating a city square in Boston to SP4 Nikolaus Zozula. SP4 Zozula was serving in Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery in Vietnam when his firebase came under attack on November 2, 1969. He was killed during the attack.

Massachusetts has a long-established tradition of dedicating squares to fallen servicemen and servicewomen near their homes, and Zozula Square is located near the former home of the Zozula family in the Roslindale section of the city.

Nikolaus Zozula was well known in the Boston Ukrainian community, and there was a large turnout for the ceremony.

UAV National Commander Leonid Kondratiuk served as master of ceremonies at the event, and speakers included Mayor Thomas Menino and other city and state officials. The Zozula family including the late soldier's mother, brother, and sister helped to unveil the sign marking the square.

Nikolaus Zozula is the patron of UAV Post 31. His service and sacrifice are remembered by his fellow veterans with pride and gratitude.



Peter Kiziuk, Post 31 sings the National Anthem.
L to R: NC Kondratiuk, Boston City Councilman Consalvo, Kiziuk, Boston Mayor Menino



Boston Mayor Thomas Menino speaks about Nikolaus Zozula's military service in Vietnam



Mayor Menino, Councilman Consalvo, Veterans Commissioner Urena stand next to Zozula family after unveiling



Zozula Square sign erected by the City of Boston in memory of the sacrifice of SP4 Nikolaus Zozula

Cpl Roman G. Lazor UAV Post 40 – North Port, FL

by Jerry Zinycz, PPC – Post Public Relations Officer

Membership

Post 40 has 45 members, 17 of whom live in the North Port area. Two members are currently on active duty: Lt. Stephanie Homick, US Navy, and WO Venesa Kostyk Papa, US Army.

Welcome

The newest member of Post 40 is William Lawriw, US Navy PN3, 1975–1977, formerly of UAV Post 24.

In Memoriam

Post 40 members bid farewell to George R Dychdala (1926–2012), US Army Spc 3 who served from 1955 to 1957; and to Edward V. Rokisky (1920–2012), US Army T/5 WW II from 1942 to 1946 and a UAV Post 40 charter member since 1999.

Post Activities since last issue of UAV Tribune

Post 40 holds monthly meetings on the first Friday of the month at 3:00 pm in the community “Oseredok,” North Port, Florida.

In April, Post 40 members served as Color and Honor Guard during the memorial service held at St. Mary’s Church

for the victims of Chornobyl Nuclear Disaster. In May the post sponsored “one hole” for a scholarship fundraiser hosted by US Marine Corps League Det # 948 and Kiwanis Club Golf Tournament. Three foursomes from Post 40 participated in the tournament.

Over Memorial Day weekend, our members honored all veterans by participating in the Venice Memorial Garden commemorative services, in the “Panakhyda” services held at St. Mary’s Church, and in services held at Veterans Memorial Park in North Port. Extensive press releases on Post activity were published in *The Ukrainian Weekly, America, and Meest*.

In June, a luncheon meeting was held at the Family Table Restaurant in North Port to conclude Post activities for the summer. Meetings are suspended for the months of July and August.

Post 40 extends best wishes to UAV delegates and guests for a successful, productive, and happy 65th National Convention in Boston. “Mnohaya Lita!”



UAV Honor Guard
from left: Roman Rondiak, Atanas Kobryn, Orestes Lazor, Julian Helbig, John Homick.



VFW Post 8203 Firing Squad at Venice Memorial Garden:
UAV Post 40 members: Squad Captain Myron Ferenc (2nd from left) and Paul Wosny (5th from left)



North Port Veterans Memorial Park (Photo on right) - Front kneeling: Orestes Lazor and Eugene Tomashowsky standing from left: Julian Helbig, Clifford Heiser, John Czerkas, Demetrius Yadzyn, Askold Mosijczuk, Jerry Zinycz, George Baranowskyj, John Homick, Anatol Popovich, Roman Rondiak and Atanas Kobryn



UAV MICHIGAN POST 101 – WARREN, MI

We thank UAV Michigan Post 101 Commander, Oleh R. Cieply for their newsletter with information about the activities in Michigan.

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU MADE US PROUD!

April 25, 2012. Warren's "Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award" was presented to Past Post Commander Myroslaw Pryjma and Adjutant Roman Maksimowich. The presentation was made by Warren's Mayor, Mr. James Fouts at Warren's Third Annual Volunteer of the Year Ceremony in the City Hall.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: William Melnyk and Michael Szawronski.

Sgt William Melnyk, a WWII veteran served in the US Army from July 8, 1940 to his honorable discharge on September 26, 1945. He served mostly in the Pacific Theater. He is a Pearl Harbor survivor. He is recipient of numerous medals that include Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star and Asiatic Pacific Service Medal.

Sgt Michael Szawronski, a GWOT veteran, served in the US Marine Corps from February 26, 2001 until his honorable discharge on February 25, 2006. His service included two tours of duty in the Operation Iraqi Freedom. His primary military specialty was Helicopter Crew Chief, CH46. Among his many commendations and awards were: Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, just to name the few.

May 28, 2012 – Memorial Day Observance.

UAV Michigan Post 101 members, Comrades of the Brotherhood of the Veterans of the First Division, American Catholic War Veterans as well as relatives and friends attended the Memorial Day observances. Reverend Fathers celebrated the Memorial Services (Panakhydas) at the Ukrainian American Veterans Monument and at the St. Josaphat Church grounds.

The picnic that followed was a great success thanks to Mathew Wroblewski, Leo Cionka, Christian Shalay and the UAV Ladies Auxiliary members: Mrs. Helen Hryshko, Mrs. Sonia Kushnir, Mrs. Vicky Maksimowich, Mrs. Stefa Prysi-azniuk and Mrs. Helen Scott.

UAV MICHIGAN POST 101 EXHIBIT.

The UAV Michigan Post 101 exhibit is located at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, adjacent to the Odessa Room. It consists of an UAV Banner, a Display Board and other documents. It is a very impressive UAV Exhibit and congratulations are in order to Marion Zarewycz and Mathew Wroblewski for a job well done.

Next time you are in our town – do stop by! You will be glad you did.

APRIL 22, 2012 ST. THOMAS SUNDAY IN SOUTH BOUND BROOK, NJ



Left to Right: Marion Zarewycz, Christian Shalay and NC Leonid Kondratiuk.



Left to Right: B. Krawczuk, E. Zetick, C. Shalay, J. Jacus, M. Kedyuklych, O. Balaziuk, NC. L. Kondratuk, M. Zarewych



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Walter T. Darmopray — 1950-1952	PA Post 1	Harry Polche — 1976-1978	NY Post 7
Martin Horbiowski — 1952-1953	PA Post 4	Bohdan B. Bezkorowajny — 1978-1980	NY Post 7
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Walter Bacad — 1956-1957	NY Post 7	<i>Joseph Brega — 1984-1986</i>	NY Post 19
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<i>Eugene Sagasz — 1966-1968</i>	NJ Post 17	<i>Steven Szewczuk — 1997-2000</i>	NY Post 27
William M. Dubetz — 1968-1970	NY Post 7	<i>Mathew Koziak — 2000-2004</i>	NY Post 27
Michael Wengryn — 1970-1972	NJ Post 17	<i>Anna Krawczuk — 2004-2008</i>	NJ Post 30
William Harrison — 1972-1973	NY Post 19	<i>Leonid E. Kondratiuk — 2008</i>	MA Post 31

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At the UAV Convention of 1998, a decision was made to start the UAV Registration Project and to 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 American servicemen and servicewomen of Ukrainian heritage who have served honorably and with distinction. The dilemma that we Ukrainian Americans still confront is 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 various countries occupying Ukraine: Austria-Hungary, Poland, Russia, 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 Ukrainian people never ceased “existing”! It is for these and other reasons that Ukrainian American veterans have been and continue to be demographically mislabeled, and 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 fulfilled their obligation when called to service during the wars and conflicts of the 20th century.

By the end of 2003 we had 3115 recorded names, which, besides the registrants, included the names from archival sources, such as Honor Rolls, plaques, monuments, etc. The UAV Registration Project Report 1998-2003 Volume I, dedicated to World War II veterans, was released to coincide with the dedication of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC on Memorial Day in 2004. Limited copies are still in stock. UAV Registration Project is an ongoing and evolving project and Volume II, with dedication to Korean and Vietnam War veterans is being compiled and projected for release on Memorial Day 2013.

The deadline for submitting registrations and/or archival material for this volume is December 15, 2012.

By 2011 fully documented registrants numbered more than one thousand and from archival sources close to eight thousand names. But this is only the tip of the proverbial iceberg, since it has been estimated that at least 200,000 Ukrainian-Americans served in the World War II alone.

We have a long way to go and need your help and that of the Ukrainian-American community. Please tell your relatives and friends about our project and encourage them to register. You may register your loved ones as well. Don't let them be forgotten! The contribution of American veterans of Ukrainian heritage to the US Military history needs to be told. You can help! Stand up and be counted - register! There is no fee to register.

Registration is mandatory for UAV members, as specified in the UAV Constitution and Bylaws.

You can use the UAV Registration Form on the next page or visit the UAV website and link to UAV REG Form: www.uavets.org or email: uav.registration@verizon.net A copy of DD214 (Discharge paper) or equivalent is needed to complete your registration.

As we are reviewing and compiling material for Volume II of the UAV Registration Project Report 2004-2012 we would like to complete biographical and military service data on all our Past National Commanders. Sadly, this information is missing on many of them. We are also searching for their photographs – won't you help us fill in the blank squares on page 16? We also encourage UAV Posts to update their histories on the UAV web site www.uavet.org. This information is vital to complete the whole picture of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. history. If you have any UAV archival material, especially from 1948-1968, we would appreciate having a copy. Original material will be promptly returned after scanning.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our project, especially UAV NC Leonid Kondratiuk (UAV Post 31), PNC Edward Zetick (UAV Post 1), Christian Shalay (UAV Post 101) and Michael Fedirko (UAV Post 6).

Anna Krawczuk, UAV IPNC
UAV Registration Project Coordinator



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UAV REGISTRATION or APPLICATION FORM

For Ukrainian American veterans of active duty, Reserve, National Guard, living or deceased.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION.

LName: _____ FName: _____ (_____)
put maiden name if applicable

Address: _____ ID# _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Daytime phone: () _____ evening: () _____ cell: () _____

fax: () _____ e-mail: _____

Birthday: / ___ / ___ / ___ / _____ Place of Birth _____ If Deceased / ___ / ___ / ___ /
month day year month day year

When did you and/or your ancestors arrive to the USA? _____

From which country? _____

When did you and/or your ancestors become USA citizens? [] [] _____ (indicate year)
myself ancestor

Your Ukrainian ancestry is on your [] mother's side [] father's side [] both

Your mother's maiden name: _____

Are you UAV member ? _____ if yes, UAV Post # _____ Other US Veteran's Organization _____

Branch: (circle) USA USN USMC USAF USCG WWII-USMM

SERVICE DATES - including active duty, Reserve, and National Guard (copy Fm DD214)

From: _____ to _____

From: _____ to _____

From: _____ to _____ Reserve

Military Decorations: _____

Highest Rank or Grade: _____ If deceased, place of burial _____

Other: _____

[] Retired from military service

[] Photo taken in uniform enclosed, if available - no photocopier prints, please.

If registered by other than above, please indicate relationship to the veteran being registered: _____

If you have memorable military experiences, please write on the back of this page. Your short autobiography will be appreciated.

Date _____ Signature: _____

Please return entire form with a copy of DD214 and photo to the above address. Thank you.

You do not have to be a member of the Ukrainian American Veterans to register

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News from the UAV National Monument Committee

by Anna Krawczuk, UAV IPNC and UAV NMC Treasurer

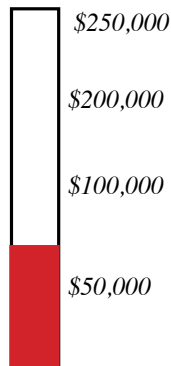
The UAV National Monument will be erected on a prominent site at St. Andrew Cemetery in South Bound Brook, New Jersey. The site has been donated by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, was blessed, a design has been selected, and ongoing fundraising efforts continue.

Although the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc., is spearheading this project, the monument will honor all men and women of Ukrainian heritage who served in the U. S. Armed Forces. History tells us that hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian American men and women have served throughout the years, especially in the wars and conflicts of the 20th Century; many have made the supreme sacrifice. It falls to us to remember their service and sacrifice by making the UAV National Monument a reality.

The committee is very thankful to the UAV members for responding to our National Commander's appeal with donations totaling almost \$4,000.00. While the committee is very thankful for all the donations that have been received to date, we have not reached the projected cost of the monument and the construction cannot be started.

Therefore, the committee is appealing again to all UAV members, Ukrainian Americans and people of good will to join us in this endeavor. You may memorialize your loved ones by contributing in their memory. Celebrate anniversaries, birthdays and special events by your donation.

All 2012 contributions will be listed in the next issue of the UAV Tribune.



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Daytime phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Signature: _____

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