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Ihor B. Rudko UAV NC

Dear Fellow Ukrainian American Veterans,

I sincerely thank the delegates to the 71st National Convention who elected me to be your National Commander.

When retiring IPNC Peter Bencak initially approached me with the recommendation that I take the helm I was stunned. Commander Bencak

impressed me as a hardworking and able leader and I enjoyed being under his command. His retirement and my election to this position was a wonderful surprise and I promise to do my best to further the goals of our organization.

My early years began in Berchtesgaden, Germany and at age nine my family immigrated to this beloved land of Washington. I grew up in the Hartford area where I attended schools in both Ukrainian and English. I am a Vietnam era veteran having served in the United States Air Force from July 1966 to July 1970, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant.. My goal of completing a career with the Air Force was cut short with the untimely death of my sister. This tragedy caused life altering trauma for my parents who needed my help, so I chose to leave the military and went home. This was the hardest decision in my life and I often think of what I missed by leaving the Air Force.

I have a half century of professional business experience. I worked at the Ukrainian Selfreliance New England Federal Credit Union. I started as a board member and eventually rose to the post of President, a position I chaired for eight years. I proudly held the office as Vice Chair and Secretary of the Ukrainian National Credit Union Association and

as Chair of UNCUA's Committee for Credit Union Development in Ukraine. My specialty was Contract Management, providing the processing of various Government and commercial contracts related primarily to the Aerospace sector. Working in this field helped me to alleviate my nostalgia for an Air Force career.

I joined the Ukrainian American Veterans Post 14 in 2008. I was elected Post 14 Commander in 2010 and Connecticut State Commander two years later.

I have been married to my wife Natalka for 47 years. We have three children Taras, Andrij and Motria, who all have successful careers. Our major blessings are our four grandchildren, Arianna, Santino, Andrij and Dominica Ann. I often say that I am blessed with good health, a wonderful life partner, a happy retirement and now, I'm the Commander of an organization that I admire. This is my American dream!

I love both the military and veterans and believe in the UAV and what we, together, can accomplish. I will do my utmost to increase our ranks and to get the diaspora and the American public to know us and to comprehend the blood, sweat, and tears that Ukrainian veterans endured in securing our freedoms.

In conclusion, I borrow this modified segment from our prayer as read by our Chaplains:

“God, I pray to you that you continue Your blessings upon us and to guide us in all our days so that we may be able to discharge our duties honestly and well.”

God Bless America!

God Bless Ukraine!

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Greetings for the Holiday Season and the New Year

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. May peace, love, and prosperity follow you and your family always. Remember your colleagues, friends, community and the US Troops who are fighting for peace and freedom.

Pray for our colleagues in Ukraine. May they also find peace and liberty in 2019.

Happy Holidays!

Veselych Sviat!

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INDUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW POST IN JOHNSON CITY, NY

Submitted by Commander Peter Polny

After four years of trying to start a new UAV Post in the Johnson City/Binghamton, NY area, the effort and work came to fruition for veteran Michael J. Dobransky.



(L) New Commander Michael J. Dobransky sworn in by State Commander Peter Polny.

On Sunday, September 23, 2018 his unrelenting work was rewarded when NYSC Peter Polny, NYSVC Roman Makuch and NYS Adjutant Ivan Makuch presided over the induction and installation of the new Post 43 members into the UAV family. NYSVC Roman Makuch did the honors of inducting the new members.

NYSC Peter Polny installed Michael J. Dobransky as the new Post Commander and Charles E. Ellsworth as honorary Vice-Commander. William J. Klish was to be installed also, but because of health reasons wasn't able to attend. Fr. Ivan Synevskyy of St. Johns UOC and Fr. Teodor Czabala of Sacred Heart UCC

eagerly accepted being co-chaplains of the new post.

Once the installation of officers was completed, Commander Polny read the UAV Charter stating that the new post shall be known as Post 43, Johnson City, NY and handed the document to new Post Commander Dobransky.

At the induction/installation ceremony the new members present were: Michael J. Dobransky, Walter N. Czebiniak, Charles E. Ellsworth, William J. Klish, Nicholas A. Tarcha and Tanya Zupancic. Unable to attend: Peter M. Dobransky, John T. Haluska, John Tylko, Stephan Wasylko and Lubomyr M. Zobniw.



(L) New Commander Michael J. Dobransky accepts the UAV Charter from State Commander Peter Polny.

Wounded Ukrainian Soldier Project

Story and photographs Submitted by Michael Hrycak

It was an unusual, but welcome development, when our Wounded Ukrainian Soldier Project team visited wounded Ukrainian Soldiers in Kyiv, Ukraine. We were introduced as Veterans of the United States Armed Forces that are Ukrainians, although not born in Ukraine. Essentially, all our contacts were told that our motives were pure. We came here because we love and support Ukraine.

Our teammate Ihor had traveled to Ukraine many times since its 1991 independence and was impressed that this was the first time that he wasn't considered an outsider (inozemny). We found that Ukrainian policy had changed, and non-native Ukrainians were accepted warmly with the saying "Where we are, there is Ukraine".

Our team consisted of Ukrainian American Veterans (UAV), Peter Bencak (MAJ, Army, Ret.), Michael P. Hrycak (LTC, Army, Ret.), Myron Melnyk (Army), Carl Harvey (CDR, USN, Ret.), Ihor Rudko (Air Force) and John Steciw (Army).

The Ukrainian American Veterans (UAV) "Wounded Ukrainian Soldier Project", started after we attended the



(l/r) In uniform: Myron Melnyk, John Steciw, Ihor Rudko, Michael Hrycak, Peter Bencak, Carl Harvey

wake of a Ukrainian soldier, who had been severely wounded in the current Russo Ukrainian War. He died after treatment at the Yale Hospital in New Haven, Connecticut (Roman Lutsiuk, 21 March 2016). The UAV had provided an Honor Guard for our fallen Brother in Arms, and, after witnessing his widow crying throughout the Panachyda service, we approached MG Volodymyr Havrylov, Military Attaché from the Ukrainian Embassy, Washington, DC. We expressed our commitment to help Ukrainian Soldiers that were battling the Russian Army since their invasion of the Luhans and Donetsk Oblasts in the Donbas Region of Ukraine. The Russian Army attacked with modern tanks, artillery, missiles, and

other Cold War era weapons, resulting in 4,000 Ukrainian Combatants killed in action.

Prior to our mission in Ukraine, we gathered in the offices of US Senator Richard Blumenthal in April, 2017. We were informed that the senator had supported not only Roman Lutsiuk's treatment, but 9 other Ukrainian soldiers' treatment and rehabilitation at Walter Reed Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. His staff recommended we pursue to amend the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that would authorize treatment of wounded Ukrainian soldiers as well as training for Ukrainian Health Professionals.

The legislative amendment was fast tracked, and we made several visits to The Hill. We gathered support from other Senators on the Armed Services Committee, as well as Representatives from the House. The amendment, included in the final version of the NDAA, passed both Houses, and President Trump signed it into law on December 2017.

Our project team worked closely with the Defense and Military attachés to the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington, DC. We were surprised at receiving an invitation to attend a Veterans' Forum in Kyiv on August 22-23, 2018 from the Veterans Affairs Committee of the Parliament (Verhovna Rada). Colonel Andrii Ordynovych, the Military Attaché, explained that this was an important invitation that required our collective attendance. The organizer, Oksana Hawryluk, put together a comprehensive two-day conference at the Arsenal in Kyiv, Ukraine. We eagerly accepted and made preparations for this historic summit.

We arrived in Boryspil Airport in Kyiv, Ukraine, on the afternoon of August 21, 2018. We were approached by two Ukrainian officers who escorted us to the Ukraina Hotel, which overlooks the Maidan. We were silenced by the solemnity of this site. This is where the Revolution of Dignity occurred from November 2013, through March 2014.



Peter Bencak, UAV National Commander

The next day, the Veterans' Forum commenced with a welcome speech by President Petro Poroshenko, followed by an introductory statement by our national commander, Peter Bencak. We then went to work where our co-chairmen, Myron Melnyk and Carl Harvey participated in two panels, "Foreign Experience in Veteran Socialization" and "Regional and Target Programs of Veterans Socialization". We also met with Dr. Ulana Suprun (Board Certified Radiologist from Michigan, USA), the acting Minister of Health, Vadym Svyrydenko, director of treatment for wounded Ukrainian Soldiers and Natalia Zaretska, his assistant. The underlying theme of our forum was: "Where we are, there is Ukraine" - "Там де ми – там Україна".

On the second day of the Veterans' Forum, Myron Melnyk and Carl Harvey participated in the panel titled "Volunteer Legislative Initiatives". John Steciw and Michael Hrycak participated in the panel, "Role of Volunteer Programs in The Current Period of the Russo Ukrainian War". We all met with Colonel Khomenko, a military physician charged with the treatment of Ukrainian Soldiers and Colonel Haluszka, his assistant.

That evening we visited the wall by Saint Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, which lists 4,000 Ukrainian soldiers killed during this military action. We found one of our Ukrainian American Veterans, Markian Paslawsky (KIA August 19, 2014), and formed up and rendered honors. We toured exhibits featuring items recovered during search and recovery missions, including the remains of about 340 casualties from two Ukrainian mechanized infantry battalions that were attacked after the first Minsk Agreement following the Battle of Illovaik on August 2014.



Ukrainian Wounded Soldier Project Team honors the Heavenly 100

On August 24, 2018, we stood in a VIP section next to President



The Ukrainian Independence Day Parade

Poroshenko's reviewing stand for the Ukrainian Independence Day Parade. It lasted several hours, included the five military components of the Ministry of Defense, and ended with several fly overs by Ukrainian Air Force aircraft. The parade was preceded by a presentation of awards of valor, followed by a moving speech by President Poroshenko, and presentation of the Armed Forces of Ukraine by General of the Army Stepan Poltorak, Minister of Defense.

On August 25, 2018, we visited The Kyiv Military Lyceum, a military high school whose director is Major General Ihor Hordiychuk. General Hordiychuk was severely wounded during a battle in August, 2015, in the Donbas region and presumed killed. As a special forces colonel, he led a squad behind enemy lines when they were attacked by a Grad, BM-21 multiple rocket launch system, and after two days his forces found him alive. He was accepted for treatment at Walter Reed Military Medical Center. We received a welcoming by four military students, who spoke in English (now a requirement), and a very informative tour followed by a briefing by General Hordiychuk. Next, we visited wounded Soldiers at the Kyiv Military Medical Center, followed by the Irpin Military Hospital, outside of Kyiv.

We had a chance to visit with, and give words of encouragement to, recently wounded Ukrainian soldiers, including multiple amputees.

We traveled to Lviv, in Western Ukraine, the next day, August 26, 2018, stopping along the way at Zhytomir Military Hospital, as well as a veterans' center that was a local project renovating an existing building that was due to be opened in October. We stayed overnight in Lviv, giving us a chance to enjoy the city nightlife.

The next morning, August 27, 2018, we visited the Lviv Military Hospital, where they had taken the initiative to develop rehabilitative care. Next, we visited the Armed Forces of Ukraine International Peacekeeping and Security Center (IPSC) at Yavoriv. This Combat Training Center (CTC) is modeled after the United States Army CTC in Hohenfels, Germany, or Fort Irwin, California, employing Observer Controller Trainers (OCT).

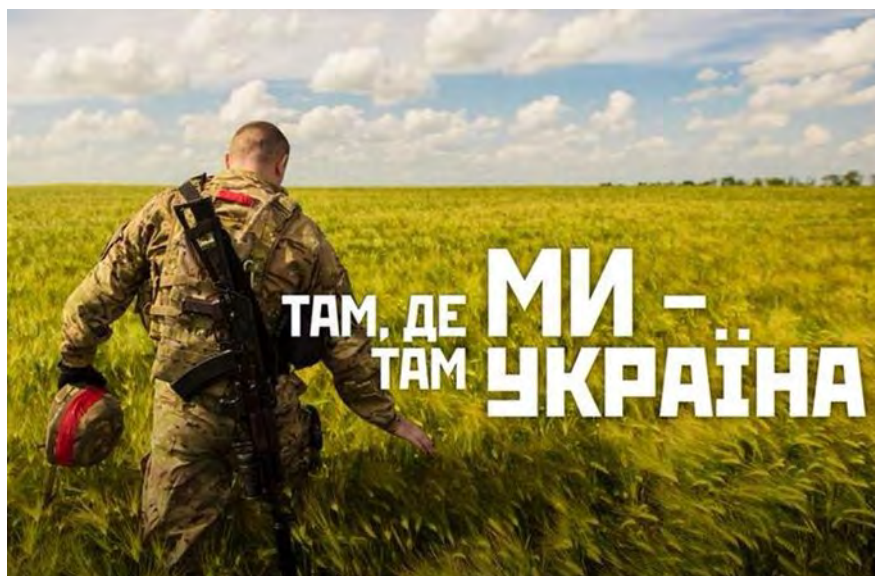


Ukrainian Wounded Soldier Project Team visits the IPSC in Yavoriv, Ukraine

The 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Tennessee Army National Guard had just assumed command of training under the Joint Multinational Training Group-Ukraine (JMTG-U) from US European Command (EUCOM) from the New York Army National Guard. They were anxious to greet United States' veterans and explain the training cycle of the Ukrainian Army brigade that had just started their comprehensive training.

We concluded our summit where we met with our host, Colonel Oksana Hawryluk, and the Military Attaché from the Ukrainian Embassy, Colonel Andrii Ordynovych. This was followed by an eight-hour drive back to Kyiv, for our flight home on August 28, 2018.

We were physically spent and emotionally wrenched after countless hours at summit tables discussing multilayered military and social topics. Our hearts felt bruised after meetings with military who were severely wounded during battle, especially those missing limbs. However, we were energized with a sense of purpose to help our brothers and sisters who imparted their nationalistic resolve to us. We now go home to amass assistance for these courageous warriors and to share the summit's motto with our American Ukrainians: "Where we are, there is Ukraine" - "Там, де ми – там Україна"



HELPING OUR WOUNDED UKRAINIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Since the fall of the USSR, Russia has hungered after Ukrainian territories for their rich agriculture and natural resources. In addition, Russia illegally annexed Crimea and the Donetsk and Luhansk Eastern Ukrainian oblasts, known as Donbas, as a path to access the Black Sea and the Mediterranean.

Ukraine is the only country in the world that's in open conflict with Russia in defense of its sovereignty and freedom. It stands as a buttress against Russian aggression and it's well known that if Ukraine were to fall, Europe and the West would be in dire jeopardy. Our mission is to help soldiers who are wounded in this battle, specifically those who have lost a limb in combat.



Members of our Ukrainian American Veterans organization recently toured Ukrainian military hospitals and found a great need for equipment and materials to help in the rehab process. Once a person becomes handicapped through this type of injury their lives are altered forever. People who lose a limb cannot recover on their own. They need therapy and prosthetics to regain their humanity.

The Ukrainian American Veterans are collecting donations for this charitable undertaking. We have established a Humanitarian fund to help these injured patients. All of the money collected will be used for acquiring and shipping rehabilitation equipment to Ukraine. We have volunteers to perform office functions and no funds will be spent on administration. Donations will be applied towards the acquisition and shipping of this equipment to Ukraine. We are a not-for-profit Veterans organization and all donations are tax deductible. Please help us save these combat heroes. Their sacrifices are worthy of your contribution. **For charitable donations please pick one of the following methods:**

1. A **Go-Fund-Me** page has been created. You can go to the following web site to contribute:
www.gofundme.com/wounded-ukrainian-warriors-rehab.

2. We have a Humanitarian Fund account at Selfreliance Federal Credit Union. Please send your donations to:

UAV Humanitarian Fund

Acct # 168319.10

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3. If you prefer, check donations can be mailed to:

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We are a Not-for-Profit Veterans organization and all donations are tax deductible.

We have a patron who has offered a dollar-for-dollar matching contribution for the money we raise. This patron has committed to matching every contribution up to \$10,000. In other words, if we raise \$10,000, he will give us another \$10,000 for a total of \$20,000 to be deposited in our Humanitarian Fund. The offer to match funds ends on December 24, 2018.

As we all know, raising money is no easy feat. However, in our Diaspora we can all pull together and raise some serious cash. For example, our membership is over 500. If each member donates just \$20 we would have the needed \$10,000. If 20 of our Credit Unions and other larger organizations gave us just \$500, we would raise the needed funds. If each of our 20 posts sends in \$500 each, we would have the needed funds. Any and all combinations of these methods of contributions will help achieve our goal.

This is likely the most ambitious cause that the UAV has taken on. **We can do this!** We can really help our brothers and sisters who have been traumatized by this conflict. Please pass the word among yourselves, see your contacts at the Credit Union or other savings institutions, fraternal organizations and businesses.

Any questions can be directed to your commander, any Executive Board member or: Bohdan Dudycz, PR/Publications/Officer 224-456-8944 or dahonorable@att.net.

**PLEASE HELP SAVE THESE COMBAT HEROES.
THEIR SACRIFICES ARE WORTHY OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.**

WW II VETERANS—POST 43 JOHN CITY, NY

Story & Photographs submitted by: Commander Dobransky - Post 43

The National UAV joins Post 43 in thanking Charles E. Ellsworth and John Tylko for their service during WWII. We are deeply grateful for their stories and honored that they are Co-Vice Commanders of their newly established post. As of this printing, Chuck Ellsworth is 91 and John is 92 years old. These two men show that America's "Greatest Generation" is more than a label.



ELLSWORTH, Charles E.

PETTY OFFICER 3, US Navy
(1942-44)

Served in S. Pacific Region

Charles (Chuck) entered the service in May 1942, a few months after his 15th birthday. He left high school to join the US Navy. He was a minor but his patriotic need to volunteer was very strong so he "fibbed" a little.

After a few months training in Norfolk, VA., Chuck was assigned to his first Naval vessel, the "USS Seminole," a personnel and cargo carrying ship. After familiarization training, Chuck's ship set out into the Atlantic, through the Panama Canal and eventually on to Guam, Eniwetok, plus very many islands in the South Pacific.

Upon arriving with several other Naval vessels at the first destination, which was already occupied by US forces, as they moved slowly into the bay, the ship in front of Chuck's was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine.

A huge ball of fire followed by an ear-splitting explosion severely damaged the vessel and forced many to jump overboard. The captain fired-up her engines, turned toward shore and immediately beached the vessel, thereby saving many lives. This memory haunted Chuck for many years.

Despite his early years, Chuck's responsibility was to pilot a LCVP (Landing Craft Vehicle Personnel) while the Seminole was in outlying bays of the islands. Chuck would pilot his craft to shore, pick up necessary supplies and very importantly, the mail. Because of the mail "from home" Chuck was very popular.

Piloting the LCVP as a young sailor was not without peril. Most trips were during the night without lights anywhere to avoid detection by Japanese submarines. What was constantly on his mind, was remembering the first torpedo explosion when he arrived at his first duty. Eventually, Chuck's "USS Seminole" was assigned for duty to the Philippines and carried cargo back and forth to mainland China and ongoing frequent trips and service in the islands

In mid 1944, the Seminole returned to San Diego and Chuck was released from active duty. Soon after he returned home and re-entered high school and graduated in Johnson City, NY. Chuck remained in the active and inactive Naval Reserve for 10 years and was discharged on 5 July 1954.



TYLKO, John

SGT, US Army Air Corps
1944-46

Served in Pacific Region
and Japan

John entered the service on June 30, 1944. At the train station in Johnson City, the train was full of departing young men entering the military and heading to Fort Dix, NJ. John and all the other men were provided a "shoe-box" which contained one orange, two sandwiches and a bible.

This departing gift was from Endicott-Johnson Shoe Corp, by far the largest employer in the area and at the time also the largest shoe company in the world. John distinctly remembers receiving the E-J shoe-box at the train station.

After official induction into the US Army Air Corps at Fort Dix, he was shipped to Wichita Falls, Texas for basic training. He was transferred to Lowry Field in Denver for several special courses in aerial photography and aerial gunnery training.

After completing this training, he traveled to Lincoln Field, NB to "crew-up" on a B-29 aircraft to perform night photography over Japan. This did not take place because Japan surrendered. John's next destination was Japan where he served with the US Occupation Forces until early 1946.

John returned to the USA at the port of Seattle in May 1946 on a troop ship with hundreds of other soldiers returning home after the war. As the ship awaited port entry/clearance in the Bay of Seattle, a small tug boat approached with a mixed group of entertainers from the USO to welcome the troops. Reaching along side the troop ship, the first entertainer to welcome them home was introduced over the tugboat's loudspeakers as coming from Johnson City, NY.

John couldn't believe his ears! She was introduced as Olya Travis. Olya started playing her small accordion, then began singing in Ukrainian the very popular song, "Tansuiy, tansuiy, veekrutzai, veekrutzai, etc, ...". John Tylko was absolutely stunned and he unabashedly cried while Olya played and sang.

Not only was Olya from Johnson City, she was also a member of John's own parish, St. John's UOC. What a welcome and what a coincidence! This fond memory of returning home from WW 2 has remained with John his entire life.

POST 17 AND 27 SERVING THEIR COMMUNITIES

Stories and photos submitted by Zenko Halkowycz, Post 17



(L picture) September 2, 2018: The UAV meets the president of the World Congress of Ukrainians (CKY) Eugene Chyliij. The Ukrainian American Youth Association camp grounds in Ellenville N.Y. provided a beautiful backdrop for this solemn occasion.

Mr. Chyliij addressed the crowd and then participated in laying a wreath for all the departed heroes of Ukraine who were killed fighting for Ukraine's freedom and independence. (R picture from L) adjutant of post 17 Zenko Halkowycz, President of the CKY, Eugene Chyliij, Post 17 Commander Walter Kovbasniuk.



(L picture) June 10, 2018: President Bohdan Kurczak (at podium) of the New York Self Reliance Federal Credit Union requested that Post 27, Brooklyn, NY, send a color guard to their Annual Meeting. Presentation of the colors at the opening ceremonies were (R picture from from L) , Peter Terrebetzky, Commander Peter Polny, NYSC/PC, Michael Buczek and Alexander Labunka.

POST 30 REMEMBERS...

Story & Pictures submitted by: Anna Krawczuk



May 7th has been the official New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day since 1991. New Jersey passed legislation to commemorate this day. We remember veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice on battlefields in Vietnam, all those who served during this conflict and those who died from Agent Orange after returning home. It is held at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Holmdel, New Jersey, where Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies are also held each year.

This year UAV Post 30 members PPC Jurij Jacus, his wife M. Orysia, PPC Bernard Krawczuk and PNC Anna Krawczuk attended the May 7th event, especially to honor Post 30 Patron Major Myron Diduryk who was KIA on April 24, 1970, whose name is carved in stone together with other New Jerseys KIA and MIAs on the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial and The Wall in D. C.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED AT THE METROPOLIA CENTER OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA



(L) “Memorial Day is a time to remember those who kept the faith and died in service to our country...It is our duty as Americans to praise their sacrifice, to bless their memories, to pray for their eternal repose, and to thank God for the freedom they preserve for us.” - Metropolitan Antony

With the chiming of church bells of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Memorial Church in South Bound Brook, NJ began this year’s prayerful observance of Memorial Day at the spiritual center of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA on May 28, 2018.

Several priests from the area, parishioners of various Orthodox and Catholic communities of the immediate Somerset County/Franklin Township area, along with numerous veterans of the US armed forces gathered around the newly blessed and dedicated memorial to the fallen heroes – Ukrainian American Veterans Monument in order to offer prayers for those that sacrificed their lives in the service of our nation.



(Top photo) PNC Anna Krawczuk and PPC Bernard Krawczuk.
(Bottom photo in white hat) Peter Polnyj, NY State Commander



A memorial flower wreath was laid in front of the monument by the representatives of the Ukrainian American Veterans and Metropolitan Antony on behalf of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and the larger greater community of Ukrainian-Americans.

The origins of Memorial Day date back to the Civil War when many cities and towns would set aside a day to remember those who died in the war. Originally called Decoration Day, it was officially proclaimed by General John Logan, commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, on May 5, 1868, and was first observed on May 30 of that year when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers buried at Arlington National Cemetery. In 1971, Congress passed a law placing the celebration of Memorial Day on the last Monday in May.

Peter Stachiw

UAV HUNTER EXTRAORDINAIRE

Submitted By: Bohdan Dudycz, Publications Officer
Photo by: Steve Stachiw

A UAV member of Post 32-Chicago, Peter Stachiw, was always a gun fancier and a hunting enthusiast. His thoughts often transported him to the old neighborhood where he would play the role of "Big Game Hunter". His brother Steve and the local boys would stalk pretend game like tigers, buffalo and antelope. His trusty Daisy Red Ryder Carbine would be at the ready in case they were attacked by a rogue boar. Those were good times that stayed with Peter well into his later years.

Now in retirement, an opportunity befell him and his brother to go on a safari to the Wild Africa Lodge in Limpopo Province, South Africa. Immediately, Peter made plans to travel to the Dark Continent. He and Steve made reservations and left in mid-April for the realization of a life long dream to Safari on a grassy savanna.

They landed at the airport and were met by a lodge employee who loaded their party onto a dusty pickup and drove them to base camp.

Peter was issued a 300 Winchester Magnum with a high powered scope. This weapon had amazing accuracy and power. Before bedtime everyone was given time to sight in their weapon. The next morning the 10 day safari commenced.

Rudy Britz, Afrikaner and professional hunter, was the assigned guide to the Stachiw boys. He explained that the hunting reserve was private and covered over 150,000 acres of flat land and rolling hills. The hunt is limited to non-endangered beasts and a permit was required for each animal. Waste was not tolerated. All trophy game was cooked and served to the hunters and excess meat was donated to hungry local natives.

The hunters were loaded onto trucks for transport to their assigned stations. Peter, with his guide close by, was told to lay down behind some cover and wait.

He lay on the dusty Savanna grass waiting



for his prey. He was prone and hidden behind a Leadwood tree whose wood is so dense, it actually sinks in water. He was thankful that this tree repelled termites because he left his insect repellent back at camp. It remained quiet for an hour and his thoughts wandered.

Lost in his reverie, Peter was startled to hear the harsh whisper of his guide Rudy. "Blesbok herd down field. Pick one and take your shot. Choosing a beautiful specimen, Peter sighted through the scope and down the barrel of his rifle. Overcoming his nervousness, he placed the crosshairs onto the best spot on the Blesbok's torso, held his breath and gently squeezed the trigger.

The buck went down without suffering and Peter, slowly exhaling, realized his dream. With one bullet he'd "taken" an adult, 160 pound African antelope at a distance of 280 yards (almost 3 football fields). The Blesbok was loaded onto a truck and taken to the camp's kitchen.

That night the hunters ate well and Peter was asked if he would return. This newly initiated Bwana could not talk having just bitten a huge piece of fresh Blesbok. He just looked at his fellow hunters and eagerly nodded his head. Peter is now planning a return to Africa for another adventure next summer.

A WIFE'S ODE TO HER HUSBAND

He didn't like my holubtsi
And he didn't like my cake;
He said my varenyky were too hard,
Not like his mother used to make.

I didn't perk the coffee right,
My borscht he wouldn't eat,
I didn't mend his socks the way
His mother did, so neat.

I pondered for an answer,
I was looking for a clue.
Then I turned and smacked the heck out of him
Like his mother used to do!



2018—2ND ANNUAL CHILDREN’S MINI-GOLF TOURNEY - POST 32 - CHICAGO

Story and Pictures submitted by: Bohdan Dudycz, UAV Publications Officer



Adam Yurkiw with family and friends. Next we plan to go on “Family Feud”



The Post 32 Children’s Golf Tourney. A family event for sure.



Al Pizzaro proudly shows his shiny crystal trophy. Rivald only by his smile.



Roxylna and Zoryana’s golf scores are eclipsed by their winning personalities.



John Steciw proudly shows off his prize. A framed collection of Golf equipment



Willy Telwak receives a trophy for the “Best golfer of the Tourney”

2018—2nd Annual Mini-Golf Tournament Sponsors

- Anonymous Adam
- Antonovych Boris
- Bencak Peter
- Dachniwsky Marie
- Dudycz Bohdan
- Dudycz Walter
- Friel Larry
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- Hrycelyak Maria
- Jaresco John
- Kowalski Jay
- Mirutenko Wasyl
- Pawliuk Bohdan
- Prohny Jeannie
- Ruffalo Russ
- SRFCU Walter Tun
- Steciw John
- Tagtmeyer Al
- Yurkiw Adam



Grandma Martyn knows who is the #1 golfer of the day!



Golf, Prizes, Trophies, Games & Pizza. “It doesn't get any better”

Pizza: Jeannie Prohny
Prizes & Trophys:
Bohdan & Walter Dudycz



(From L) Maxim, Sofia, Marissa, Teya, Makayla. AKA “The Benchwarmers”

POST 43 UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Story and pictures submitted by Commander Michael Dobransky Post 43



Mayor Richard C. David commemorates Ukraine's Independence Day with local Ukrainian American citizens.



Ukraine's Independence Day celebration is attended by Ukrainian Americans from Binghamton and Johnson City, New York. Joining them were Clergy from St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church and Sacred Heart Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Our day was blessed as a nice crowd of Ukrainian Americans gathered to celebrate the annual commemoration of the independence of their ancestral home, Ukraine. For hundreds of years enemies of Ukraine tried to break the spirit of these rugged people through torture, imprisonment, genocide, forced resettlement and even a Soviet led man-made famine. August 24, 1991 became the day of deliverance from 70 years of Communist Soviet oppression.

Bright sunny skies were in evidence in up-state New York when Ukrainian Independence Day was celebrated on August 23 at the City Hall of Binghamton, NY with estimated 50-60 Ukrainian Americans from the area. New UAV member Lubomyr Zobniw organized this celebration with Mayor Richard C. David as he has done annually for the past 27 years. Other UAV members from Johnson City attending the ceremonies were William J. Klish, Stephan Wasylko and myself. Present were Priests with members from both their parishes in Johnson City; St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church and Sacred Heart Ukrainian Catholic Church. Also attending were members of the Ukrainian Pentecostal Church in Binghamton plus representatives from "Together for Ukraine", a charitable organization for Ukraine.

A few speeches were made in celebration of Ukraine's Independence from the Soviet Union 27 years ago. Lubomyr Zobniw and Stephan Wasylko gave additional remarks pointing out the current illegal occupation of Crimea and the Donbas Region by Russian military forces. A moment of silence was held in remembrance of the Holodomor.

The ceremonies concluded with a vivid and joyous celebration with Mayor David and 2 children raising the Ukrainian Flag and leading everyone in singing the Ukrainian National Anthem.

Slava Ukrainiy! Heroem Slava!

God Bless America! God Bless Ukraine!

POST 17 & 27 UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY



Story by Zenko Halkowycz and pictures submitted by Zorjana Kovbasniuk

Post 17 and Post 27 color guard and membership were invited to participate in the traditional "Swjato Herojie". Participating were post 17 Commander Walter Kovbasniuk, Zenko Halkowycz and James Fedorko. Also attending were and Petro Polnyj, Post 27 State Commander NY and members of that post. Post 17 provided the bugler (Jim Fedorko's son Nazar). Approximately 120 CYM members, plus a couple of hundred members of the ODFFU (Organization for the Defense of Four Freedoms of Ukraine) as well as parents of the CYM members. All present attended the liturgy officiated by Bishop Paul Chommucky.

A short program, prepared by the ODFFU president Dr. Oles Strilchuk (a UAV Member), commemorated the many heroes that died for Ukraine's freedom. One of the invited participants was Marko Poslawsky's mother and sister and Andrij Kykan, a special guest speaker from Ukraine.

Pictured (from/L): Zenko Halkowycz, Post 17 Adjutant, Petro Polnyj, MY State Commander and Walter Kovbasniuk, Post 17 Commander.

UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR 2018



Wyatt Jackson Derkach (N.C.) attends University of North Carolina at Charlotte, majoring in Criminal Justice, is the recipient of the \$500 award in memory of Michael Demchuk who started the UAV Scholarship Fund in 1992-3.



(L) Brandon Paul Hrycak (N.J.) attends University of California Irvine, majoring in Environment Science and Policy, is the recipient of the Post 40 award of \$300.

® Anjelika Kuziv (IL.) attends University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, majoring in Molecular and Cellular Biology, is the recipient of the Post 40 award of \$300.



® Deanna Marie Koski (N.Y.) attends Pace University, majoring in Film and Screen Studies, is the recipient of the UAV Ladies Auxiliary award of \$300.



(L) Julianna Rose Shatynski (N.J.) attends The College of New Jersey, majoring in Elementary Education, is the recipient of the \$300 award.



Two students received \$200 awards. (L) Andrey Natalia Pencak (N.J.) attends Quinnipiac University, is majoring in Physical Therapy. (R) Alexander Ihor Kowinko (CT.) attends Sacred Heart University, is majoring in Nursing.



An investment in knowledge pays the best interest

Benjamin Franklin

Students interested in applying for the UAV Scholarship Award should fill-out an application, send their college transcript (unofficial copy), write an essay on this year's choice of topics, and email a camera digital picture. Applications are available on the UAV website: www.uavets.org and all this can be done electronically. To be eligible for a UAV scholarship, applicants must be descendants of or related to Ukrainian American Veterans. Applicants should be full-time undergraduate college students in a degree program. Moreover, students attending accredited trade schools or institutions that have a degree program are eligible as well. Students can apply while in their senior year in high school, college attendance will be verified before the awards are given in the fall semester. Applications are accepted all-year around and the deadline is August 31st. In addition, students may reapply for a scholarship award.

Applications for the scholarship should be sent to the UAV National Scholarship Officer, Nicholas Skirka, 109 Windsor Terrace, Yonkers, N.Y., 10701. For additional information, email nskirka@optonline.net or call my home phone (914) 965-3707.

The UAV National Scholarship Committee includes: John Galik, Peter Olijarczyk, Maksym Makarczuk, and Russel Olijarczyk.

POST 40 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS AND VACATIONERS

Story and pictures submitted by Bohdan P. Hirniak, Post #40

The UAV is blessed with a unique group of people. Each member not only loyally served their country of birth or their adopted country, the United States of America, but also pays homage and provides aid to our ancestral home, Ukraine. There is never a personal conflict of allegiance or duty.

Within this larger group of members are individuals who bring even more unique elements to this mix. These elements can be personal attributes, professional service, or philosophical direction. The North Port, Florida, Post #40 has been recently blessed by three such new members.

The first is Rev. Roman Badiak. He served our country as a Marine, and received an honorable discharge. Immediately afterwards, Rev. Badiak went to law school, got his law degree and entered the legal world where he spent all of his professional life. Apparently that was not enough, and Rev. Badiak studied for the priesthood, was ordained, and now serves as the parish priest at the Ukrainian Catholic parish of the Epiphany of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church in St. Petersburg, Florida.

The second is Rev. Oleh Saciuk, who, like Rev. Badiak, served our country in the Navy, studied law upon discharge and thereafter became a working attorney for his entire professional life. At the end of all that apparently Rev. Saciuk got the same call as Rev. Badiak, studied for the priesthood and was ordained in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and now serves as the parish priest at St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in North Port, Florida.

The third is the Honorable Lubomyr Jachnycky who studied law, became an attorney, served in the Army in a Military Police Battalion (earning a Bronze Star), was honorably discharged, and then started at the U.S. Justice Department, later becoming a U.S. Administrative Law judge, from which position he recently retired.

While each of our members is equal in personal dignity and achievements, it is interesting that our Post should be able to aggregate three individuals of such unique, yet similar, backgrounds. We now certainly have no shortage of spiritual, moral and legal guidance and advice.

On an unrelated matter, winter is still on top of us, particularly on you all up north. For those who are looking for an escape, consider spending a few or more weeks with us enjoying our perpetual summers. While here, you would also have the opportunity to stay active in UAV life by attending our Post #40 meetings which are held every first Friday of every month. We would welcome your presence. And who knows, you may decide to stay here permanently.



(From L) Bohdan Dudycz, Bobby Niles, Walter Dudycz

POST 32—3RD ANNUAL PICNIC

Story and pictures submitted by Bohdan Dudycz, Publications Officer

The 3rd Annual UAV Picnic was scheduled in June 2018 at the Ukrainian camp grounds at Round Lake, IL. UAV members and their guests were treated to an All American BBQ complete with baby back ribs, corn on the cob, hot dogs, hamburger's, brats, and all the fixings'.

Preparing the meal were Chefs Bohdan and Walter Dudycz supported by their official food taster Bobby Niles.

All attendees brought big appetites and left with happy tummies. A big thanks goes out to organizing chairman Wasyl Mirutenko for another "Job well done". It was so much fun that we all look forward to next year's picnic. Especially our official food taster.

POST 32 US NAVAL SEMINAR

Story & Photographs submitted by: Bohdan Dudycz, UAV Publications Officer

Command Navy Europe, Commander Sixth Fleet, Maritime Partnership Program (CNE-C6F MPP DET 513)



(L/R) Peter Bencak, UAV National Commander and CDR James Krueger, USN

The Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois was about to deploy a number of personnel to Ukraine. Their mission was not disclosed but they had a dilemma that threatened the success of that mission. What we were told is that their unit was being deployed to Ukraine in the near future and few among them knew anything about Ukraine and they needed some basic indoctrination.

Nicholas Hanchar was the only Ukrainian in their group so he was assigned to find a source to familiarize the rest of his unit about Ukrainian history, customs, and more. Through a local church he contacted UAV Post 32. National Commander Bencak mobilized his staff who immediately went into action. A seminar was prepared in collaboration with the Ukrainian National Museum, Saints Volodymyr and Olha Ukrainian Catholic church and some community leaders knowledgeable about the requested Ukrainian topics.

April 21, 2018 was set as the target date and preparations were made to host and tutor up to 40 naval officers and Chiefs. The seminar was 6 hours in length with a catered lunch featuring Ukrainian cuisine.

We began with a tour of the Ukrainian National Museum followed by touring a Ukrainian Byzantine church. Afterwards, the meeting commenced in the church's basement. We started with an invocation and a welcome message from Peter Bencak, National Commander. There were four parts to this event:

“Basic Ukrainian History 1918 - 2018” Presented by Bohdan Dudycz, UAV Publications Officer.

“Holodomor: Genocide of Ukrainians by J. Stalin” Presented by Nick Skyba, Ukrainian Genocide Committee.

“Ukraine’s Euromaidan: Relevance to the current war in Ukraine” Presented by Rev. Myron Panchuk Ph.D.

“Ukrainian “Everyday Life”: What to expect after arriving in Ukraine” Presented by John Jaresko, Pres. St. Andrews Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral Board.

Following the presentations, a one hour breakout session was allocated for further discussions and detailed questions & answers with UAV members. A benediction was spoken and closing remarks given from George Horbenko, Local Commander Post 32 - Chicago.

The sailors were impressed and complimented our Post for the professional and informative meeting. They especially appreciated the lunch that featured borscht, varenyky, holubchi, kapusta and kobasa with locally baked bread. We were asked if we could do this again and we responded with a solid affirmative. We were recently informed that the US Navy is planning a second deployment. We are now planning for another seminar to be held in the spring of 2019 and we are looking forward to it.



A small section of Naval personnel on a tour of the Ukrainian National Museum with Curator, Maria Klimchak (front row, center)



(L) Ukrainian “Everyday Life”: presenter John Jaresko



(L) “Holodomor: Genocide of Ukrainians” presenter: Nicholas Skyba



(L) Naval Personnel paying rapt attention to the UAV National Commander Peter Bencak

71st ANNUAL NATIONAL UAV CONVENTION

Story and pictures submitted by Bohdan Dudycz, UAV Publications Officer



Peter Bencak, National Commander presides over the convention



Delegates stand at the opening ceremonies of the convention



Steve Kostecki, our Quartermaster prepares supplies for delegates



Commander Bencak and Chaplain Bojsiuk remember those who left us this year



Colonel Jurii Ordynovych addresses the delegates prior to the evening's banquet



Official delegates and guests of the 71st Annual National Convention

The official 71st convention of the UAV began with a subdued excitement. The delegates settled in for a full convention that needed their undivided attention.

A lot went on this past year. A trip to Ukraine by 6 of our members to speak at seminars regarding Ukrainian veterans. A new initiative to acquire rehabilitative equipment for Ukrainian wounded was unveiled. (please see the report on pages 5-8 in this issue). A major discussion and vote was held to determine the frequency of our future conventions. There will be no change.

The change in Tribune printing dates was discussed and the vote for the electronic or regular mailing of the Tribune was announced. Future Tribunes will be printed and mailed in June and December.

Reports were given and approved, the audit committee presented their findings - no problems. Break-out sessions were set up for all to have a chance to present any new initiative for the coming year.

An election was held for a new National Executive Board (NEB). Ihor Rudko, CT State Commander is the new National Commander. Peter Bencak is now the Immediate Past National Commander. George Horbenko of Post 32 in Chicago has been appointed the new National Adjutant. All other positions will have the same officers as this past year. For a complete list please see page 3 in this issue.

The dynamic two-year term of Peter Bencak and John Steciw was filled with many accomplishments, notably setting up a Humanitarian Fund and meeting Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko and other dignities in talks aimed at establishing a Ukrainian Veterans Administration.



(From L) John Steciw, National Adjutant, Peter Bencak, National Commander, Bohdan Dudycz, National Publications Officer



Delegate introductions and Pledge of Allegiance



Myron Melnyk narrates a presentation about the Wounded Ukrainian Soldier team's trip to Ukraine



Delegates remember their departed brothers and sisters



Ihor Rudko, the new National Commander receives the official gavel from Peter Bencak, the IPNC

71st ANNUAL NATIONAL UAV CONVENTION BANQUET

Story and pictures submitted by Bohdan Dudycz, Publications Officer



Keynote speaker Andre Sochaniwsky, president of the Ukrainian War Veterans Association of Canada



Peter Bencak, Immediate Past National Commander and wife Regina.



Col. Andrii Ordynovych, acting defense attaché and military attaché of Ukraine's Embassy in the United States and guest



(L/R) Peter Bencak, IPNC and Walter Bodnar WW II Veteran



(From L) Peter Bencak, IPNC, Keynote speaker Andre Sochaniwsky and Walter Kovbasniuk, Commander Post 17



(On the right) Past National Commander Eugene Sagasz conducts the swearing in ceremony for the 2018-20 UAV National Executive Board and the UAV Woman's Auxiliary.

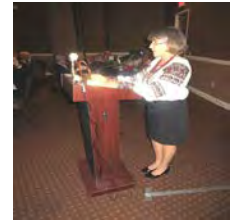
The 71st National Convention of the UAV, held in Whippany, N.J., was hosted by Post 17 and organized by Commander Walter Kovbasniuk and Adjutant Zenko Halkowycz.

The attractive Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey provided a comfortable setting for delegates' deliberations and debates. For two days, delegates, guests and members of the Ladies Auxiliary participated in different facets of convention activities.

Following the formal convention agenda, the official UAV banquet commenced with the posting of our national colors, an emotional POW-MIA Ceremony and introduction of the mistress of ceremonies, Roma Hadzewycz, editor-in-chief of The Ukrainian Weekly and Svoboda..

The newly elected National Executive Board and the Ladies Auxiliary leadership were sworn in to serve during the 2018-2020 period.

The banquet's keynote speaker was Andre Sochaniwsky, president of the Ukrainian War Veterans Association of Canada. Additional speeches were imparted by Col. Andrii Ordynovych, acting defense attaché and military attaché of Ukraine's Embassy in the US, IPNC Bencak, National Commander Rudko and Ms. Koziak, president of the UAV National Ladies Auxiliary.



Roma Hadzewycz, Mistress of ceremonies, editor-in-chief of The Ukrainian Weekly and Svoboda.



Ihor J. Rudko, National Commander and wife Natalka.



(L/R) Post 17 Zenko Halkowycz Adjutant and Walter Kovbasniuk Commander



(L/R) Michael Federko, WW II Veteran & Commander Post 6 and Peter Bencak IPNC.



Zenko Halkowycz, Adjutant (on right) assisting another UAV member.

71st ANNUAL NATIONAL UAV CONVENTION FESTIVITIES

Story and pictures submitted by Bohdan Dudycz, Publications Officer



Zoryana Kovbasniuk



Greetings were offered by Michael Sawkiw Jr., Vice-president of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, director of the Ukrainian National Information Service and chairman of the U.S. Committee for Ukrainian Holodomor-Genocide Awareness. Written greetings were received from the World Executive of the Ukrainian Youth Association and the U.S.A. Board of Directors of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization.



Roman and Zorian Kovbasniuk



ISKRA Dancers



ISKRA Dancers



Delegates start off the evening at the Hoverlia Social Club.



(From L) Roman Makuch and a friend. Winners of UAV "Hopak Champion" titles. 1st and 2nd place



ISKRA Dancers



Delegates and guests who know how to party!

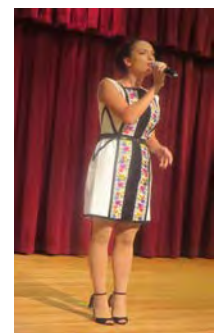
The Republican Party candidate for the U.S. Senate from New Jersey, Bob Hugin, spoke briefly during the banquet, noting his service in the U.S. Marine Corps. Another Republican candidate, New Jersey State Assemblyman Jay Webber, who is running for the U.S. Congress in the 11th Congressional District, was present during the cocktail hour that preceded dinner.

Various awards of appreciation and tokens of remembrance were awarded to several World War II veterans and others for their service to the UAV.



Lilliana and Alex Chudolij

The formal portion of the banquet was followed by an evening of performances, camaraderie and dancing. Featured were the Iskra Ukrainian Dance Academy (Director Andrij Cybyk), singers Anya Kosachevich, Roman and Zorian Kovbasniuk, Lilliana and Alex Chudolij, and Zoryana Kovbasniuk, who also emceed the entertainment program. Music and dancing continued until the evening's end.



Anya Kosachevich

UAV POST 24 – CLEVELAND ACTIVITIES

Submitted by: *Commander Bohdan Samokyszyn*

- A. In January & February, our post held a final salute & attended funeral services for two deceased post 24 members - Walter Krutoholowa & Andrij Bushak.
- B. February & March our post conducted a 50/50 raffle at St. Vladimir's church and donated money to our welfare fund.
- C. On February 27 our post members attended a luncheon sponsored by the Joint Veteran's Commission in Independence, Ohio.
- D. A Vietnam program & dinner was held at the American Legion Post 572 that was attended by our post members in Parma, Ohio.
- E. On May 18 we placed flags on deceased veterans' graves at five cemeteries.
- F. May 19 & 20 and May 26 & 27 poppies were distributed at our churches.
- G. On June 28 post members visited the Vietnam wall replica at TRI-C Community College in Parma, Ohio.
- H. On June 8 Wasyl Liscynesky & PC Bohdan Samokyszyn and other Ukrainian organizations met with Ternopil Mayor Sergiy Nadal and our mayor Tim Degeeter at the Ukrainian Selfreliance CU Parma. He was on a three day visit to establish a sister city agreement with the cities of Ternopil and Parma. He was given a short tour of Cleveland & Parma.
- I. We wish our post 24 chaplain Rev. Fr. John Nakonachny a speedy recovery from his double by-pass surgery that he had in the middle of June.



Michael Zaderecky celebrated his 100th birthday at the UAV post 24 meeting on April 27, 2018



Fr. Bohdan Barytsky dedicated a memorial day mass & Panachyda to all deceased veterans at St. Josaphat Cathedral



Post 24 members PC B. Samokyszyn, P. Olijarz & PNC R. Rakowsky with flags on Memorial Day at St. Andrew's cemetery.



Post members PNC R. Rakowsky, J. Shutovich, pc. B. Samokyszyn & N. Bartkiw visited the Vietnam wall replica at TRI-C Community College on in Parma, Ohio

RETIREMENT

We have been informed that Commander Bohdan Samokyszyn has announced his impending retirement. As of December 31st, Post 24 will need to vote for a new commander. We thank Bohdan for his 20+ years of dedicated leadership. He could always be counted on for fundraising, recruitment, hosting conventions and great local community outreach. He leaves a mighty legacy and we hope Post 24 has luck in finding a replacement. We wish Bohdan all the best in his retirement and future (hopefully leisurely) endeavors.

NEWS SNIPPETS FROM THE NATIONAL UAV



Ukrainian American Veterans lead the solemn March of Remembrance from St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church to St. Patrick's Cathedral on November 18 in New York, led by Michael Hrycak, UAV Judge Advocate and New Jersey State Commander.



Post 1 - Philadelphia, Ed Zetick, Commander conduct 2018 Memorial Day Services.



Post Commanders take charge at a table celebrating the 2018 UNA Festival.

From L, Front row) Steve Kostecki, Post 31 and friend, Nicholas Skirka, Post 301, Ihor Rudko, Post 14, Walter Kovbasniuk, Post 17, (Back row) Ed Zetick, Post 1, Roman Makuch, Peter Polnyj, Post 27.



Awarded at the Ukrainian Embassy in the United States (left): Carl Harvey, Myron Melnyk, Ihor Rudko, Anna Cheberenchik, Michael Hrycak, Petro Bencak

The special decoration of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine "For Assistance to the Armed Forces of Ukraine" were awarded by General Poltorak to American veterans who were instrumental in the passage of the Ukrainian Wounded Soldiers Program (UWSP) in the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).



UAV Posts 14, 17, 19, 27 and 301 Join in celebrating the 2018 UNA festival.

2018 NEWS SNIPPETS FROM POST 32 - CHICAGO



(L) Memorial Day Parade - in
Downtown Chicago, IL



(R) Daley Center Flag Raising
on Ukrainian
Independence Day.



(L) US Congressman Peter
Roskam Honored by UAW for
his help to the Ukrainian
American community
(4-30-2018).



(R) Cook County, Illinois
Treasurer Maria Pappas
congratulates the UAW and their
celebration of Ukrainian
Independence Day.



UPA 75th Anniversary memorial in honor of fallen soldiers.
(Center) His Grace Bishop Benedict, Eparchy of St. Nicholas
in Chicago. (second from right) Pastor Oleh Kryvokulsky,
Sts. Volodymyr and Olha Ukrainian Catholic Church



Post 32 Members and Commander Matt Wroblewski, Post
101 meet at St Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in
Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This was an exploratory meeting to
establish a potential new Post.



UAW members assist in the 2018 St. Joseph the Betrothed annual "Uketoberfest" on August 11 & 12.



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HOW CAN WE HELP WOUNDED UKRAINIAN WARRIORS? (see page 8 inside)

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