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Peter Bencak UAV NC

Dear Fellow Veterans,
In the late 1940's there was a popular song titled "Old Soldiers never die, they just fade away".

It was also remembered as a quote in the retirement speech of General Douglas MacArthur. Many people attributed this

phrase to General MacArthur and mistakenly believed that old soldiers truly just faded away. I feel certain that they were wrong, especially with the UAV.

Ukrainian American soldiers never die, they join the UAV!

Our association has existed for 70 years. It has a national membership with a reputation for vibrancy and activism. Since becoming National Commander, I am heartened and inspired by what I hear from our post commanders about their local public events. They tell me wonderful stories about community involvement including recruitment efforts, local festivals, activities that support all veterans, engagements in youth activity, and honoring municipal events with a formal Color Guard ceremony. However, we have not been limited to neighborhood activities, as shown by some posts who have higher ambitions.

Most recently I witnessed a wonderful transition of volunteerism that evolved from local activities to now include national, and even international ventures. Some examples are books for Ukraine and medical equipment for wounded soldiers from the war on Ukraine's eastern border. An important

recent project was an organized letter-writing effort to our Senators and Congressmen to help fund the rehabilitation of our wounded Ukrainian brothers and sisters.

Today, there are some UAV posts who partner with their communities to support the wounded with housing, nursing or caretaker assistance. The size of their membership is not important because they work together with churches and other organizations. The veteran's heart and enthusiasm encourages others to join our volunteer efforts.

I ask every post to submit some of their community efforts to our publications officer for inclusion in our Tribune because we can all benefit from the efforts of others. These articles should express our efforts. Reading about successes and near successes would be helpful for everyone.

Some of the world's greatest volunteers have been veterans. I know that the backbone of our UAV is helping others and welcoming veterans and their families to join our ranks.

Please support our 70th Annual National Convention. Come to the convention, buy an ad in our journal or join us at our banquet. Come out and meet with old friends and make new friends.

To paraphrase Benjamin Franklin, "We must all stand together or, most assuredly we shall all fail separately."

God Bless America!

God Bless Ukraine!

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26 years of Ukraine's Independence! Happy Anniversary

We extend our sincerest gratitude to our brothers and sisters serving at the front lines of freedom.

Слава Україні!

Ukrainian Sports Hall of Fame & Museum

Submitted by: Commander Peter Polny, Post, 27

UAV—VIP



The Ukrainian Sports Hall of Fame & Museum honors famous and prominent Ukrainian sports figures. Located in Whippany, NJ, every September this organization inducts their annual roster of sports celebrities. You can read more detailed information at www.ukrsportsmuseumhof.org.

Among last year's inductees you will find noteworthy Ukrainian superstars like: Wayne Gretzky – Hockey, Vitali and Wladimir Klitschko – Boxing, Mike Ditka – Football, Oksana Bauil and Victor Petrenko — Ice Skating.

Dr. Nicholas Skirka

This year has a new crop of special athletes who have been chosen and among the 2017 inductees we have our own Superstar who will join this truly impressive body of sports legends. He is UAV Post 301 Commander Nicholas Skirka and his background is really remarkable.

- Nicholas Skirka started playing soccer with the NY Ukrainian Sports Club. He played on the boys and juvenile and first teams and the first team that won the U.S. Open Cup in 1964-65. He won the high school city soccer championship with Haaren in 1961.
- In Argentina he played in the farm system, with Velez Sarsfield for one season.
- In Germany, while in the military, he played with “Sandhofen” in Mannheim.
- When he played at the University of Maryland they placed in the NCAA finals.
- He was All-American and the MVP of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC).
- He was selected to the All-ACC Conference team and All-South Team for 3 consecutive years.
- He played one year each with the Greek American Soccer Club and the Turkish American Soccer Club in the Cosmopolitan League and was on the Cosmopolitan All-Star Team several times.
- He played with the Krylati Ukrainian Soccer Club in Yonkers for 15 years.
- Dr. Skirka retired at 48 years of age, having played soccer for 36 years. He holds a Doctorate in Physical Education and has enjoyed coaching youth in high school, college and amateur soccer.

Who knew that under this quiet academic exterior there beat the heart of a champion. Commander Nicholas Skirka is our National Scholarship Officer and I would expect him to henceforth be also known as “The Legend”.

Congratulations to Dr. Skirka for his significant achievement. You are an inspiration to us all.





(L/R) Father Kurpel, Father Makar



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Memorial Day Post #1, Philadelphia, Pa.

Submitted by: John R. Hill, Post 1

Memorial Day was observed by Post #1 in Philadelphia, PA with a Panachyda at St. Mary's Cemetery in Jenkintown, PA. and another in Oakland Cemetery in Philadelphia, PA.

With the Post assembled under the command of Post Commander Edward Zetick, the St. Mary's service was led by Post Chaplain Reverend Father Paul Makar of St. Michael's Parish in Cherry Hill, NJ and Reverend Father Yaroslav Kurpel of Christ the King Parish in Philadelphia. The Post members then proceeded to Oakland Cemetery for another Panachyda led by Reverend Protopriest Taras Naumenko of The Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Vladimir in Philadelphia and assisted by Father Makar.

Although the weather was stormy with downpours, many post members and guests braved the elements to pay honor to the veterans who had passed. One member, Michael Nesevich came from Florida.

It was later announced that Father Makar was to be transferred to St. Nicholas Parish in Minersville, PA. beginning August 1st. The distance from Philadelphia will make it difficult for Fr. Makar to regularly attend the post's meetings but he will always be a member in our hearts.

Post #1 now looks forward to a pleasant summer followed by an active fall and winter season featuring Veterans' Day luncheon with ceremony of installing names of veterans on our Memorial Plaque, participation in the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center's bazaar and our annual baskets of cheer fund raiser.

The photographs were taken by Joanne Labiak and Myra K. Hill, both wives of post members.

UAV Quartermaster Announces New Inventory

Quartermaster Steve Kostecki happily announces two new additions to his store. He has acquired desktop replicas of our Ukrainian American Veterans National Monument. They are made from a composite material and come in two sizes.

These new items are a wonderful addition to our store. They are reasonably priced and can be used as presents, awards, presentations for achievements or gifts to special dignitaries or other VIPs.

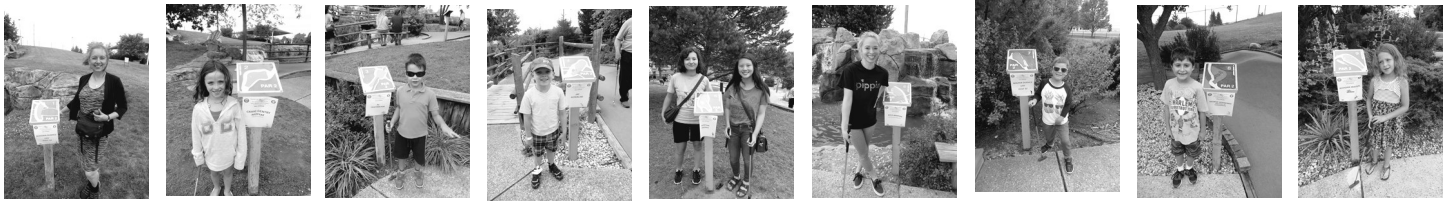
The recipient would be proud to display his or her support of veterans on the top of their desk, memento cabinet or mantle.

This is one more example of the personal attention given to our UAV store and we thank Steve for his dedication.



For more information call or email Steve Kostecki at 508-245-1890 or email: skostecki@comcast.net

LARGE: 11 1/4" x 7 1/4" for \$50.00 including shipping
SMALL: 7 1/2" x 5 1/2" for \$40.00 including shipping



1st ANNUAL JUNIOR MINIATURE GOLF OUTING

Submitted by: Bohdan Dudycz, Post 32

EVERYBODY IS A WINNER!

On July 16th, Post 32 embarked upon a new adventure. We hosted a family and Kid-Friendly activity filled with fun, food and festivities at a low cost to families. Admission was \$5 per adult and \$1 per child. For this modest admission fee attendees were given a round of golf, pizza & refreshments, raffles, free stuffed animals and raffle tickets for a door prize.

There were also games of chance like: The hole in one dare, a putting contest, guess the number of Tees in a jar, Open a locked treasure chest game and the "Longest Drive" challenge. Prizes were awarded for all winners in these activities (hint, everyone was a winner).

Trophies were awarded for the youngest girl golfer, the youngest boy golfer, the most distinguished (oldest) golfer, the best dressed golfer, and The Longest Drive winner (she drove in from Michigan to visit her family) and a Shortest Driver winner. The Door prizes included a PGA set of Stuffed bears, a BBQ set in an aluminum case and a full set of Girls clubs, balls and pink bag for juniors.

We had 15 sponsors for the 1 through 8 holes. Jeannie Prohny who provided a variety of pizzas and the Dudycz brothers who acquired prizes and trophies.

The weather started cloudy but ended full of sunshine and chuckles. 51 attendees made this first venture a resounding success where every smiling child left with armloads of prizes. Our small sum after expenses was deposited in our humanitarian fund.

We played for 4 hours on a miniature golf course. 6 volunteers handled all details. The most heard comments were "We didn't know how much fun this was going to be" and "we can't wait for next year."



Mini Golf Staff (L/R) Bohdan Dudycz, Ivanka Chychula, Stefan Weres, Myra Nalywajko, Walter Dudycz, Walter Nalywajko and Eugene Kinal



MICHIGAN POST 101 WEST POINT CADET

Submitted by: Commander Matthew Wroblewski, Post 101

“Duty, Honor, Country,” is the motto of West Point’s U.S. Military Academy and its graduates exemplify our best and brightest. If you look at their roster of graduates, history has proven that this institution is doing everything right.

Notable West Point graduates include 2 American Presidents, 4 additional heads of state, 20 astronauts, 74 Medal of Honor recipients, 70 Rhodes Scholars, and 3 Heisman Trophy winners. Among American universities, the academy is fourth on the list of total winners for Rhodes Scholarships, seventh for Marshall Scholarships and fourth on the list of Hertz Fellowships.

Michigan Post 101 would like to introduce its newest and youngest member to all UAV Posts. His name is Alexander George Voronovich. He was born February 12, 1996. He is in his fourth year as a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point. He is studying mechanical engineering and plans on branching out into Aviation.

Alex attended Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Schools from Kindergarten thru 3rd grade. He then attended Ridna Shkola and completed “Matura” in the 11th grade. He was also a member of Plast.

Welcome to the UAV Alexander. Thank you for your service.



Alexander George Voronovich



St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School, Chicago, IL Graduating Class of 2017

Submitted by: Bohdan Dudycz, Post 32

The Post 32 UAV docents hold a special place in the Ukrainian National Museum and the Ukrainian neighborhood.



All the adults present attended St. Nicholas School or other local Ukrainian institutions and all served in the United States military. They easily related to the youthful mindset of these young adults.

When the tour was over, our young people gained a new and respectful insight to the patriotism of Ukrainian American veterans. After meeting these young people, we can say that our future is in good hands.



The 8th grade graduating class of St. Nicholas School was treated to a special tour of the Ukrainian National Museum. The focus of this visit was the UAV permanent exhibit at the museum which was built and is maintained by UAV staff.

Several Post 32 UAV members escorted these young people through the museum, explaining the history of Ukraine and its modern warriors. Our students learned how they can relate to the generations that came before them.



The tour concluded with a fun-filled Dress-Up session with U.S. uniforms and weaponry.

(L/R pictures) National Commander Peter Bencak talks about the UAV permanent museum exhibit. Post 32 Commander George Horbenko explains details about the UAV membership. Students Surround retired State Senator and UAV member Walter Dudycz at the Dudycz exhibit. Commander George Horbenko poses with two students who try on U.S. Cavalry uniforms. Students from the St. Nicholas Ukrainian school and their teacher get prepared for “battle”.



UAV POST 17 MEMORIAL DAY

Submitted by: Zenko Halkovych, Post 17

On Sunday May 21, 2017 at 1:00 PM post members and guests gathered at the Cedar Lawn cemetery in Clifton N.J. to commemorate Ukrainian American veterans who proudly served their country. They answered the call to duty, and we acknowledge those who proudly served their country in various conflicts and who subsequently stepped into forever.

Father Yaroslav Yarist from the Saint Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Church conducted the memorial services.



Taps were rendered by post 17 member's son Nazar Fedorko.

At the conclusion of our memorial service post commander Walter Kowbasniuk invited all assembled to the Kirchans Grill for the traditional luncheon. Among the attendees were two active and



oldest post members, Peter Babirad 92 and PNC Eugene Sagasz 90. The lunch lasted about 3 hours and no one wanted to leave. Everyone felt the need to reminisce about our times in the service. We all took turns in relating our experiences. Among the gathered members was SFC Leonid Bulya who was home on leave.

We miss dear friends who are longer with us. May God bless them for their heroism, patriotism and military service.

POST 17 AND POST 27 - SWJATO HEROJIW COLOR GUARD

Submitted by: Zenko Halkovych, Post 17

Posts 17 and 27 were asked to present Colors on the YaYa campgrounds in Elenville, NY. The steering committee of the Swjato Herojiw event and its chairman Mr. Stepan Kaczurak president of ODFFU Inc. organized a program that honored heroes of various armed struggles that Ukraine was subjected to by various aggressors.

The July 2, 2017 event was well attended and of special importance was the honoring of the late Maj. Mark Poslavskyj, a west point graduate, who died in the ranks of Ukrainian volunteers currently fighting in Ukraine.

In the photo are Petro Polnyj post 27 and N.Y. State commander, Walter Kobasniuk post 17 Commander and post 17 members Jim Fedorko, Zenko Halkowycz.



Ukrainian Heritage Festival Opening Ceremonies

Submitted by: Quartermaster Stephen Kostecki



The Annual Ukrainian Heritage festival at the UNA Soyuzivka Resort , Kerhonkson, NY was held on Saturday, July 15, 2017. Ten members of the UAV from NY, NJ, CT and MA participated at the opening ceremonies. They formed a Color Guard and posted Colors as the audience sang the National Anthems of America, Ukraine and Canada. This ceremony concluded with a moment of silence for Ukrainian soldiers who have died in current war with Russia.

(Pictured in no particular order): The Color Guard: NYSC - Peter Polny, NJA/NJSC - Michael Hrycak, CTSC - Ihor Rudko, NQM/Vendor Booth - Steven Kostecki. Also attending were Post 6 Cdr- Walter Kovbasniuk, Andrew Hadzewich, Marta Biskup, Post 19 Cdr - Wasyl Szozda, Nick Jakowiw, Post 27 - Ivan N. Makuch, Roman Makuch, Micheal Buczek and NSchol Off/Post 301 Cdr - Nick Skirka.

Post 27 Color Guard Holy Trinity



Submitted by: Commander Peter Polny, Post 27

Post 27 Brooklyn, NY was invited by the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church of Staten Island NY to participate in the opening ceremonies of the 6th Annual Ukrainian Festival.

On June 4, 2017, Post Commander Petro Polny organized his post color guard and they were ready for the opening.

The festival was opened by Fr. Vasile Godenciuc with a prayer, the post color guard marched on to the stage and waited, the American national anthem was sung by a young parishioner, father Godenciuc invited a Ukrainian/Georgian war veteran to stand with the color guard.

The color guard pictured on the left consisted of (L/R) Post Commander Petro Polny, post members Ivan N. Makuch, Roman Makuch and Colonel Mamuka Mamulashvili Commander of the Georgian National Legion, which is an ally fighting alongside the Ukrainian army.

POST 24 ACTIVITIES - PARMA ON THE MOVE

Submitted by: Commander Bohdan Samokyszyn, Post 24



(L) This month American flags were placed on the gravesites of deceased at five different cemeteries. Poppy sales were conducted at our Ukrainian churches. Proceeds from these sales were given to the needy and to hospitalized veterans.



(R) A fundraiser was held in March for the Fisher House which will house the family of recuperating veterans from the VA hospital in Cleveland.



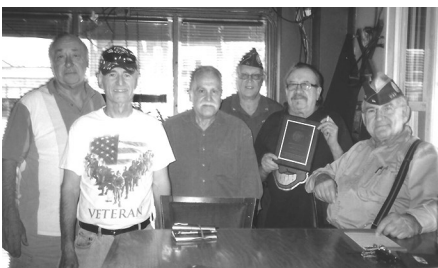
(L) Marcy Kaptur, Congresswoman from Ohio, serves on the House Appropriations Committee and on the Defense subcommittee. She invited military officers who briefed our group on how the US Army is training with the Ukrainian army. A slide show and a conference call with General N. Krawciw and other officers was used during our briefing. General Harris of the Ohio National Guard was also present. UAV post members participated in this meeting on April 30th, held at the Ukrainian Museum in Cleveland.



(L) Memorial Day services were attended by our post members at St. Vladimir's Church and St. Andrew's cemetery.



(R) Post members also attended the Panachyda service in St. Andrew's cemetery at the UPA memorial on Pentecost Sunday.



(L) Post 24 officers presented a plaque of appreciation to Larry Wasylow, owner of Larry's Tavern, for his continuous support of our veteran's organization.



(R) Post Commander Samokyszyn gave Post 24 Vietnam Veterans a Vietnam medal.

(L/R) E. Liszniansky, R. Rakowsky, E. Galandiuk and P. Olijarz

- Post 24 members marched in the Polish Constitution Day parade on May 7th.
- Post 24 members planned to march in the Ukrainian Village Independence Day parade on August 26th in Parma.
- Seven Post 24 members plan to visit Washington D.C. on Veterans Day weekend in November.
- We are pleased to welcome our two new post members Dr. Yuri Deychakiwsky, Navy veteran and Henry Cambareri, Army veteran.
- Our post members attended the Joint Veterans Commission Election of Officers and Awards luncheon on February 18, 2017 at the Embassy Suite in Independence, Ohio.

Jack Palance Post 42, Lehigh Valley, PA - Another UAV Celebrity

Submitted by: Jerry Kindrachuk, UAV Finance Officer



(L) Congressman Lou Barletta with Michael Yonkovig (seated) with (L/R) Post 42 Color Guard, Jaroslaw Chorwat, Jerry Kindrachuk, and young Luka Chorwat. Photo courtesy of "The Daily Item"



(R) A "Ukiefest" pavilion at Knoebels Resort

On May 20, 2017 Michael "Micky" Yonkovig, the 93-year-old World War II Veteran and member of Post 42, was presented with one of the highest military honors by Congressman Lou Barletta. Knoebels Amusement Resort near Elysburg, PA celebrated Michael Yonkovig and other veterans as part of Armed Forces Day. The event was attended by dozens of Micky's family and friends. Each spring Micky's daughter, Claudia Chesney and his son Michael, together with extended family members sponsor a family reunion celebrating Micky's birthday and a "Ukiefest" at Knoebels Resort.

Post 42 provided the Color Guard while Micky received several medals, but the Air Medal, given to soldiers "who distinguished themselves in aerial flights," meant the most to Yonkovig.

He served as a member of the United States Army Air Corps as a radio operator. He flew 23 missions in the Pacific theater, including 13 over Japan. He witnessed the dropping of the atomic bombs that effectively ended World War II. "When the atomic bomb was dropped, I saw dust. I saw buildings. I saw 80,000 people caught up in dust," said Yonkovig. The event was extensively covered by local TV, press and social media.



PLAQUE DEDICATION

Submitted by: Jerry Kindrachuk, UAV Finance Officer

Post 42 dedicated a plaque in the Lehigh Valley to the memory of men and women of Ukrainian descent who served in the Armed Forces of the United States. The dedication and blessing was held at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Bethlehem, PA. The blessing was conducted by Father Dan Gurovich and attended by parishioners, family and friends of the honorees on the plaque. Carol Hanych, cantor of St. Josaphat led the audience in singing God Bless America. The dedication and blessing was followed by a light lunch reception.

"Do you know what the secret of life is?" (Jack holds up one finger)

"One thing. Just one thing. You stick to that and the rest don't mean nothing."

Mitch: But, what is the "one thing?"

(Jack smiles) "That's what "you" have to find out."

Jack Palance

As Curly in "The City Slickers"

MAJOR MYRON DIDURYK UAV - POST 30, Freehold, New Jersey

by Anna Osinska Krawczuk, Acting Commander, Post 30



UAV Post 30 Patron Major Myron Diduryk was killed in action by a sniper in Vietnam on April 24, 1970, and because he was known to some of our members as a young "Plastun" (Ukrainian Boy Scout) in Jersey City, N.J., we designated him as Post 30 patron. This led to our involvement with the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Holmdel, New Jersey. When we were requested by the officials of the Memorial to submit biographical data and photographs of the fallen heroes not on file, we went to work. With the help of the UAV members and friends, we were able to fill in (one by one) the missing information about those we knew to be of Ukrainian heritage. We understand that there may be others unknown to us, and thus our search continues.

LEST WE FORGET

These names are etched in stone together with the more than 58,000 names etched on the Vietnam Veterans Monument in Washington, D.C. and the 1,562 names, including the name of one woman, on the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Holmdel, N.J.

UAV Post 30 members plan to participate in ceremonies on Veterans Day, on November 11, 2017, New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Day on May 7, and on Memorial Day, in Holmdel, New Jersey, in 2018.

Major Myron Diduryk, USA, Somerville, N.J.
Cpl Bohdan Peter Brydun, USA, Jersey City, N.J.
PFC Andrew Fedor, USMC, Flemington, N.J.
Sp4 Bohdan Kowal, USA, Clifton, N.J.
LCpl Mikolaw (Nicholas) Melnyk, USMC, Linden, N.J.

Sp4 Nicholas Szawaluk, USA, Hackettstown, N.J.
Sp4 Michael Yaworsky, USA, Somerset, N.J.
Sp4 Julius Zaporozec, USA, Hackettstown, N.J.
Sp4 Wladmir William Zubar, USA, Paterson, N.J.



POST 32 CHICAGO, IL

Pictures submitted by: Bohdan Dudycz, Post 32

(Left): Post 32 provided a Color Guard for the St. Joseph the Betrothed Catholic church for their UketoberFest. Post members surround (L/R) Pastor Mykola Buryadnyk, Chrystya Kosacz and Fr. Volodymyr Kushnir.

Upper right: Post 32 members and supporters gathered for the annual Chicago Memorial Day parade.

(Right): A special Color Guard for the UCCA annual Ukrainian Days festival and celebrating the 26th anniversary of Ukraine's Independence.



UAV MULTI-POST COMMEMORATION OF MEMORIAL DAY AT OUR MONUMENT

Submitted by Zenko Halkovych, Post 17

National Monument Officer of the Ukrainian American Veterans (UAV) Mathew Koziak PNC (Past National Commander) who currently is responsible for the upkeep and beautification of the monument dedicated to all Ukrainian/American servicemen and women who served in the armed forces of the United States of America arranged with Metropolitan Anthony to conduct a memorial service at the UAV monument.



New Jersey state commander Michael Hrycak notified all New Jersey UAV post commanders to participate in this solemn event with their post colors. And so it was decided that on Memorial Day May 29, 2017 at 1300 hours we would form our column and march to the monument. Participating were post 5, post 6, post 17, and post 42. State commander Hrycak formed the column, assigned the flags and wreath bearers and at 1300 hours we marched to the monument where we were met by father Vasyl Shak and the seminarians who sang the panachyda. Father Vasyl Shak had a sermon that reached deep into everyone's souls, it was about honor, duty and country. After the conclusion of father's homily the wreath bearers placed the wreath at the base of this most magnificent monument and rendered the military hand salute. The weather was not very friendly, it was drizzling and somewhat cold for the end of May but as we stood by our monument we took pride that The UAV was able to commemorate all who served and those who died during their service with this magnificent, and yet very simple marker. There probably are hundreds of monuments that are bigger and costlier but none are as meaningful as our monument. Anyone interested in registering as a veteran or joining UAV see uav.org.

UCCA CELEBRATES ANNEVERSARY

Submitted by: Bohdan Dudycz, Post 32

On August 26th, 2017 UCCA, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America invited Post 32 members to participate in the Ukrainian Festival of 2017.

This year marked the 34th consecutive year that the Ukrainian Fest was held under the direction and sponsorship of UCCA-IL. We also commemorated the 26th anniversary of Ukrainian Independence.



(Left) National Commander Peter Bencak and Post 32 members prepare to get into formation to present Colors.

Two Ukrainian Americans and a Tryzub

Submitted by: Peter Terrebetzky, Post 27



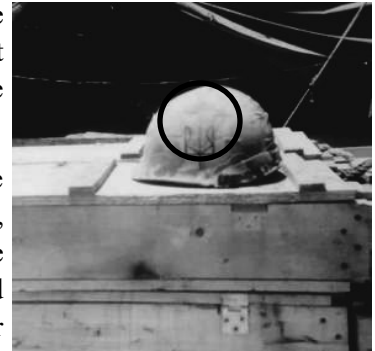
Peter Terrebetzky and Hrych Koots

Mankind has used symbols throughout history and arguably the most famous is the sign of the “Fish”. When threatened by Romans in the first centuries after Christ, Christians used the fish as a sign to distinguish friends from foes. According to one ancient story, when a Christian met a stranger in the road, the Christian sometimes drew one arc of the fish outline in the dirt. If the stranger drew the other arc, both believers knew they were in good company.



Ukrainians have a similar sign known as the Tryzub. This is a unique symbol that is not understood by non-Ukrainians but it has the power to help Ukrainians recognize one another under any circumstance.

Such was the case of Pvt. Peter Terrebetzky UAV Post 27, FFO of Maspeth, NY. He was stationed in Vietnam 1969-1970 at a combat base, feeling alone and homesick, even though he was surrounded by many military. Being Ukrainian Peter drew a large Tryzub on the side of his helmet. (see circled area on right picture). He set it down and joined the chow line. This was where Peter met Hrych Koots, a grunt machine gunner and fellow Ukrainian American who shared the same wonderful youthful experiences and the terrifying current wartime anxieties as Peter.



Peter Terrebetzky's Helmet

Hrych spotted the Tryzub and made a beeline to Peter where they shared stories and compared family memories which comforted them. And so these strangers met, as did those Christians 2000 years earlier, and both Ukrainians knew they were indeed in good company. The Tryzub, adopted by our UAV, is truly a powerful symbol.

POST 24 REMEMBERS...

Submitted by: Commander Bohdan Samokyszyn, Post 24

We are remembering our Post 24 member, Jaroslaw Muzyczka on the 5th Anniversary of his death. He died on September 4, 2012 at the age of 91.

Jaroslaw was born in Ukraine on June 11, 1921. With the return of the Soviets in 1944, Jaroslaw left Ukraine and ended up in Germany where he enrolled as a medical student at Ludwig Maximillian University in Munich. He subsequently received his Doctorate of Medicine Degree in 1950. Later that year Jaroslaw emigrated to the United States and started his medical residency in Chicago, Illinois, specializing in Internal Medicine.

On April 21, 1953, Jaroslaw was called to serve in the U.S. Army. He was stationed stateside then transferred to Korea where served as a medical doctor in the 38th Parallel Medical Society. As an added bonus he received his U.S. citizenship. After Korea, he also served in Japan. In 1955 Captain Muzyczka was transferred to the U.S. Army Reserves Medical Corps. He was honorably discharged on November 14, 1961.



His military decorations included the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Returning to civilian life, Jaroslaw moved to Canton, Ohio where he completed his residency training in the practice of Internal Medicine. In 1958 he married Larissa Zwarun and opened a successful private practice until 1991.

On November 1, 2011, Jaroslaw and Larissa moved to Cleveland, Ohio to live closer to their friends and the Ukrainian Community.



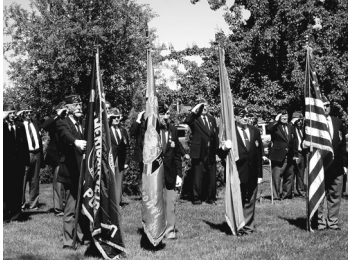
MICHIGAN POST 101 COMPENDIUM



MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Submitted by: Commander Matthew Wroblewski, Post 101

Michigan Post 101 observed Memorial Day with a Panachyda on the grounds of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, a wreath laying ceremony at our Ukrainian American Veterans Monument, and our annual luncheon with members, family and friends held at the Ukrainian Cultural Center.



UKRAINIAN SUNFLOWER FESTIVAL

(L & R) Immaculate Conception and St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Churches along with the I.C. Schools held their Annual Sunflower Festival, August 5th, and 6th. The UAV had a table selling pilsner beer glasses and assorted veteran items.



UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

(L) Two members of our Post, Commander Matt Wroblewski and George Futiaik, participated in the celebration of Ukrainian Independence by being the Color Guard at the event held at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, on August 26, 2017.

“We owe this freedom of choice and action to those men and women in uniform who have served this nation and its interests in time of need. In particular, we are forever indebted to those who have given their lives that we might be free.”

President Ronald Reagan 26 May 1983



HONORABLE MENTION

Post 101 is honored to introduce our “Most Distinguished” member. This is Mr. William Szypa. He is a World War II Veteran and also served in the Korean War.



Post 31 Boston Massachusetts
PNC BG Leonid Kondratiuk MC Presides
over a Flag Raising in Boston Mass, 8/24/17.

Photos submitted by: UAV Quartermaster Stephen Kostecki

(R) Post 31 May 20, 2017, PNC Leonard Kondratiuk and National Quartermaster Stephen Kostecki attend a wreath presentation for Post 31 Patron Nicholas Zozula at a town square named after him in Rolindale, MA.



(L) Michael Hrycak and PNC Matt Koziak were in the Honor Guard for the Ukrainian Heritage Day celebration in New Jersey.

The organizer, Myron Bytz, and his wife Chrystia, are very supportive of the UAV.

Photos submitted by: Commander Peter Polny, Post 27



WHEELCHAIRS FOR UKRAINIAN WOUNDED UPDATE

Submitted by: National Adjutant John Steciw

In Feb 2017 members of UAV Post 32 packed eleven boxes of accessories for shipment. The wheel chair accessories, 30 mechanical and 6 motorized wheelchairs. We worked with Meest/Karpaty Chicago, Toronto and Eleos-Ukraine, a charitable organization headquartered in Ukraine. The first shipment which consisted of everything but the six motorized wheelchairs arrived safely in Ukraine around Easter. The motorized chairs have not been shipped yet. The shipping is more complicated.

Thankfully, the fundraising efforts have been very good and we'd like to thank Mr. Victor Odarczenko, a retired medical supply distributor, for the wheel chairs and accessories.

Ukrainian American Veterans in Action

Helping Ukrainian Soldiers Get Medical Treatment in United States Military Medical Facilities

Submitted by: Commander Ihor Rudko, Post 14 & UAV Judge Advocate Michael Hrycak

We are urging all Ukrainian American Veterans to contact their respective Congressmen to support the following amendment to the still pending National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2018:

Section 1250(b) of National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114-92; 126 Stat. 1068), as amended by section 1237(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328; 130 Stat. 2495), is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(12) Treatment of wounded Ukraine soldiers in the United States in medical treatment facilities through the Secretarial Designee Program, and transportation, lodging, meals, and other appropriate non-medical support in connection with such treatment (including incidental expenses in connection with such support)”.



(l/r) COL Sergiy Panchenko, Michael Hrycak, Myron Melnyk, and Ihor Rudko at Senator Blumenthal's office in the Senate Building, Washington, DC, 18 April 2017

Initially, Ihor Rudko, Connecticut Department Commander, Walter Kovbasniuk, Post 17 (Whippany) Commander, and Michael Hrycak, New Jersey Department Commander and Colonel Mykhaylo Kyrylenko, Military Advisor to the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations, shared their interest in acquiring greater medical treatment for wounded Ukrainian Soldiers.

Subsequently, Myron Melnyk, Post 33, New Haven, Connecticut, started an effort through the auspices of Senator Richard Blumenthal to further aid the treatment of Ukrainian Soldiers in the United States.

Myron Melnyk, Ihor Rudko, Michael Hrycak, and Colonel Sergiy Panchenko (Air Attache, Office of Military Cooperation, Ukrainian Embassy) attended a meeting with key staff at the office of Senator Blumenthal in Washington, DC. During the meeting the details of the initial Ukrainian Soldier treatment in 2015 were discussed, as well as requirements for current treatment, including the procedure for medical review. The treatment at military medical facilities had already been authorized, but we discussed the funding of other non-medical expenses, such as per diem for meals, housing and assistance.

Following Myron Melnyk's efforts, on June 16, 2017, the same UAV group met with Senator Blumenthal and Senator Reed's staffers to further advocate the NDAA amendment. Currently, the NDAA is ready to be debated and passed in the coming months. National Commander, Peter Bencak, and the National Executive Board of the Ukrainian American Veterans, have made passage of the amendment an action item for the Ukrainian American Veterans to mobilize the entire Ukrainian American community and its supporters.

Slava Ukraini! Glory to Ukraine!

To all UAV members! Please take a few minutes to help our brothers and sisters in arms. On the opposite page you will find a suggested letter that needs to be sent or emailed to your congressmen. We need to lobby these elected people to get the needed help. You can copy the letter, include your congressman's name, sign it and mail asap. All congressmen's addresses can be found at: www.house.gov/representatives/.

Dear Congressman,

We, Ukrainian American Veterans (UAV) having served in the U.S. Armed Forces support the work that you have been doing to strengthen the military and to provide for a robust defense of our nation. We wholeheartedly endorse an increase in the U.S. Defense budget and in a strong military presence to defend U.S. interests throughout the world.

As Ukrainian Americans we continue to be concerned about the unfolding situation in Ukraine and the aggressive role of Russia, not only there but in other parts of the world. We are alarmed by Russia's meddling in our election and in those of our allies. The sanctions bill overwhelmingly passed by Congress and recently signed by the President serves as a signal that such intrusion cannot be tolerated.

In Ukraine the situation continues to deteriorate. Crimea, sovereign Ukrainian territory, has been forcibly annexed by Russia. In southeastern Ukraine the frozen conflict there, supported by Russia, has been escalating in violence. In these territories, controlled by the so-called separatists, but supported by Russian Armed Force, Ukrainian-owned businesses have been nationalized and the ruble is being introduced as the legal currency. Russia is now paying pensions to the elderly in these regions. The Russian propaganda onslaught there against the West continues unabated. Almost 2 million people have been displaced from these areas, and over 10,000 killed.

We encourage the U.S. to provide lethal defensive weapons to Ukraine to enable Ukraine to protect its citizens and territory from this ongoing aggression.

On the humanitarian front we call for increased medical assistance to Ukrainian soldiers on the front lines who have suffered grave injuries while defending their Homeland and its people. A provision has been introduced into the NDAA (S.1519 in the Senate) for this purpose for severely wounded Ukrainian soldiers who cannot be treated further in Ukraine:

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We ask for your support of the NDAA and all of its provisions for an improved defense of the United States.

Sincerely,

POST 32 REMEMBERS...

Submitted by: Bohdan Dudycz, Post 32



Post 32 Honor Guard Presenting Colors

In 1999 Post 32 UAV was established and our chaplain was the Reverend Father Pavlo D. Hayda. He was the Pastor of St. Joseph the Betrothed Catholic Church and he was known to all as Father Paul. He supported Post 32 veterans vigorously and provided all spiritual needs to our post members. Unfortunately he was a fatality in a vehicle accident in 2007. On 9-2-17 a memorial service for Father Paul was held in St. Nicholas Catholic Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

18 Post members were the Honor Guard for the blessing of Father Paul's monument. A sizable throng of parishioners and family were in attendance and the service was followed by a mass in the church.

Even though a decade has passed, Father Paul remains among us in our memories and in our hearts.

Вічна Пам'ять!

Securing Ukraine's Sovereignty: The Road Ahead

Submitted by: UAV Judge Advocate Michael Hrycak

Dr. Walter Zarycky, Chief of the New York Bureau of the Center for U.S.-Ukraine Relations, along with The American Foreign Policy Council, Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, and the Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation organized the eighth in a series of dialogues with senior defense officials and experts from Ukraine, as well as defense experts and members of Congress from the United States. The roundtable dialogue was organized in Washington, DC, at the Library of Congress in a series of panels:

1. Divining Ways to Strengthen Ukraine Militarily.
2. Assessing Ways to Secure Ukraine on the Diplomatic/Political Front.
3. Ukrainian Security and the Incoming Administration.
4. Examining Ways to Bolster Ukraine Economy/Energy Matters.
5. Information Hybrid Warfare in Ukraine.
6. Ukrainian Security and the Next Congress.



UAV Judge Advocate
Michael P. Hrycak

This was augmented by appearances and participation by members of Congress, or their national security staff members, as well as members of the government of Ukraine. This roundtable was a significant discussion about the status and condition of Ukraine as seen by informed non-Ukrainian notables with influence in Washington. We suggest that all our members read this transcript and we make it easily available.

If you wish to read this noteworthy document you can do one of the following:

- A. Go to our website uavets.org and you will easily find it available for download
- B. Send an email to dahonorable@att.net. In the "subject" line, enter "Securing Ukraine's Sovereignty Article". The Publications Officer will email a response with the article attached.

Please do not pass up this opportunity to gain valuable information.



(L/R) Vice Commander Gene Tomashosky, UAV Post 40, Ukrainian Army Colonel Yaroslav Cholovsky, Ukrainian Army Colonel Svitlana Boiko, Ukrainian Army Colonel Alexandyr Zchytnyk, Commander Roman Rondiak Post 40, Colonel U.S. Army (Ret.), Rev. Roman Badiak, Post 40 Chaplain.

HQ US CENTCOM, MacDILL, AFB FB,FL

Submitted by Commander Roman Rondiak, Post 40

On December 1, 2017 HQ US CENTCOM conducted an International Coalition Night on the Air Force base. About 60 friendly Coalition Countries provided their liaison/representative officers to CENTCOM.

Once a year each coalition country sets up a table in a huge airplane hanger. They serve samples of their traditional food and drinks to celebrate their friendship as they expose their culture to other nationalities.

For many years Ukrainian residents and Ukrainian American Veterans (UAV) from nearby ST. Petersburg, Sarasota and North Port, FL etc. have supported Ukrainian officers by providing traditional dishes such as: varenyky, holubtsi, kowbasa, borsch, baked goods and other delectables. This year was no exception. The Ukrainian table maintained its popularity.

ENTHRONEMENT OF BISHOP BENEDICT

Submitted by: Bohdan Dudycz, Post 32



(Center right) His Grace Benedict (Aleksiychuk) surrounded by clergy and UAV Post 32 members.

Post 32 Chicago was asked to be the honor guard for the Enthronement of The Most Reverend Benedict Alexsiychuk as the 5th Bishop of the St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy. His enthronement was conducted by His Beatitude, Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halich, Father and Head of the UKRAINIAN Greek-Catholic Church.

The enthronement was in the presence of The Most Reverend Christophie Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America. This event was held at St. Nicholas Catholic Cathedral in Chicago, IL.

Following the Enthronement, Post 32 members presented colors for the new Bishop at the celebratory luncheon attended by over 300 people at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Chicago, IL. *Picture by: Myra Nalywajko*

QUARTERMASTER STORE



National Quartermaster Stephen Kostecki

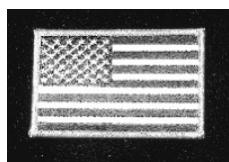
All UAV memorabilia is available through our National Quartermaster Stephen Kostecki. To get a shipping quote or to order an item please contact:

Stephen Kostecki at 508-245-1890
Or email: skostecki108@comcast.net

The Cover and flag patch are uniform requirements and the remaining items are great as gifts for friends or family. Please add Shipping and Handling to each order unless specified.



UAV Post Cover—\$48.00
 Include size when ordering



American flag and UAV arm Patch for Summer wear. Sold as a set - \$13.00



Veteran Pin \$3.00 each



2 Flags Pin \$3.00 each



UAV Monument Coin \$10.00



UAV Monument Coin in case - \$30.00



UAV Registry Project 1998-2003 \$3.00



UAV Baseball Cap with the UAV emblem \$15.00 (One size fits all)



UAV Pocket Notebook With the UAV emblem \$3.00 each

Desktop replica of our Ukrainian American Veterans National Monument



Navy blue UAV Golf Shirt with the UAV emblem - \$35.00
 Include size when ordering



Jacket Emblem to be worn on the breast pocket - \$18.00



Tie or Jacket Pin \$5.00

LARGE: 11 1/4" x 7 1/4" for \$50.00
SMALL: 7 1/2" x 5 1/2" for \$40.00



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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: _____ (_____)
write 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 [] spouse

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 WWII-AAF

SERVICE DATES - including active duty, Reserve, and National Guard (copy DD Form 214 or equivalent)

From: _____ to _____

From: _____ to _____

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[] 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 DD Form 214 (or equivalent) and photo to the above address. Thank you.

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

(rev 2016)

UAV NATIONAL MONUMENT

Dear Fellow Veterans and Friends:

The Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc., is proud to remind everyone of the existence of the beautiful UAV National Monument on the grounds of St. Andrew Cemetery in South Bound Brook, New Jersey. The monument is striking in its appearance and impact and serves as a worthy reminder of the sacrifices and service of the hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian American men and women who served with honor and distinction in the armed forces of the United States. It will honor all Ukrainian Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice on the battlefields of the 20th and 21st Centuries.

A dedication ceremony took place at the UAV National Monument on October 3, 2015. We cordially invited everyone to visit this important site. The Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc., is the 6th oldest veterans' organization in the United States and dates back to 1948. This monument provides national exposure in the media and raises awareness of the contribution of Ukrainian Americans to this nation's freedom. It is especially important to raise awareness of our contribution to the United States of America at a time when Ukraine's very existence is threatened by Russia.

The erection of the monument was made possible by generous contributions from UAV membership, veterans' families and friends, from the public, and from Ukrainian American community nationwide. Although sufficient funds were raised to erect the monument, our financial needs go beyond the structure itself. We must finish the landscaping around the monument, erect a flagpole, install lighting and security, and establish a perpetual maintenance fund for the future.

Our goal is to raise an additional \$150,000 to complete the project and create an endowment fund

for perpetual care of the monument. Please consider making a generous donation to help us meet our goals. The UAV is a 501(c)19 tax exempt entity with EIN:23-2238720. Contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. Please share this information with your friends.

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Sincerely,

Peter Bencak
National Commander



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