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Dear Fellow Veterans:

It is with great honor, humility, and pride that I assume the position of National Commander of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. for the next two years. I follow a long line of dedicated Ukrainian American veterans who have devoted their time and energy to make the UAV a vibrant and successful organization since 1948.

Our mission is clear and succinct: "The UAV seeks to unite

American veterans of Ukrainian descent and is pledged to uphold the Constitution, Government and Laws of The United States of America."

The current UAV National Executive Board consists of experienced leaders, with only a few changes from the previous Board:

William Szozda, UAV Post 19 (Spring Valley, N.Y.) Commander, came on board by being elected National Vice Commander. His principal duty is membership, including managing UAV Members-at-large (MAL).

Roman Rondiak, COL, USAR (Ret) accepted the position of National Adjutant, replacing Mathew Koziak, PNC, who was elected National Judge Advocate.

I look forward to working with all the officers of the UAV National Executive Board. Recruitment and retention of members continues to be our biggest challenge! As with many veterans groups, we are experiencing a decline in membership. The UAV NEB will continue to work with Post and State Commanders to make membership in the UAV a rewarding experience that is meaningful not only to UAV Posts but also to the Ukrainian American community at large.

With the help of UAV press release coverage in Ukrainian American newspapers such as *America*, *Meest*, *The Ukrainian Weekly*, *Ukrainian Orthodox Word* and others, we have been able to reach out to Ukrainian Americans nationwide. I hope to continue this proactive relationship with the press during my tenure as National Commander.

I would like to comment briefly on the UAV 65th Convention, which was held in Randolph, Mass., last September. I would especially like to thank UAV Post 31 for hosting this event; Stephen A. Kostecki, PC, for chairing the Convention Committee; and all the committee members for their hard work in making this convention successful and memorable.

The social side of the 65th UAV Convention included a Trolley Tour of Boston's historic sites and dinner at "America's Oldest Restaurant" — Union Oyster House, which was established in 1826. The gala convention banquet was held at the Lantana Restaurant with Brigadier General Leonid Kondratiuk officiating as Master of Ceremonies. Altogether, it was a great convention. Thank you again!

The meeting of the UAV National Executive Board was held on the eve prior to convention and with outgoing UAV National Commander, Leonid Kondratiuk, presiding. This traditional business meeting, open to all UAV members, included activity reports of all UAV NEB officers as well as committee reports on the status of the UAV Registration Project and reports of the UAV National Monument Committee.

Before the business side of our convention was concluded, UAV Michigan Post 101 Commander Oleh R. Cieply announced his Post's decision to host the 66th UAV Annual National Convention in Warren, Michigan. This convention will coincide with UAV Post 101's 30th anniversary. All were delighted by this wonderful news.

I thank PNC Mathew Koziak and NFO Jerry Kindrachuk for representing the UAV by participating in the Procession of Colors during National Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery on November 11, 2012.

The first teleconference of the new UAV NEB was held on December 10, 2012. The main goal was to set an initial agenda for UAV activities for the coming (2013) year. All UAV NEB officers participated, and their activity reports were accepted, including the financial reports pending final audits. A great deal of time was spent discussing ways the UAV NEB and Posts can help UAV members that were affected by Mega Hurricane "Sandy." I encourage our Posts in Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania to reach out to members who were adversely affected by the storm and determine how they can be helped.

Responding to my request, the UAV National Adjutant has created a Master Calendar of Activities for the Board and for our Posts. This calendar will help us plan field trips, visits, etc. Please send your Activity Calendars to Roman Rondiak via email: romanrondiak@comcast.net.

On behalf of the UAV National Executive Board I extend our very best wishes for a Healthy and Prosperous 2013!

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

GOD BLESS UKRAINE!

Ihor W. Hron
UAV National Commander

Statement by the Press Secretary on Holodomor

Press Release from the White House
Office of the Press Secretary
November 16, 2012

At this time of commemoration, Americans join with the people of Ukraine and with Ukrainians around the world in remembering those who died in the tragic events of the “Holodomor” — nor “death by hunger”—in 1932 and 1933. We honor the millions who lost their lives during this man-made catastrophe, in which Ukrainian farms and crops were seized in a deliberate attempt to break the will of the Ukrainian people. It is a tribute to the courage and resilience of the Ukrainian people that, even in the face of this unconscionable cruelty, they did not abandon their pursuit of dignity, universal rights, and sovereignty. The struggles of Ukrainians today to build a democracy that upholds those enduring values honors their memory.

On this solemn occasion, as we remember and honor the victims of the Holodomor, we reiterate our call for universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and renew our commitment to preventing similar atrocities from ever happening again.

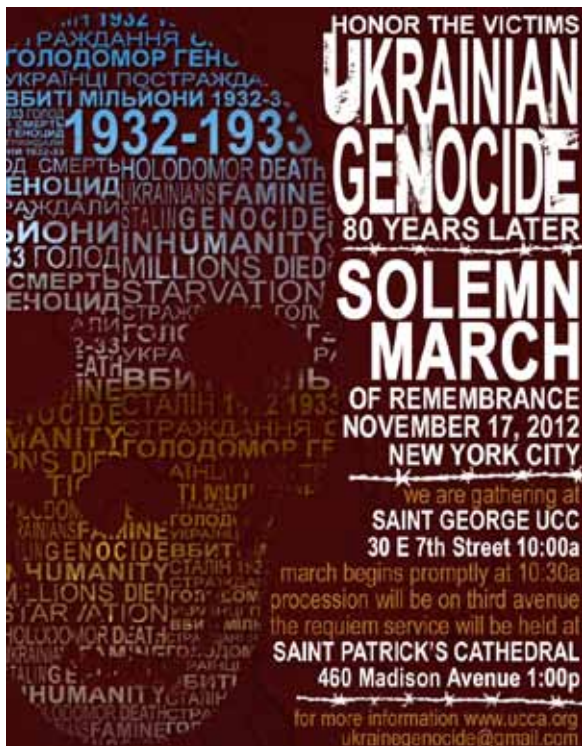
The Ukrainian Famine-Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial

The Ukrainian Famine-Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial in Washington, D.C. to be erected at the intersection of North Capitol Street, Massachusetts Avenue and F Street, NW.



The US Committee for Ukrainian Holodomor-Genocide Awareness 1932-1933 announced the final approval of the conceptual design “Field of Wheat” by Ukrainian American architect Larysa Kurylas (of Hartman-Cox Architects), by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPCC) was reached at the hearing on September 6, 2012.

(Past National Commander Anna Krawczuk represented the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc., on Holodomor Committee.)





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MAY GOD BLESS the New Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States of America, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony

It is with great respect and gratitude that we congratulate His Eminence Metropolitan Antony on his election and enthronement as Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States of America.

The Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc., are indebted to His Eminence for his support of the UAV National Monument, which is to be erected at St. Andrews Cemetery in South Bound Brook, New Jersey, on a very prominent site donated by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church—USA. It will be dedicated to all veterans of Ukrainian heritage that served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

We thank the Metropolitan for serving on the UAV National Monument Committee since its onset in 2004, humbly acknowledging that then Archbishop Antony was the pivotal force behind this great undertaking because he fully understood the sacrifices made by men and women of Ukrainian descent who served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces. The Metropolitan's own father, John Scharba of Sharon, Pennsylvania, was a World War II veteran, as were many of his relatives, friends and parishioners.

May the Almighty God guide and bless Metropolitan Antony in all future responsibilities and endeavors.

We remain respectfully yours,

For the leadership and membership of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc.

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not on photo: Jerry Kindrachuk and Edward Zetick



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PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS HONOR ROLL

Honorary Commander Michael Darmopray — 1948, PA Post 1

Michael Hynda — 1948-1949	NJ Post 6	Vasyl Luchkiw — 1974-1976	NY Post 19
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William Harrison — 1972-1973	NY Post 19	Ihor W. Hron — 2012	FL Post 40
Emrick Prestash — 1973-1974	CT Post 15		

PLEASE HELP US FILL THE EMPTY SPACES!

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Meet our New National Commander

Former UAV NEB Vice-Commander and UAV Post 40 Commander

Ihor Walter Hron was born in Ukraine. After the turmoil of World War II, the Hron family arrived in the United States of America in 1949 and settled in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Ihor received his BA degree in Political Science and Russian Area Studies from Rutgers University. He fulfilled his military obligation by serving on active duty in the United States and Germany from April 23, 1967 until September 18, 1970, reaching the rank of Captain. His service in U.S. Army Reserve ended on June 1, 1978, when Major Ihor W. Hron was honorably discharged. His decorations included National Defense Service Medal and 2 ARCOM's

For the next 35 years Ihor Hron's professional focus was the life insurance and annuities industry. He was president of F & G Life-Baltimore, Maryland (1990-1995) and Chairman of the Board, CEO, and president of The Midland Life Insurance Co., Columbus, Ohio (1995-2002).

Ihor W. Hron is former Post Commander and current member of the Cpl. Roman G. Lazor UAV Post 40 in North Port, Florida; he and his wife Olya now reside in Osprey, Florida. The couple have been blessed with four daughters and six grandchildren.

News from the Headquarters

by Anna Krawczuk, UAV PNC

Reminder from UAV National Finance Officer Jerry Kindrachuk:

Deadline for annual membership dues is April 15, 2013.

Attention Post Commanders: Post Membership Roster should accompany the dues payment for verification of the amount. Checks made payable to: **UAV** are to be mailed to:

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A word of thanks from UAV National PR/Publications Officer Bernard W. Krawczuk for contributions to the UAV Press Fund

We are grateful for all the donations received that defray the cost of publishing the UAV Tribune. Your ongoing support is much appreciated. Special thanks goes to the UAV National Ladies Auxiliary, which conducted a fundraiser on our behalf.

We hope that you will continue to support this endeavor. Please make checks payable to: **UAV Press Fund** and send to the UAV Finance Officer at the address given above. For more information contact Jerry by email: jkindrachuk@gmail.com or UAV National PR/Publications Officer Bernard W. Krawczuk by email: uav.tribune@verizon.net.

We thank Editor-in-chief of Svoboda and the Ukrainian Weekly, Roma Hadzewycz, and Leo Iwaskiw of America for publishing UAV press releases and articles, including those about the 65th UAV Convention, on the pages of their respective newspapers.

CHANGE OF COMMAND



(L-R) Ihor W. Hron and Br. Gen Leonid Kondratuik

News from UAV National Quartermaster Stephen A. Kostecki

ATTENTION: NEW UAV ITEMS! Coin box with UAV Emblem and UAV Coin (Medallion) inside - \$20.00 plus shipping and handling.

For additional information and a list of other items available please contact Stephen A. Kostecki by email at skostecki108@comcast.net or call: 508-245-1890.

News and an invitation from UAV Webmaster, Jerry Kindrachuk:

Visit our website at www.uavets.org where you will find all the latest information regarding UAV activities. The site includes a color version of the latest issues of the UAV Tribunes, which can be downloaded.

Attention UAV Post Commanders: Post histories should be periodically updated. Some posts have not yet submitted their brief histories for the UAV website, and we ask that you send this information as soon as possible.

News from the UAV Registration Project Coordinator, PNC Anna Krawczuk

Since 1998, the UAV Registration Project has been open to all American veterans of Ukrainian heritage who served honorably in the U.S. armed forces. There is no fee to register and you do not have to be a member of the UAV to do so. *However, registration is mandatory for all UAV members.*

Information about the project is available on www.uavets.org. You also may request a copy of UAV REG Form by email at uav.registration@verizon.net or by snail mail at

UAV REGISTRATION PROJECT
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Highlights of the 65th National Convention of Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc.

by Anna Krawczuk, UAV PNC



65th UAV Convention Delegates

September 20, 2012. American Legion Hall was the site of the UAV National Executive Board meeting, which took place on the eve of the convention to allow members to discuss last-minute details. The outgoing UAV National Commander Leonid Kondratiuk officiated, and the meeting was open to all UAV members.

September 21-22, 2012. Comfort Inn Randolph, Randolph, Mass. (Near Boston) was the site of the 65th Annual National Convention of the UAV, which was hosted by UAV Post 31 of Boston. The Convention Committee was chaired by Post Commander Stephen J. Kostecki, who also serves on the UAV National Executive Board. Congratulations are in order for a job well done.

September 22, 2012. Elections of the new UAV National Executive Board officers were held on the last day of the convention. Past National Commander Edward A. Zetick chaired the nominating committee, which included all Past National Commanders, state commanders, and post commanders attending the convention. The following officers were elected for the 2012-2014 term:

Ihor W. Hron was elected UAV National Commander and will serve the organization with William Szozda, vice-commander; Jerry Kindrachuk, finance officer and webmaster; Mathew Koziak, judge advocate; Steven J. Kostecki, quartermaster; Marion Bojsiuk chaplain/service officer; Myroslaw Pryjma, welfare committee chair; Nicholas Skirka, scholarship committee chair; Edward A. Zetick, historian; Bernard W. Krawczuk, PR/Publications; and Brigadier General Leonid Kondratiuk, Immediate Past National Commander.

Commander Hron's nomination of Roman Rondiak for national adjutant was accepted.

PNC Anna Krawczuk remains as co-editor of the UAV Tribune and UAV Registration Project coordinator. No changes were made to the UAV National Monument Com-

mittee, which is co-chaired by UAV members PNC Mathew Koziak and former US Army Chaplain Bishop Daniel Zelinsky of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States. Oksana Koziak was reelected president of the UAV National Ladies Auxiliary.



(4th from the left) UAV NLA President Oksana Koziak



Oksana Koziak and Sandra Kondratiuk



(L-R): C. Shalay, R. Rondiak, LTC. F. Sobchak, LTC I. Sobchak, PNC R. Rakowsky

65TH UAV NATIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

- 65-1** Hereby resolve to raise the awareness of the service and achievements of Ukrainian American veterans within the Ukrainian American community and in the United States at large.
- 65-2** Hereby resolve that the UAV will make a more concerned effort to reach out and recruit veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and all other previous conflicts to join the UAV.
- 65-3** Hereby resolve to successfully raise the necessary funds to complete the UAV National Monument with the next 12 months.

NC Leonid Kondratiuk, Post 31 (MA) - Chairman

Members:

- NVC Ihor Hron, UAV Post 40 (FL)
- N Adjutant Mathew Koziak, Post 42 (PA)
- Michael Matiash, Post 14 (CT)

ATTENTION UAV POST COMMANDERS

NEW UAV DUES EXEMPTION RULING

The Membership Committee, chaired by IPNC Anna Krawczuk, included Roman Rondiak, Post 40 (Fla.); Steven Wowk, Post 15 (Conn.); Christian Shalay, Post 101 (Mich.); and Roman Maksimowich, Post 101 (Mich.).

During convention deliberations, PNC Edward E. Zetick of UAV Post 1 (Pa.) raised a concern that long time UAV members, who are unable to pay their dues, are removed from posts' rosters and cease to be UAV members. PNC Zetick expressed his strong conviction that this is a bad policy that hurts individual veterans and the organization as a whole.

The Committee took this into consideration and a motion was raised: *"To entitle permanently and totally disabled (PTD) UAV members in good standing for five or more consecutive years to be dues exempt, if unable to pay, with the privileges of active members."*

This motion passed and became effective immediately.

The discretion and responsibility for providing the UAV National Executive Board with names of veterans who meet this criteria will fall on Post Commanders, who are to notify the UAV National Executive Board in writing, indicating "PTD" next to the name of any veteran on the Post Roster qualifying for this exemption.

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Newly elected UAV National Commander, Ihor W. Hron, thanked outgoing Commander Brigadier General Leonid Kondratiuk and NEB Officers for their service and dedication to the UAV. He presented Kondratiuk with a Special UAV Medallion.

During the convention banquet Myroslaw Pryjma, UAV National Welfare Officer, was recognized for his long service on the UAV National Executive Board.



(L-R): NC Ihor W. Hron, M. Pryjma and IPNC L. Kondratiuk

photo by N. Skirka

Banquet guest speaker Lt. Col. Frank Sobchak, U.S. Army, was also presented with a Special UAV Medallion in gratitude for his attendance and for presentation about his experiences as a Special Forces Officer. Lt. Col. Iris Sobchak, USA National Guard, accompanied her husband to the banquet. It should be noted that both Frank and Iris are graduates of the United States Military Academy at West Point.



(L-R):IPNC L. Kondratiuk, NC Ihor W. Hron, LTC. F. Sobchak and LTC I. Sobchak



Delegates in session



Delegates deliberating ...

Editor-in-chief of *Svoboda* and *The Ukrainian Weekly* Roma Hadzewycz was awarded a special plaque of appreciation, which was accepted on her behalf by PR Officer Bernard Krawczuk and Anna Krawczuk, PNC. They personally presented the plaque to Ms. Hadzewycz on December 5, 2012, at the UNA offices in Parsippany, New Jersey.



We are very grateful for the editorial in the November 11, 2012 issue of the *The Ukrainian Weekly*. (See page 19)

DONATIONS FOR THE UAV NATIONAL MONUMENT

UAV National Ladies Auxiliary president, Oksana Koziak, presented a \$2,000 check for the UAV National Monument. UAV NLA also donated \$100 for the UAV Tribune Press Fund.

Post Commander Oleh Cieply of UAV Michigan Post 101 presented a check in the amount of \$3,000 for the UAV National Monument. PC Cieply also invited everyone to come to Michigan for the 66th UAV Annual National Convention, which will be hosted by his post in the fall of 2013.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 12, 2013 -

St. Thomas Sunday Commemorations at St. Andrews Cemetery in South Bound Brook, NJ

May 27, 2013 -

Memorial Day Observance nationwide

July 4, 2013 -

Independence Day nationwide

August 24, 2013 -

Ukraine's Independence Day

Welcome!

UAV members-at-large who joined our organization in 2012:

Maj Tania I Iwaskiw Wilkens, USA (Ret) - GWOT - served in Iraq

Eileen Masztalics - GWOT - Operation Enduring Freedom veteran

Bohdan Balaban - cold war era

LTC Bohdan G Kunciw, USAF (Ret) - Vietnam veteran

Michael Lypka - served in Korea

LTC Marko Nowosiwsky, USAF (Ret) - GWOT

John N Pawluk - WWII and Korean war veteran

Dr. Vasil Truchly - Korean era



SSGT Eileen Masztalics -USAF

Ukrainian American Veterans Scholarship Awards for 2011-12

by Nicholas Skirka, UAV National Scholarship Committee Chair

Every year, the UAV Scholarship Committee selects and awards scholarship money to undergraduate college students. The purpose of the scholarship award is to help students pay for books or school supplies. Students are required to write an essay (400-500 words) about a current military topic. This topic for 2011-2012 was "What role or strategy should the United States take in its continued efforts in the war on terrorism?" This is an ongoing theme because the strategy to fight terrorism changes every year; it will be assigned to scholarship applicants next year as well. Other criteria considered for a scholarship are academic achievement and extracurricular activities.

The recipients of the UAV Scholarship Awards are announced at every UAV convention. The six scholarships for the 2012-year went to the following:

Ryan Scott Lewis of Willington, Florida, who attends Florida Atlantic University and is majoring in Engineering, received \$500, courtesy of the Ukrainian American Club of Palm Beaches.

Patrick J. Schofer from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who is majoring in Business Administration/Accounting at Manor

College, received a \$500 award donated by Stan and Halyna Jakubowycz from New Jersey.

Daniel John Bonner from Greenville, Pennsylvania, who is majoring in Sport Management at Ohio University, received a \$400 award funded by the UAV National Ladies Auxiliary.

Markian R. Borkowsky from Westfield, New Jersey, who is majoring in Environment Science at Boston University, received a \$300 award.

Roman Peter Krywulch from Westfield, New Jersey, who is majoring in Engineering at Lehigh University, received an award for \$200.

Nicholas Steven Amatangelo of St. Charles, Illinois, who attends Loyola University and is majoring in Communications/History, received \$200.

The UAV Scholarship Committee is grateful to the generous donors who made these awards possible: Stan and Halyna Jakubowycz (\$500), Mathew and Oksana Koziak (\$100), John R. Hill (\$100), Michael Ralko (\$100), Joseph Buchma (\$100), Inia Yevich-Tunstall, MD (\$100), and Post 27 (\$100).



Ryan S. Lewis



Patrick J. Schofer



Daniel J. Bonner



Markian R. Borkowsky



Roman P. Krywulch



Nicholas S. Amatangelo

Who Can Apply To be eligible for a UAV scholarship, applicants must be descendants of or related to Ukrainian American Veterans. Students should be full-time undergraduate students in a degree program at an accredited college or university or attending an accredited trade school or institution with a degree program.

When to Apply Applications are accepted all year around with the deadline for the fall semester of each academic year being August 31. Students can apply for the scholarship while in their senior year in high school; college attendance will be verified before the awards are given in the fall semester. Additionally, students may reapply for a scholarship award up to four times during their college career.

How to Apply Students interested in applying for the UAV Scholarship Award for the 2012-2013 academic year should fill out an application and submit it to the Scholarship Committee along with a copy of their most recent college transcript, an essay on this year's military topic, and a passport picture. Applications are available on the UAV website: www.uavets.org.

Thank You and Please The UAV National Scholarship Committee members are Nicholas Skirka (Chair), John Tkachuk, Peter Olijarczyk, Peter Matthews, and Russel Olijarczyk. On behalf of the Ukrainian American Veterans (UAV), we sincerely thank all those individuals and organizations that donated to the scholarship fund. Without your generous support this program would not be possible. A special acknowledgement and appreciation is extended to the UAV National Ladies Auxiliary and Ukrainian American Club of Palm Beaches for their continued support of the UAV Scholarship Fund.

Businesses/corporations, community organizations, and individuals who would like to make a tax-exempt donation, should make checks payable to: UAV Scholarship Fund. Those who contribute \$100 or more will be mentioned or have an award presented in their name(s). Contributions should be mailed to the UAV National Scholarship Officer, Nicholas Skirka, 109 Windsor Terrace, Yonkers, N.Y., 10701. Applications for the scholarship award should be sent to the same address. For additional information, readers may email:

nskirka@optonline.net or call at (914) 965-3707.

Anthony Bilyj UAV Post 1 – Greater Philadelphia, PA

by Edward A. Zetick, PNC, Post Commander

UAV Post 1 concluded a busy fall season with meetings and events. We continue to recruit new members and to raise the profile of the UAV in our area. Our principal project and goal is to erect a plaque honoring departed American veterans of Ukrainian heritage from the Philadelphia region in the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, (UECC) Jenkintown, Pa. This is our post's regular meeting site and the home of more than 30 organizations, including the Ukrainian Heritage School, the co-operative day care "Svitlyczka", Voloshky Dance Ensemble, Plast, Sum, UNWLA, and other groups.

On October 6, 2012, the UECC held the inaugural Ukrainian Festival on its grounds. A number of post veterans volunteered to help at this event, and others manned an information table distributing information and talking up the UAV.

On November 10, 2012, the UECC hosted the annual veterans reception, which was co-sponsored by the Ukrainian Selfreliance FCU. The scheduled Post meeting was limited to discussion of the memorial plaque project, the inductions of new Post members, and the installation of Post officers.

Veterans returned to the UECC during the December 8th Christmas Bazaar. The Post information table describing the proposed veterans plaque with a large visual display attracted many visitors. We consider this event the formal kick off of the UAV Post 1 plaque project.



President of UECC, Borys Pawluk, extending greetings at November 2012 "Veterans Reception".



PC Edward Zetick (at the podium) administering the oath of induction to New UAV Post 1 members: (L-R) - W. Kaminsky, R. Andryczyk, T. Kowal, A. Passyn, P. Labiak, and R. Helo.



UAV Post 1 members during the reception.



PNC Mathew Koziak installing Post Officers: (R-L) - PNC Mathew Koziak at the podium, Edward Zetick –commander; J Midziak – vice commander; J. Hill – adjutant, M. Soltys – finance officer.

UAV Post 24 – Cleveland, Ohio

by Bohdan Samokyszyn - Post Commander

UAV Post 24 ran a successful Christmas raffle in 2012. We thank everyone who participated. We congratulate the winners: \$100.00 – Pam Radawiec; \$200.00 – Gary Edwards; and \$300.00 – Wasył Kopelziw.



N. Bartkiw, B. Samokyszyn, J. Shutovich at UPA's 70th Anniversary banquet, Oct. 21, 2012, Parma, OH



R. Rokowsky, B. Samokyszyn, N. Bartkiw at The Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, VA. on Nov 11, 2012



B. Samokyszyn, R. Rakowsky, J. Shutovich, N. Barkiw, A. Radka at the Vietnam soldiers Memorial in Washington, D.C. Nov. 11, 2012



Post 24 members at the Ohio Memorial, at the WWII Memorial in Washington D.C. Nov. 10, 2012



Post 24 members at Arlington National Cemetery Amphitheatre. Where President Obama spoke on Veterans Day.

Eulogy for U.S. Army Veteran, Jaroslaw Muzyczka, delivered by PNC Roman Rakowsky

Final Farewell

Dear Kin of the deceased, friends of the family and veterans of the U.S. Army. We are here to honor a former U.S. Army Veteran, Jaroslaw Muzyczka, who passed away on September 4, 2012, at Parma General Hospital, at the age of 91.

Jaroslaw was born on June 11, 1921, in Ukraine, one of three sons born into a priestly family. The oldest son, Roman, became a priest; the youngest, Eugene, joined the Ukrainian Underground Army (UPA) and was killed in action; and Jaroslaw entered medical school in Lviv, Ukraine.

With the coming of the Soviets in 1944, Jaroslaw had to leave Ukraine. He ended up in Germany, and after the end of World War II in 1945, he enrolled as a medical student at Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich and received his Doctorate of Medicine Degree from this institution in 1949.

Jaroslaw immigrated to the United States of America in 1950 and started his medical residency in Chicago, Illinois, specializing in Internal Medicine.

On April 21, 1953, Jaroslaw answered the call to duty and started fulfilling his military obligation in the U.S. Army. He was stationed stateside, also served in Korea and Japan. On April 18, 1955, Captain Muzyczka was transferred to the U.S. Army Reserves Medical Corps. He was honorably discharged on November 14, 1961. Jaroslaw's military decorations included the Korean Service Medal, a UN Service Medal, a National Defense Service Medal, and (1) O/S Bar.

Returning to civilian life, Jaroslaw completed his residency training in Internal Medicine in Canton, Ohio, where he established his own Internal Medicine Practice and together with his wife Larissa maintained a successful practice until his retirement in 1991. In 2011 Jaroslaw and Larissa moved to Cleveland, Ohio, to be closer to their friends and the Ukrainian Community.

This is our last salute to a comrade-in-arms and member of the Ukrainian American Veterans Post 24.

We salute you, Captain Jaroslaw Muzyczka.

Major Myron Diduryk UAV Post 30 — Freehold, NJ

by Anna Krawczuk, UAV PNC, UAV Post 30 Adjutant

To remember and honor.

2012 “Koliada” Fundraising for the UAV National Monument totaled \$715.00.

We are grateful to all our contributors who welcomed us in their homes.



photo by Bohdan S. Polanskyj

UAV Post 30 carolers during 2012 Christmas holidays. (L- R) Osyp Fedyna, Halyna and Stan Jakubowycz, Bernard Krawczuk and Jurij Jacus.

Holmdel, New Jersey, is the site of the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial that lists 1,562 names, including one servicewoman, of New Jersey residents who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War. The Memorial Biography Project is currently embarked on a mission to collect their biographical data.

Among those honored by the New Jersey memorial are at least eight persons of Ukrainian American heritage. To date, we have only three biographies of Ukrainian American Vietnam Heroes from New Jersey: the biographies of Bohdan Peter Brydun, Myron Diduryk, and Mikolaw Nicholas Melnyk.

We have also received information from other states about Ukrainian Americans killed in combat in Vietnam: Peter Paul Huk of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Nikolaus Zozula of Boston, Mass.; Henry Luciw of NYC, N.Y.; and Peter Fedasch of Amsterdam, N.Y.

We thank Irene Hluckyj, for sending biographical data of her beloved cousin Bohdan Peter Brydun, whose family settled in Jersey City, New Jersey, after arrival to the United States after World War II, and worshipped a St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church.

We thank UAV Post 6 Commander Michael Fedirko for his help in finding the relatives of Nicholas Melnyk in Linden, New Jersey, and for obtaining the biography of a young immigrant soldier who gave his life in Vietnam. We are pleased to share this Ukrainian American soldier’s biography with readers of this edition of the UAV Tribune.

Mikolaw (Nicholas) Melnyk was born on December 15, 1948, in Hamburg, Germany, to Ukrainian parents Catherina Lysyk Melnyk and Ilka (Elias) Melnyk. The Melnyk family immigrated to the United States of America in 1949 and settled in Linden, New Jersey, where young Nicholas grew up. He was a graduate of St. Vladimir’s Ukrainian Catholic School in Elizabeth, N.J. and of Linden High School, class of 1966.



Nicholas enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1968 and completed his basic training in Parris Island, S.C., before being deployed to Vietnam. He arrived in South Vietnam on July 30, 1968, and served as a rifleman with Company I, Third Battalion, 26th Marines, 1st Marine Division, III MAF. PFC Melnyk was promoted to Lance Corporal, in December of that year.

On December 8, 1968, during an evacuation mission known as Operation MEADE RIVER, the team lost its squad leader to enemy fire. Mikolaw took over and, with complete disregard for his own safety, effectively supervised and assisted his Marines to achieve mission in Quang Nam Province. According to U.S. Marines sources, his heroic actions were instrumental in the successful evacuation of numerous Marines, thus saving their lives.

Mikolaw’s body was recovered and brought home for burial at Rosedale Cemetery in Linden, New Jersey. He left behind his parents, two brothers and two sisters. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Czomko of Linden, N.J., whose daughter was LCPL Melnyk’s goddaughter, for donating his photograph in uniform to the UAV Registration Project.

In 1982 the city of Linden, New Jersey, honored their hero with a monument and by renaming 12th Street Park in Linden “The Nicholas Melnyk Park” with proper ceremonies and presentation of a New Jersey State Senate Resolution commending the heroism of Nicholas Melnyk, by N.J. State Senator and Mayor of Linden John T. Gregorio, who sponsored this resolution. Msgr. Joseph Fedorek, pastor of St. Vladimir’s Ukrainian Catholic Church in Elizabeth, New Jersey, blessed the marker.

We are very grateful to all who have helped us in this endeavor and in our continuing efforts to acquire biographical data about other Ukrainian Americans who served and made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. We are counting on your continuous assistance. Please send us the names of Ukrainian Americans who were KIA and/or served in Vietnam.

Please email us at: uav.post30@verizon.net or mail to:

UAV Registration Project
PO Box 172
Holmdel, New Jersey, 07733-0172.

General John B. Turchin UAV Post 32 – Chicago, PL

by Peter Lysenko, UAV Post 32 Public Relations Officer

Activities and Events

UAV Post 32 has 35 members and is co-located with American Legion Post 943. This arrangement enables greater leveraging of resources for American veterans of Ukrainian heritage. Annual parades on Memorial Day, 4th of July, Veterans Day, and other holidays and events commemorating veterans or commemorated by veterans are apportioned between the two organizations. In addition, the obligations of our American veterans are fulfilled with an eye to the needs of the Ukrainian community in the greater Chicago metropolitan region. Our participation in these varied activities encourages members from outside groups to participate with us in post-sponsored activities and events. We welcome all under our colors.



In May 2012, UAV Post 32 participated in the annual Memorial Day Parade in Chicago. The UAV was well represented by a strong contingent, and was supported (as it is each year) by the Army Reserve, which provides vehicles and transportation for some of our members.

July 4th found Post 32 members on parade in Palatine, Illinois, riding on or marching alongside a float provided by one of our own creative members, Fed Kolodziej, Commandant USMC Dep 1, Arlington Heights, Illinois.



The Howard County Vietnam Veterans Organization held its 30th Annual Reunion. Sept. 13 - Sept. 16, 2012, in Kokomo, Indiana. Many Vietnam and Vietnam-era Post 32 veterans attended and actively participated in the events, which included a somber ceremony of remembrance followed by good entertainment, fine dining, and heartfelt toasts.



To commemorate Veterans Day on November 11, 2012, UAV Post 32 members attended a service at the Sts. Volodymyr and Olha Ukrainian Catholic Church in Chicago, celebrated by visiting Bishop Borys Gudziak. After the liturgy, our UAV members posted American colors at the front of the church and posed for a photo with the congregation.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel welcomed Oleksandr Popov, Head of Kyiv City State Administration, who arrived in Chicago on December 3, 2012, to renew a 1991 Chicago-Kyiv Sister Cities Agreement that they both signed. To commemorate this historic alliance Chicago Avenue and Oakley Boulevard was designated "Honorary Kyiv-Chicago Sister Cities Way".

UAV Post 32 members attended the commemoration and presented colors.



left: PC Peter Bencak, member veterans, Alderman Maldonado (of the 1st Ward) and Oleksandr Popov.

Memory Eternal

We bid a sad farewell to John Matusiak on November 6, 2012. Sgt. Matusiak was a UAV Post 32 member and served in the U.S. Army. A generous donation from his family to UAV Post 32 and to American Legion 943, allowed us to purchase a new bugle, will be engraved with John's name, dedicated to both posts, and used for all memorial services.

On November 9, 2012, Post 32 members attended funeral services for Veronica Bihun, beloved wife of Adam Bihun, UAV Post 32 Quartermaster. Veronica was always a supportive presence, helping Adam with various veterans' matters. She will truly be missed by all of us.

Memorial services were held on September 15, 2012, for John Horodecki, president of the Ukrainian American Club, which has always supported the UAV. John retired after 33 years of dedicated service to the City of Chicago and was a representative of the Ukrainian Village Community and its organizations throughout his life. John will be greatly missed but not forgotten.



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

by Atanas T. Kobryn, PNC – Post Public Relations Officer

Veterans Install Officers, Honor Citizens

North Port's UAV Post 40 held its installation of elected/re-elected officers at a luncheon held on Thursday, November 8, 2012, at the prestigious Heron Creek Golf and Country Club in North Port. More than 90 veterans and guests witnessed this year's traditional installation ceremony, which was conducted by newly elected UAV National Commander Ihor W. Hron, the Immediate Past Post 40 Commander, who also served as master of ceremonies.

Installed during the November 2012 ceremony were Post Commander Eugene A. Tomashosky of North Port; Vice Commander Col. Roman Rondiak, USA (Ret) of Osprey; Adjutant Roman E. Kilar of N. Fort Myers; Finance Officer Col. Askold D. Mosijczuk, M.D., USA (Ret) of Clearwater; Quartermaster Dr. George Baranowskyj of Venice; Chaplain/Service Officer Orestes S. Lazor of Port Charlotte; Historian John Czerkas of St. Petersburg; and Public Relations Officer Atanas T. Kobryn, PNC, of North Port.

National Commander Ihor W. Hron introduced special guests attending the event: North Port City Commissioner and Vice-Mayor Jim Blucher and his wife Ardith, Kiwanis Club of North Port president Marty Murphy, North Port Area Republican Club president Ken Maturo, North Port Kiwanis and Neighborhood Watch member Larry Larson, representative of AMVETS Post 312 Charles Mangold, Past Commander of Marine Corps League Detachment 948 Kenneth A Mille, Ukrainian American Club of Southwest Florida and North Port Chapter of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America president Daria Tomashosky, "Hromadskyj Komitet" president Roma Guran, "Oseredok" president Victor Lisnyczyj, UAV Past National Commanders Walter Shipka and Atanas T. Kobryn, as well as veterans of the 1st Ukrainian Division, Ukrainian National Army.

After a prayer and a blessing offered by the Very Rev. Ivan Fatenko and Rev. Dr. Severyn Kovalyshin, pastors of local Ukrainian Orthodox and Ukrainian Catholic congregations respectively, a delicious lunch was served. After lunch,

National Commander Hron presented special awards to Klara Szpiczka of North Port for her outstanding and dedicated service in many organizations in the North Port area and in her former residence in Syracuse, N.Y.; and to Lidia Bilous of Osprey, whose involvements and generous contributions to the Ukrainian Museum in New York City, the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, and her exemplary work with the many national and international charitable, educational, and cultural entities, too numerous to be listed here.

Commemorative UAV medallions were presented to Charles Mangold and Kenneth A. Miller, two representatives of other veterans' organizations who attended the installation event. The third special award was presented to Commissioner and Vice-Mayor Blucher, who was visibly surprised and appeared to be overwhelmed at the enthusiastic and approving applause of all present.

The local daily newspaper The North Port Sun covered the installation and award ceremony, publishing nine photographs to illustrate the article written about the event in the paper's weekly column "Our Neighbors – The Ukrainians."

This was one more successful undertaking of the active and well respected UAV Post 40, pride of the Ukrainian American community in Southwest Florida, and respected by the North Port authorities and the entire community.



Installation of officers, (L-R): Gene Tomashosky (Commander), Roman Rondiak (Vice Commander), Askold Mosijczuk (Financial Officer), George Baranowskyj (Quartermaster), Orestes Lazor (Chaplain), John Czerkas (Historian) and Atanas Kobryn (Public Relations)



Commander's Award Recipient Klara Szpiczka, Roman Rondiak (Vice Commander) and Iron Hron (Past Post Commander)



Commander's Award Recipient Lidia Bilous with Roman Rondiak (Vice Commander) and Ihor Hron (Past Post Commander)



Gene Tomashosky (commander) with wife Daria Tomashosky (President of the Ukrainian American Club of Southwest Florida)

UAV MICHIGAN POST 101 – WARREN, MI

by Oleh R. Cieply, Post Commander

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCES IN WARREN, MI

In the afternoon of November 11, 2012, numerous members of military and veteran organizations assembled at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit to observe the Veterans Day and Remembrance Service. UAV Michigan Post 101 was represented by the following members: Oleh Cieply, Leo Cionka, Jurij Futiak, Oleh Karanec, Eugen Kondziolka, Roman Maksimowich and his wife Victoria, and Christian Shalay.

At the beginning of the service, numerous color guards (UAV Flag Bearers Kondziolka, Cionka, and Futiak among them) carried their flags down the cathedral aisle. Throughout the service the blue and yellow Ukrainian flag stood proudly at the front of the large church, alongside the flags of the United States and Canada. The commemorative service included choral singing, speeches, and prayers. Taps was played in memory of the veterans being honored. I would like to commend all of our UAV members who took time out from their busy personal schedule to be a part of this Veterans Day Observance.

Our post had initially scheduled a Veterans Day to be observed at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 12, 2012. On that day, Post 101 was to join other veterans to take part in a special service at the Ukrainian American Veterans Monument, which stands in front of the Future Credit Union. Due to inclement weather, this service was moved inside to the conference room of the Credit Union. Special prayers were read for those who once served and those who are now serving by Father Mario Dacechen, OSBM, and Father Walter Rybicky, OSBM, both from St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Warren, and by Very Reverend Father Paul Bodnarchuk from the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Southfield, Mich. After the prayers the Fathers blessed the wreath that was later laid at the monument outside. The observance concluded with a short speech by the Post Commander and all present joined in singing “God Bless America.” Attendees then shared a light repast—coffee, provided courtesy of the Future Credit Union, and donuts served by Mr. Myron Woronowycz. We are grateful to the Fathers for their prayers and their participation in the Veterans Day observance. Our most sincere “thank you” is extended to Mr. Andrew Jachimowich and the managements of the Future Credit Union for letting us use their conference room for this event.

UAV MICHIGAN POST 101 ARCHIVE

I am very happy to report that our new Historian, Mathew Wroblewski, has very successfully negotiated with the management of Warren’s Ukrainian Cultural Center and has reserved Room #4 (upstairs) as our archive center, a permanent storage place for records and documents of our Post. Mathew

has done a great job organizing these documents. Mathew! We thank you and congratulate you for a job well done, and for being the first to successfully coming to grips with this complex job, which has been long overdue.

IN MEMORIAM

It was with great sadness that we learned that our long time member, Orest Hawryluk, M.D., died suddenly on October 17, 2012, in his home in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. Dr. Hawryluk was a lifetime member of UAV Michigan Post 101. He was an active member of various Ukrainian Diaspora organizations and dedicated his life to the Ukrainian scouting organization Plast. He was a parishioner at St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church in Jenkintown, Pa.



Orest was born in Ukraine in 1931 and immigrated to the United States with his parent, the late Michael and Maria Komarnits’ka Hawryluk, in 1948, after WWII. He completed medical school at the University of Missouri and received a Master’ of Public Health from Columbia University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1987, retiring with the rank of Colonel. He served in Vietnam and was awarded a Vietnam Service Medal (4), a Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and a Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation. His other decorations included Legion of Merit, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (1), Overseas Service Bars (2). Colonel Hawryluk later served as Chief of Preventive Medicine at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Office of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army, in Washington, D.C. retiring from this position on February 28, 1987.

Orest is survived by his wife Anna, his children Andrianna with husband Andrew, Markian with wife Kateryna, and Boris with wife Marusya, and his granddaughter Virlana, as well as by family in Ukraine, Poland, Canada and Austria. Requiem Liturgy for the repose of Orest’s soul was celebrated at St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church. He was laid to rest at St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery in Elkins Park.

Memory Eternal!

Вічна пам’ять!

UAV New York Post 301 – Yonkers, New York

by Nicholas Skirka – Post Commander

August 24, 2012. Ukrainian Independence Day in Yonkers, New York



(R - L): Stephan Szkaforowsky, Nicholas Skirka, Wasyl Zakotiria, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, John Tkachuk, Rev. Archpriest Kiril Angelov of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, John Tkachuk, Sr. and others.

Sp4 Nikolaus Zozula UAV Post 31 – Boston, MA

By Stephen A Kostecki, Post Commander



Sadly we bid farewell to our member John Baryski, Jr. – highly decorated Vietnam War Hero, who passed away on August 7, 2012.

John was born in Salzburg, Austria. The Baryski family immigrated to the United States in 1949 and settled in Massachusetts where he grew up. He was inducted into the US Army on September 20, 1968, served with distinction in Vietnam and upon return was transferred to the USAR.

Sgt. Baryski was honorably discharged on September 1, 1974.

His numerous decorations included the Air Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Bronze Star Medal W/OLC and ARCOM W/OLC among others.

He is survived by his wife Olga (Banadyga), sons Andrew and Paul with families, as well as extended family.

Memory Eternal.



The Ukrainian Weekly Sunday, November 11, 2012

Recognizing our veterans

Editorial by Roma Hadzewycz

Since 1998, the Ukrainian American Veterans have been working on their project to register all servicemen and servicewomen of Ukrainian heritage who have proudly served or are on active duty in the U.S. armed forces.

Within five years, the UAV had recorded 3,115 names based on information submitted by the registrants themselves, plus information from archived sources, such as honor rolls like those found at our parishes and national homes, plaques, monuments, etc. "The UAV Registration Project Report 1998-2003" Volume I, was dedicated to World War II veterans and was released to coincide with the dedication of the National World War II Memorial in Washington on Memorial Day 2004.

By 2011, as reported at the recent UAV national convention (see story on page 8) by Anna Krawczuk, a past national commander of the UAV who now heads the registration project, the UAV had more than 1,000 fully documented registrants and information on nearly 7,000 more names. "But this is only the tip of the proverbial iceberg, since it has been estimated that more than 200,000 Ukrainian Americans served in World War II alone," Mrs. Krawczuk explains.

Compounding the problem is the fact that, from the late 19th century to 1991, many soldiers of Ukrainian heritage were incorrectly identified as nationals of countries occupying Ukrainian territory, for example, Austria-Hungary, Poland and Russia. Thus, the registration project also aims to set the historical record straight.

The UAV-Registration Project continues. Volume II, which is dedicated to Korean and Vietnam war veterans, is now being compiled and its release is planned for Memorial Day of next year. The deadline for submissions for Volume II is December 15; there is no fee for registration. (For additional information and to get a registration form, readers may e-mail: uav.registration@verizon.net.)

The mailing address is
UAV Registration Project,
P.O.Box 172,
Holmdel, NJ 07733-0172.)

Mrs. Krawczuk emphasizes that the UAV Registration Project has a long way to go and that it needs the help of the Ukrainian American community: "Please tell your relatives and friends ... and encourage them to register. You may register your loved ones as well." The history of Ukrainian American contributions to the U.S. armed forces is a story that must be told; it is a story that can be told with our community's assistance.

In-addition, the UAV is raising funds for a national monument that will be erected on the grounds of St. Andrew Memorial Church and Cemetery of the Ukrainian Orthodox Metropolia Center in South Bound Brook, N.J. (The site was donated by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A.)

The Ukrainian American Veterans National Monument Project strives to honor all Ukrainian American men and women who served in the U.S. armed forces, and the monument's design features the seals of the five branches of the U.S. military plus the UAV logo. Thus far, over \$57,000 has been raised for this worthy project, whose total cost is estimated at \$250,000.

As we mark Veterans Day 2012 on November 11, we ask our readers to please consider helping the UAV realize these two significant projects.



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