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Dear Fellow Veterans,

I am writing this column at the end of December 2011. I hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas, or in many cases, Christmases.

UAV Posts 1 and 42 hosted the 64th UAV National Convention in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, from September 30 to October 2, 2011. The convention was well planned and well executed, and I extend my thanks to UAV Posts 1 and 42 for organizing this excellent event.

The banquet was held in the elegant ballroom of the Ukrainian Cultural &

Education Center in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania. While enjoying a sumptuous feast, we took care of much UAV business. During the banquet, on behalf of the UAV, I presented a check to His Eminence Archbishop Antony of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA to help pay for repairs to the consistory, which was damaged by the fall floods. The UAV leadership and membership was pleased to come to the aid of the UOC of the USA; all of us greatly appreciate the UOC's support for our national monument and we are happy to reciprocate.

During the convention, I administered the oath to the newly elected UAV New York State Department Commander, Peter Polnyj. At the convention banquet, I also presented Post 101 of Warren, Michigan, with an award honoring the post for recruiting the greatest number of new members to our organization.

While attending my 40th college reunion during the Veterans Day weekend, I had the opportunity to view (on C-SPAN) the National Veterans Day Ceremony held inside the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery. During the Procession of Colors, I caught sight of our National Adjutant Matthew Koziak's hat. Our thanks to PNC Koziak and National Finance Officer Jerry Kindrachuk for representing the UAV at the national ceremony.

The weekend of December 3-5, 2011, was a busy one for me. I attended the meeting of the UAV Connecticut State Department in Hartford on December 3, 2011, where I administered the oath of office to the new UAV Connecticut State Department commander, Ihor Rudko, and his staff. Attending the ceremony was the outgoing commander and our model state department commander Colonel Wirosław J. Snihurowych, USA (Ret). Commanders Rudko and Polnyj (the new UAV New York State Department Commander) have already outlined plans for their departments, and I wish both of them well in their new duties.

On December 5, 2011, I traveled to South Bound Brook, New Jersey, to attend the meeting of the UAV National Monument Committee. We welcomed the new committee co-chairman, His

Grace Bishop Daniel of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. Bishop Daniel, is UAV member and former US Army Chaplain. He and the other committee members recommended additional steps for us to consider as we continue to raise funds for the UAV national monument. It was agreed that the UAV National Executive Board will do a fundraising mailing to the membership in the opening months of 2012. A detailed UAV National Monument brochure will be included in the mailing.

On November 22, 2011, National Vice Commander Ihor Hron presented UAV Past National Commander Atanas Kobryn with a Special UAV Recognition Award for his many years of dedicated service to the UAV. The well-deserved award was presented during a dinner held in his honor, sponsored by the Ukrainian American Club of Southeast Florida in North Port.

A few weeks ago I was reminded why belonging to the UAV is important and how UAV members honor their own. Mrs. Anna Bajlak, widow of a just-deceased UAV member-at-large Roman Bajlak, called me about her husband's passing on November 22, 2011. During the call, she requested UAV representation at her husband's funeral, which was to take place in South Bound Brook, New Jersey. IPNC Anna Krawczuk and National Public Relations Officer Bernard Krawczuk immediately volunteered to represent our organization at the funeral. The widow was so touched by their presence that she asked them to stand beside her during the interment services.

Thank you for all that you do for the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc.

Best wishes for 2012.

Honored to serve,

Leonid Kondratiuk,
National Commander



November 11, 2011. M. Koziak and J. Kindrachuk at Arlington National Cemetery

Prayer for September 11, 2001

*Written by Archbishop Stephan Babij Petrovich,
National Chaplain, New York, NY*

*In memory of all who lost their lives on
September 11, 2001 and to all those who are suffering
from illness from responding to the Call*

In thy kingdom remember us O Lord
We answered the Call to anoint those who were
taken on that day
Now many of your servants are suffering
And cry out for your mercy
Let us never forget them

For you our Lord told us
Ask and you shall receive
Knock and the door will be opened
As we prayed on that day for all that departed
this earth
For your heavenly kingdom: Forget not us who
were left behind

Now suffering from heartache, sorrow and illness
Heal all whom were stricken that day
Lead all of us to a better understanding of our life
here on earth
Bring unity, peace and comfort to all
Let us all unite and support those left behind

Teach us that we are all one
Bless each child who lost a parent
Shelter them from harm, evil and destruction
We thank you for the gift of life
Let us never forget how great this gift is

May we continue to serve you until our last breath
Make us all worthy to be accepted into thy
kingdom O Master
Let Mary our Mother lead us home
When we are called
Unite us all in your heavenly kingdom

For this we give thee: praise, honor and worship
To the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Now and forever
Unto ages to ages
Amen

*Vladyka Stephan of the U.A.U.C. Church served
in the US Navy during the Vietnam War.*

*We thank Fr. Kurt of the Ukrainian Autocephalous
Orthodox Church for submitting this prayer.*

Reflections on September 11th

*by Colonel Gregory R. Perchatsch, U. S. Army,
Camp Eggers, Afghanistan*



Nick Perchatsch with his father Colonel Gregory Perchatsch (2011)

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Like an earthquake, they changed life, as we knew it.

The families of those who perished that day felt the greatest tremors and military families continue to feel the aftershocks ten years later.

Baghdad. Basra. Kirkuk. Taji. Kabul. Kandahar. Herot. Jalalabad. Mazar-e-Sharif. Sharana.

Most Americans probably never heard of these places and will never see them.

September 11th is the reason why I went there. My son and I served in Iraq during the Surge, now his Airborne Brigade is joining the Surge here in Afghanistan. Father and Son, both already combat veterans, serving in the same combat zone again. I never thought that would happen, and know this is very tough on our family.

This Anniversary causes me to reflect on the past 10 years, and to think about what this means to me. My experiences in combat make me grateful to be an American. They make me proud to be a Soldier, and to serve my country. More than anything, it causes me reach out to thank my fellow Americans and neighbors for their support of our troops.

I've participated in September 11th Memorial services and the funerals of our Fallen Warriors back home. Naperville and the Chicago area have more than their fair share of them, and I ask you to continue to watch over and care for their families. They need your support, as do our Wounded Warriors. Their lives are forever changed.

There but for the Grace of God go I.

I may not be there with you today, but I am with you in spirit. And I remember what makes America great and worth fighting for.

Regards,
Greg Perchatsch
Kabul, Afghanistan

*The UAV Post 1 Commander, Edward A. Zetick, PNC read this
letter in its entirety, at the 64th UAV National Convention banquet
in Jenkintown, PA.*

Godspeed and Safe Return

by Anna Krawczuk, UAV IPNC

Answering the call of duty: father and son deployed to combat zone for the second time.

After serving together in Iraq (in 2007), Gregory and Nicholas Perchatsch are currently serving in Kabul, Afghanistan. A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point (class of 1982), Colonel Gregory Perchatsch has served in the U.S. Army for 29 years. His son, SP4 Nicholas Perchatsch, enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2006 after graduating from Naperville High School in Illinois. Nick's unit is Alpha Co. 3/509th Airborne Infantry from Ft. Richardson, Alaska.

Father and son are upholding and extending an honorable family tradition. Greg's father, Corporal Eugene Perchatsch served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953, during the Korean War era.

Gregory's wife Donna is also a U.S. Army veteran in her own right. Having enlisted in 1981, she served until 1985 as an Army medic (E-4). Greg and Donna met while both were stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia and in 1983 they married. They have two other sons.

Today, Donna works part time as a nursing lab coordinator at a community college and is pursuing a Master's degree in nursing. Together with her husband Greg they actively participate as volunteers with Operation Support Our Troops America. The wife and mother of active-duty servicemen, Donna knows first hand what it means to have loved ones in harm's way. At home she must keep the home fires burning for her family that includes her father-in-law.

Donna is also very grateful to have served in her country's armed forces; the experience not only gave her direction in life but also gave her the opportunity to realize her dream of becoming a registered nurse.

The UAV leadership and members are very proud of the Perchatsch family. We extend our heartfelt thanks to them for their distinguished military service and congratulate them on their accomplishments. Thank you for safeguarding the freedoms that we all enjoy!

Greg and Nick, God Bless and come home soon!



Nick and Greg Perchatsch, Kabul, Afghanistan



Donna Perchatsch



Eugene, Gregory, Nicholas and Donna Perchatsch

Parish of St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church in Woonsocket, Rhode Island

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NEW INTERNET VIDEO SERVICE AIMED AT SHUT-INS & MILITARY PERSONNEL

Live Broadcasts of Ukrainian Catholic Divine Liturgies available over the Internet

Beginning with its Divine Liturgy on Christmas, the parish of St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church in Woonsocket, RI, will be broadcasting its Sunday services live over the Internet.

Michael Klufas, M.D., a member of the parish advisory committee, thought of the plan. "Our goal," he explains, "is to

reach Ukrainian Catholics, Byzantine Catholics and anyone interested in the Eastern Rite, especially those who are shut-ins, living in remote areas, or serving overseas in our military."

Anyone interested in watching the live broadcasts can go to the parish Web site at www.stmichaelsri.org and click on the "Video" link. This year the Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:30 AM (EST) on Christmas. On most Sundays, Divine Liturgy will begin at 11:00 AM (EST).

Divine Liturgies at St. Michael's are conducted in Ukrainian, but Catholics familiar with Church Slavonic should be able to follow along.

Over the course of its first century of existence, St. Michael's served all of Rhode Island and central Massachusetts; now, through the Internet, it serves the entire world.

Ukrainian American Recipients of the Medal of Honor

by Leonid Kondratiuk

The 64th National Ukrainian American Veterans Convention honors the service and heroism of PFC John W. Dutko, PVT Nicholas Minue and MSG Nicholas Oresko; the three Ukrainian American recipients of the Medal of Honor.



Nicholas Minue

In April 1943 the US Army was engaged in operations with the German Africa Corps in Tunisia, North Africa. PVT Minue was in the lead element of his company when his squad came under enemy machinegun fire. His squad was pinned down and unable to move when Minue fixed his bayonet and ran toward the machinegun. He shot and stabbed the crew and eight enemy riflemen. He continued firing and chasing the Germans from their positions until he was fatally wounded. His one-man charge allowed his company to charge and route the enemy.



John W. Dutko

PFC Dutko went on the attack against three enemy machineguns and an 88mm gun. Despite the fire directed toward him, he killed the machinegun crews and then attacked the 88mm gun crew. He disregarded his wounds and continued his advance, killed the crew and then attacked the third machinegun position. He shot the crew and then fell down dead.

Private Nicholas Minue was born in 1900 in Galicia and immigrated with his parents to New Jersey before World War I. He enlisted in the US Army in 1927 and was assigned to the 18th Infantry Regiment at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, NY. In December 1942 he was assigned to Company A, 6th Armored Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division.

Private First Class John W. Dutko was living in Riverside, NJ when he was inducted into the US Army. He was assigned to Company I, 30th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division during the Anzio Campaign. During the operation to breakout from the beachhead, the 30th Infantry saw heavy action against entrenched German units. On 23 May 1944, Company I came under machinegun



Nicholas Oresko (2011)
David Jalkovski/Jersey Journal

his platoon in an attack on an enemy position. When the platoon came under heavy machinegun fire he decided to attack the machinegun and destroy it. After wiping out the crew, he went on to attack a second machinegun position which he also destroyed. He led his platoon in the attack until he was too weak from his wounds.

Nicholas Oresko lives in retirement in Cresskill, NJ. A school in Bayonne, NJ is named in his honor.

Master Sergeant Nicholas Oresko entered the US Army from Bayonne, NJ. He deployed with Company C, 302d Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division to France which arrived on 8 September 1944. While serving as a platoon leader during the Rhineland Campaign in January 1945, he led



UAV 64th National Convention Journal

Highlights of the 64th National Convention of Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc.

By Anna Krawczuk., UAV IPNC

The 64th Annual National Convention was held at the Hampton Inn in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, from September 30 to October 2, 2011. UAV Post 1 of Greater Philadelphia, Pa., which is headed by Edward Zetick, and UAV Post 42 of Lehigh Valley, Pa., whose post commander is Oleh Balaziuk, hosted this year's gathering of UAV delegates and guests.

1. UAV 64TH CONVENTION JOURNAL honored Ukrainian American World War II soldiers, recipients of the Medal of Honor PFC John Dutko, PVT Nicholas Minue, and MSGT Nicholas Oresko.

2. 64th UAV NATIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

September 30 to October 2, 2011.

We, Ukrainian American Veterans, assembled at our 64th National Convention held in Willow Grove, Pa., from September 30 to October 2, 2011,

64-1 HEREBY RESOLVE and request that Ukrainian American communities continue to support their servicemen and servicewomen; to welcome back veterans returning from deployments, and to support the activities of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc.

64-2 HEREBY RESOLVE that the UAV solicit the financial assistance of the Ukrainian American community in the United States so that goal of building the Ukrainian American Veterans National Monument be achieved. This monument will stand as a fitting memorial to the 150 years of military service of Ukrainian Americans.

64-3 HEREBY RESOLVE that the UAV support the servicemen and servicewomen of the U. S. Armed Forces. We honor their military service at a time of war. The UAV will continue its efforts in sending material support to our men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Respectfully submitted:

Resolutions Committee Chair Leonid Kondratiuk,
National Commander

Resolution Committee Member Ihor Hron, National Vice
Commander

3. NEW UAV NY STATE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:



Leonid Kondratiuk
and SC Peter Polnyj

4. 64TH UAV NATIONAL CONVENTION DETAILS:

The convention officially began on September 30, 2011. Adhering to the UAV Bylaws, UAV National Commander Leonid Kondratiuk led the opening ceremony and chaired the convention proceedings per accepted agenda. UAV National Chaplain/Service Officer Marian Bojsiuk offered the opening prayer, and UAV National Adjutant Mathew Koziak, PNC, conducted roll call. Minutes from the 63rd UAV Convention were accepted. After UAV National Ladies Auxiliary president Oksana Koziak reported on registration of UAV delegates, the quorum was established.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Financial reports presented by UAV National Finance Officer Jerry Kindrachuk, Quartermaster Stephen Kostecki, Welfare Officer Myroslaw Pryjma, and Scholarship Officer Nicholas Skirka and IPNC Anna Krawczuk for the UAV Registration Project and National Monument were audited by George Mutlos and Jerry Nestor of UAV Post 27 and were subsequently accepted by the delegates.

UAV NEB OFFICERS REPORTS: National Executive Board Officers reported on their activities starting with the National Commander Leonid Kondratiuk. He stated that: "The UAV is in good shape." He thanked the UAV membership for their cooperation and dedication and underscored that he was honored to have served as UAV National Commander during the past three years. The Commander's emphasis was on membership. He reminded delegates that World War I and World War II veterans had met in Philadelphia and established the UAV in 1948. Noting that Korean War veterans, Vietnam War veterans, peacetime veterans, and the veterans of Global War on Terrorism had joined the ranks of the UAV since then, he declared, "There is a new cohort of veterans, those who have served since 9/11. The challenge will be to identify these GWOT veterans and to recruit them." Brigadier General Kondratiuk observed that erecting the UAV National Monument at St. Andrew Cemetery in South Bound Brook, New Jersey, has become another of the UAV's major missions, one which will honor all American veterans of Ukrainian ethnicity who ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces. At the end of his report, he invited everyone to the 65th UAV National Convention that will be hosted by UAV Post 31 in Boston, Massachusetts, in 2012.

All other UAV National Executive Board Officers followed Vice Commander Ihor Hron who reported on the UAV Members-at-Large: National Adjutant Mathew Koziak, Judge Advocate Michael Demchuk, National Quartermaster Stephen Kostecki, Welfare Officer Myroslaw Pryjma's account included information about grants awarded to two veterans. National Scholarship Officer Nicholas Skirka announced that three UAV scholarships were awarded. Chaplain/Service Officer

Marian Bojsiuk and Historian Edward Zetick presented their activity reports as well.

UAV Tribune. Public Relations/Publications Officer Bernard Krawczuk's report focused on the UAV Tribune, which he co-edits with Anna Krawczuk, IPNC. Bernard announced that the next issue is scheduled for release in February 2012. He invited members to visit UAV Website www.uavets.org where color versions of previous issues of the UAV Tribunes have been posted. He thanked the editors of America, Svoboda, The Ukrainian Weekly and Meest for publishing our Press Releases, which also appeared on www.brama.com and www.uocofusa.org

UAV Registration Project: IPNC Anna Krawczuk underscored that it is a requirement for all the UAV members to register. The UAV Registration Project is open to all Ukrainian American veterans who have honorably served or are on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (members and nonmembers alike). Next of kin may register their loved ones as well. Anna then appealed for archival material and photographs that are to be included in the UAV's official archival collection and thanked Christian Shalay of UAV Michigan Post 101 for registering Ukrainian American veterans and for presenting archival material compiled by Anne and Chris Buhay of the Buhay Funeral Chapel in Hamtramck, Michigan.

UAV National Monument: UAV National Monument Committee Co-chairman Mathew Koziak, PNC indicated that only 20 percent of the estimated \$250,000 for construction has been collected and informed about the upcoming committee meeting.

UAV WEBSITE: UAV Webmaster, Jerry Kindrachuk requested that all Post Commanders update their respective Posts' information and invited them to visit: www.uavets.org

Reports of individual Post Commanders followed, and various committees dealing with UAV undertakings were formed and reported on their findings. After discussions and recommendations with respect to each of the reports, members voted to approve the findings.

5. THE BANQUET: The 64th UAV National Convention Banquet was held at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, on Saturday evening and was hosted by UAV Post 1 and Post 42. UAV Post 1 member Leo Iwaskiw presided as Master of Ceremonies. After Presentation of Colors, the American and Ukrainian National Anthems were sung by Ivan Verneha. The Installation of UAV National and UAV National Ladies Auxiliary Officers was conducted by PNC Eugene Sagasz, and His Eminence Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan offered the invocation and prayer.

As part of his welcoming remarks, UAV Post 1 Commander Edward A. Zetick read a letter received from Colonel Gregory R. Perchatsch, USA, entitled "Reflections on September 11," (Printed in full on page 2)

National Commander Leonid Kondratiuk thanked Archbishop Antony of UOC of the USA for donating the UAV National Monument site. He recognized Michigan UAV Post 101 for having recruited the most (10) new members.



NC Kondratiuk and Christian Shalay

SPEAKERS: In his brief "Military Service of Ukrainian Americans" NC Kondratiuk zeroed in on the importance of not only knowing Ukrainian American heroes but also proving historically who they were and what they accomplished. He noted that a handful of Ukrainian Americans had honorably served in the Civil War and that a greater number of Ukrainian Americans had enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Spanish American War in 1898—the first real service of Ukrainian Americans in our nation's defense. It is estimated that between 30,000 and 50,000 Ukrainian Americans had served in the First World War, with at least 24 of them being awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

Many more Ukrainian Americans were drafted into the U.S. military during the Second World War, and Ukrainian American women volunteers served for the first time. The Commander then cited the first Ukrainian, Theodore Kalakula, to graduate from United States Military Academy at West Point. Graduating in 1927, who was destined to become the first Ukrainian American general. Later graduates of West Point included Brigadier General Stephen Mellnik (class of 1932) and Major General Nicholas Krawciw, who became the official Department of Defense representative to the Ukrainian Armed Forces after Ukraine's independence in 1991.

Many other officers and enlisted men of Ukrainian descent became American heroes, recognized and honored by the United States. Many made the supreme sacrifice. We see their names inscribed on monuments and grave markers in America's national cemeteries. The Commander concluded: "We in the UAV are most proud of our community's young men and women who serve today in Iraq and Afghanistan . . . they are writing a new chapter in the history of Ukrainian Americans in the U.S. military. We are proud of them. Theirs is a 150 years legacy that should be honored and emulated."

UAV National Ladies Auxiliary President Oksana Koziak presented certificates of appreciation to dedicated UAV NLA members. She also presented checks for the UAV Welfare, Scholarship, Press, and UAV National Monument Funds from the UAV NLA including those fundraised during the convention.

The guest speaker at the banquet was Kristia Cavere, sister of Sergeant Jonathon “Jon” Cadavero who was killed in Iraq on February 27, 2007. Their mother, Nadia Cadavero, was in the audience. In her presentation “American Exceptionalism and Our Armed Services Humanitarism” Kristia stated, “Jon was proud to be of Ukrainian heritage, but he was proudest to be an American.” She underscored a point that resonated with those who had served in the U.S. military and those who understood the importance of what they had sworn to defend: “Our Founding Fathers believed that moral law is derived from our Creator and is higher than our government, thus they sought to limit government and increase the rights of individuals. Our country encourages the fostering of faith but does not mandate a particular expression of that faith, allowing free will so we can find God on our own without coercion or negative

consequence when we fall short in our personal way to Him.” The guest speaker was presented with a bouquet of flowers, while those who had listened to her stirring words thanked her with a standing ovation.

His Eminence Archbishop Antony of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA offered closing prayer. It was gratifying to see that our church hierarchs and the leadership of the Ukrainian American community of Greater Philadelphia were well represented at the banquet, showing their support for the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc.

After the banquet, the band Karpaty provided delightful musical entertainment. The 64th UAV National Convention ended on a high note, with fond farewells and promises to meet again at the next convention in Boston, MA.



64th UAV Convention Delegates



UAV NLA Delegates



Convention Deliberations



O. Koziak and NC Kondratiuk



Honored Guests at the head table



Installation of Officers



NC Kondratiuk, Archbishop Antony and Metropolitan Soroka



Kristia Cavere



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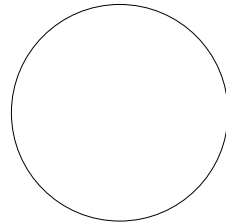
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From UAV National Finance Officer:

Attention: UAV Post Commanders:

Annual Post dues deadline is: April 15th of each year.
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From UAV National Scholarship Chair

Applications for UAV Scholarships are accepted year round.
 Deadline for submitting is August 31.
 Contact Nickolas Skirka at: nskirka@optonline.net

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

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

Dates to Remember

April 8, 2012
 Easter (Gregorian calendar)

April 15, 2012
 Easter (Julian calendar)

April 22, 2012
 St Thomas Sunday
 South Bound Brook, New Jersey

May 28, 2012
 Memorial Day observances

June 14, 2012
 Flag Day

July 4, 2012
 Independence Day observances

August 24, 2012
 Ukraine Independence Day

September 3, 2012
 Labor Day

September 21-23, 2012
 65th UAV National Convention
 in Boston, MA

November 6, 2012
 Election Day

November 11, 2012
 Veterans Day observances

November 22, 2012
 Thanksgiving Day

December 25, 2012
 Christmas

January 1, 2013
 New Years Day

January 7, 2013
 Christmas in Ukraine

From the National Quartermaster

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UAV Coins Silver/Brass	5.00	UAV tie	6.00
UAV Crest for blazer	18.00	UAV Small emblem	3.00
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NEW! UAV Blue Golf Shirt	35.00	1998-2003 (report in booklet form) S/H included	
UAV Lapel pin	4.00		
US/UKIE Flag pin	2.00		
UAV Summer shirt patch set (US flag & UAV Logo)	7.00		
UAV Car decal	2.00		



Flag Pin



Tie/Jacket Pin

UAV Post 6 — Newark, NJ

by Bozhena Olshaniwsky, UAV Ladies Auxiliary

On Friday, the 11th day of November and the eleventh year of 2011 at the 11th hour, the US nation again commemorated Veterans Day. On Sunday, the 13th day of November, 2011 at 11 o'clock in the morning, UAV Post #6 held a commemorative program at their UAV Post #6 memorial stone in Hollywood Cemetery in Union, New Jersey. It was a beautiful day with colored leaves cascading down and a gentle breeze blowing.

The traditional UAV Post #6 service was solemnly performed by the attending veterans, and Daria Bekesewycz and Bozhena Olshaniwsky who represented the UAV Ladies Auxiliary.

The ceremony included the reading of a statement of loyalty to the United States of America, a special prayer for all veterans, a reading of the names on the stone of departed comrades, the laying of a wreath, and the singing of "God Bless America."

Last year's Veterans Day coincided with the 60th anniversary of the Korean War (1950-1953) in which a goodly number of Ukrainian-Americans served in the US Armed Forces and for which some made the supreme sacrifice. Among UAV Post 6 members who served during that era were Aleksander Hromocky, Yaroslav Olijnyk, Ihor Olshaniwsky, Evhen Salamacha, Yaroslav Turiansky and Dr. George Stefaniwsky.



from left: Bob Dolan, Bozhena Olshaniwsky, Michael Fedirko, PC and Walter Bodnar.

UAV Post 17 — Passaic, NJ

by James Fedorko, Post Commander



UAV Books to Ukraine Project Update

The UAV Post 17 together with Past Representative of the Ministry of Defense, and Military Advisor to Ukraine's Permanent Mission to The United Nations, Major General Leonid Holopatiuk, initiated a project of collecting books for cadets and military personnel at bases in Ukraine so that their libraries may be complemented with publication from the Ukrainian Diaspora. So far, we have collected over 55 boxes of books and received several cash donations for the project. Donations came from all parts of the country.

According to Major General Leonid Holopatiuk, who is currently stationed in Kyiv, Ukraine the books and periodicals published by Ukrainian institutions in Ukrainian Diaspora will serve to balance the education that officers and cadets receive in establishments, which by and large retained their Soviet formats and substance. Currently the books are being stored in Passaic, NJ and are awaiting safe shipment to Ukraine.

The Ukrainian American Veterans thanks all who have participated and donated to our project.

Wolodymyr Holynskij UAV Post 23 – Buffalo, NY

by Hryhorij Pikas, Post Finance Officer

I will stand with you

The years go by and the warriors of the Greatest Generation pass on to their final reward. They were the heroes on the battle fields and upon returning to their homeland they did great deeds here as well. They were the volunteers in great many organizations and creators of extremely active veterans groups.

For many years now, my family and I take a 600 mile trip to Sts. Peter and Paul's Ukrainian Church in Cohoes, New York, to be at its cemetery in Waterford on Memorial Day. We have some plots and members of my family are buried there. Memorial Day morning, "Moleben" is held at the Veterans Monument followed by prayers and the blessing of each monument by the local priests.

Decades ago there were many UAV members who took part in these Services as flag bearers and honor guard at the Veterans Monument. Over the years most of these veterans were buried here. A few of the survivors were able to be the honor guard giving homage to their comrades-in-arms who were now entombed here. I, as a UAV (post 23) member, started bringing my hat with me, and volunteered. "I will stand with you". For several years now, I have been part of the honor guard during the Services at this cemetery. Last Memorial Day I was the only UAV member as part of the honor guard. The other two were from a local veterans group. They were not familiar with our Services therefore I had to give "present arms" during singing of "Vichnaia Pamiat"(Memory Eternal) for veterans and nonveterans resting here.



H. Pikas on the right side of the flag with "hand salute".

John Terrebetzky UAV Post 27 – Brooklyn, NY

by Peter Terrebetzky, Post Finance Officer



November 13, 2011

Memorial services and Panakhyda were held at Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church in Brooklyn, New York.

During the requiem services, offered by our own member, Rev Ivan Tyhovych, US Iraqi war veteran, currently serving as Chaplain in US Army Reserves, members and parishioners stood with American, Ukrainian and Post flags, thus honoring and remembering all who served in the American and Ukrainian Armed Forces.

from left: Jerry Nestor, Peter Wolowacz, PC Peter Polnyj, Michael Buczek and Peter Terrebetzky.

Major Myron Diduryk UAV Post 30 – Freehold, NJ

by Stan Jakubowycz, UAV Post 30 PR Officer

photo by Bohdan S. Polanskyj



Christmas card from Ukraine

Jurij Jacus, Halyna and Stan Jakubowycz, Osyp Fedyna and Paul Brown.

UAV Post 30 carolers visited the homes of members and friends during the Christmas holidays—to sing and to appeal for donations for the future UAV National Monument.

They were joyfully received and collected \$630. We thank our generous friends for honoring Ukrainian American veterans past and present.

In 1998 our Post began sponsoring a boy named Mykola of Ukraine through the UNWLA Scholarship/Children-Student Sponsorship Program. Through his letters and holiday greetings we have watched Mykola grow and develop into a young man and a dedicated university student. Over the years he shared with us stories about his life, happy and sad events, and various activities, including his love of sports and his participation in tournaments. Last summer Mykola volunteered to serve as a guidance counselor together with four young Americans at the American Ukrainian camp for young people in Ukraine. The young

men found that they had very much in common—there was no language barrier. Mykola also participated in the 7th Annual Ultimate Frisbee Kyiv tournament (on the banks of Dnipro), an event that included 300 young players from Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, and from some Baltic countries. At the end of two days, Mykola's team placed fourth. Today, Mykola is in his fourth year of studies and is looking forward to receiving a Bachelors degree in June 2012. We congratulate him on his academic and athletic successes!

Post members are also active supporters of the UNWLA Scholarship/Children-Student Sponsorship Program. Michael Krawczuk sponsored Mykola's older brother Oleksandr, who graduated two years ago. Stan and Halyna Jakubowycz have sponsored numerous students through the years, most recently a young man who wants to become a chaplain and is currently a seminarian at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv. For more information about the UNWLA's Scholarship Program, please visit www.unwla.org

- Link to “What We Do,”
- Pick the Scholarship Programs from pull down menu
- Click on Q&A icon to see questions.

For more information email: nazustrich@verizon.net



Mykola and Oleksandr then and now



Seminarian with Lviv Military Academy Cadets

Sp4 Nikolaus Zozula UAV Post 31 – Boston, MA

by Stephen KostECKi, Post Commander

SAVE THE DATES:

September 21-23, 2012. UAV Post 31 will be hosting the upcoming 65th UAV National Convention in Boston, MA. Details to follow. All are welcome!

November 13, 2011 Honoring and remembering veterans.

Christ the King Ukrainian Catholic Church of Boston, MA. was the site for special services held for all the veterans. The UAV Post 31 Color Guard and members participated in this event.

October 30, 2011 Marine Corps Marathon.

UAV Post 31 member, Andrew Galonzka was an active participant and ran the Marine Corps Marathon. He trained for four months. 30,000 persons participated in the course that ran for 26.2 miles.

Andrew placed 7110 out of 21,024 contestants who finished, and was 5072 out of 12,426 male runners.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Andrew is a Marine Corps Reservist, however, while not in the Marine Corps, he also served two tours in Iraq. Currently he is a police officer with the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority.

Jack Palance UAV Post 42 – Lehigh Valley, PA

by Oksana Koziak, UAV NLA President

Year in Review

The past year has been a productive one for UAV Post 42. Members have participated in color guards during several events in the tri-state area: St. Thomas Sunday at St. Andrew's Cemetery in South Bound Brook, New Jersey; Memorial Day Services at St. Josaphat Cemetery in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Fourth of July festivities at the SUM Camp in Ellenville, New York; "Zeleni Sviata" at Holy Spirit Cemetery in Hamptonburg, New York; the Ukrainian Heritage Festival at Soyuzivka, Kerhonkson, New York; Flag Raising at Ukrainian Independence Day in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; the Ukrainian Homestead Festival in Lehighton, Pennsylvania; and National Veterans Day at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

As co-sponsors of the 64th National Convention held in Philadelphia this year, Post 42 joined with Post 1 to form a convention committee and worked throughout the year on the numerous activities associated with hosting a national convention.

Fund raising activities also occupied Post 42 members during the year. Among these were the "Basket of Cheer" raffle in the fall, kovbasa sales at Easter time, and caroling during the Christmas holidays. For several years now the post has been caroling to raise much-needed funds for the UAV National Monument.



Waiting for the services to start: from left Post Commander Stephen KostECKi, VC Lubomyr Szczudluk and PPC Walter Michajliw.



Mathew Koziak, PNC at the podium – Flag Raising at the Ukrainian Independence Day in Bethlehem. Behind him: Oksana Kipa, MC, Archpriest Daniel Gurovich and Mayor of Bethlehem John Callahan.

General John B Turchin UAV Post 32 – Chicago, Illinois

by Peter Bencak, Post Commander

For 30 years, the Howard County Vietnam Veterans Organization HCVVO has been holding a veterans reunion in Kokomo, Indiana. This is the largest reunion of its type in the United States. This year over 30,000 veterans attended the 3-day event.

For a number of years now, member of UAV Post 32 Chicago have secured six campsites for this get-together. We set it up as one large central location and host any members and friends who want to come for a day or for the whole weekend. The reunion features concerts, vendors, and food booths so no one is really roughing it. It's a wonderful, fun-filled, and emotional experience that we look forward to every year.

We invite anyone who is interested in attending or simply interested in getting more information to visit www.hcvvo.org or <http://www.hcvvo.org/>. We would love to see you in Kokomo to share good food, good drinks, and good stories with other Vietnam veterans as well as other Ukrainian American

Veterans Day has always had a special meaning to our members. This year Veterans Day weekend was made even more memorable when one of our own was honored.



Colonel Michael Chyterbok and Sgt. Major Zions

On Sunday, November 13, many of our members met for dinner at McCormick and Schmick's, where we reminisced about the weekend's events. Attending as our guest was Sgt. Major Scott Zonis of the 86th U.S. Army Training Division. The Sgt. Major paid a special tribute to Colonel Michael Chyterbok, who has recently retired from 30 years of service in the United States Army, by presenting him with the Legion of Merit Medal and a citation.

Congratulations, Michael! The members of UAV Post 32 are extremely proud of you and your accomplishments.

veterans who attend this annual event. We make sure that the Ukrainian flag is posted at the campsite, so that everyone knows that the Ukrainian American Veterans are represented. Come join us in 2012!



The citation reads as follows.

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Colonel Michael Chyterbok 86th Training Division

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From 14 June 2001 to 13 June 2011
This 9th day of June 2011
By the Order of the Secretary of
the Army

Signed by Jack C Stultz
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding General



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

by Jerry Zynych, PPC – Post Public Relations Officer

Membership

Post has 46 members, including two ladies who are on active duty: WO Venessa Kostyk-Papa, USA; and Lt. Stephanie Homick, USN. We congratulate both on their recent promotions.

We also welcome four new Post 40 members: U.S. Army Vietnam War veteran Sp5 John Czerkas, U.S. Army Vietnam War veteran Sp4 Walter Jarmolenko, U.S. Army Vietnam era veteran Sp6 Anatol Popovich, and Capt. Roman Kunciw, U.S. Air Force Vietnam War veteran and fighter pilot.

UAV Post 40 supports all UAV Projects and allocated \$1,000.00 for the UAV National Monument to be erected at St. Andrews Cemetery in South Bound Brook, New Jersey.

Periodically UAV Post 40 press releases appear in The Ukrainian Weekly (see Nov 27, 2011 issue), America and local Florida newspapers.

In Memoriam

We bid farewell to Master Sergeant Walter Pytlowany (1991–2010), U.S.A. Air Force WWII veteran who served in India. MSGT Pytlowany is listed in Volume I of the UAV Registration Project Report 1998–2003.

Post Activities and Major Accomplishments

- **November 11, 2011.** Veterans Day. Together with local veterans groups, police and fire departments, and township dignitaries, UAV Post 40 members participated in commemoration ceremonies hosted by VFW Post 8203 in North Port, Florida.

- **November 12, 2011.** UAV Post 40 Annual Dinner Dance.
- **November 13, 2011.** Venice Memorial Gardens. Unveiling and blessing of the Ukrainian American and Ukrainian Veterans Monument. During the ceremonies, American and Ukrainian flags were raised by the color guard and a wreath was placed at the monument to honor and leave a lasting memorial in Southwest Florida for men and women of Ukrainian heritage who served in the U.S. Armed Forces as well as Ukrainian veterans who fought for Ukraine's freedom in the 20th Century. Venice Memorial Gardens is a permanent resting place of six UAV members and fourteen Ukrainian freedom fighters.
- **December 7, 2011. Pearl Harbor Day.** Joining other Veterans, UAV Post 40 members participated in a remembrance ceremony hosted by AMVETS Post #312. A ceremonial wreath was passed from hand to hand between post commanders of AMVETS, VFW, AL, UAV, Marines, and finally the Coast Guards, then tossed into the water as a tribute to those who perished on that tragic day. AMVETS Honor Guard fired a volley of shots and played Taps.
- **December 8, 2011. Mac Dill AFB, Tampa, Florida.** Members of UAV Post 40 and Tampa's Ukrainian American Club participated in International Coalition Night, a multicultural event attended by more than 4,000 people, by providing staffing support at the Ukrainian Armed Forces booth. The Central Command at Mac Dill Air Force Base trains international officers in anti-terrorism.



Veterans Day lunch in VFW Hall in North Port, FL from left: O. Lazor, R. Rondiak, G. Baranowskyj, I. Hron, J. Helbig, M. Ferenc and J. Zynych



UAV Post meeting in October 2011 From left: J. Zynych, W. Shipka, R. Kilar, A. Popovych, A. Kobryn; J. Homick, R. Rondiak, J. Helbig, O. Lazor, A. Mosijczuk and M. Bojsiuk; G. Tomashosky, G. Baranowskyj, R. Ratych and R. Synychak.



In front of Ukraine's Armed Forces Pavilion at Mac Dill AFB, Florida. from left: G. Tomashosky, R. Rondiak, I Hron, C. Heiser, M. Bojsiuk, and J. Zynych



Dedication of the UAV Monument in Venice, FL. Rev. Sevaryn Kovalishin, Mrs. Chrystya Lazor-Stecyk, widow of Post Patron Cpt. Roman G. Lazor, Rev. Wolodymyr Woloshczuk, members of UAV Post 40 and Ukrainian Veterans.

News from the UAV National Monument Committee

by Anna Krawczuk, UAV IPNC and UAV NMC Treasurer

Members of the UAV National Monument Committee met on Monday, December 5, 2011, at the Consistory of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States of America in South Bound Brook, New Jersey. Co-Chairs Bishop Daniel, of the UOC of the USA, former US Army Chaplain and UAV member, and Mathew Koziak, PNC convened this meeting. Important topics on the agenda included construction issues, outreach to the Ukrainian American community, and fundraising.

The UAV National Monument will be erected on a prominent site at St. Andrew's Cemetery in South Bound Brook, New Jersey. The site has been donated by the UOC of the USA, was blessed, a design has been selected, and ongoing fundraising efforts continue. While the committee is very thankful for all the donations that have been received to date, contributions are still short of the projected cost of the monument. It is, therefore, very important to continue reaching out

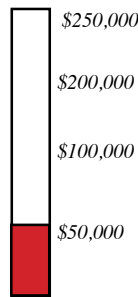
to all segments of the Ukrainian American community, both to individuals and to organizations.

Although the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. is spearheading this project, the monument will honor all men and women of Ukrainian heritage who served in the U.S. Armed Forces long before our organization was founded, as well as those currently serving in the on going Global War on Terrorism. Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian American men and women have served throughout the years, especially in the wars and conflicts of the 20th Century; many have made the supreme sacrifice. It falls to us to remember their service and sacrifice by erecting the UAV National Monument in their honor.

Therefore, the committee is appealing to all UAV members, Ukrainian Americans and people of good will to join us in making the UAV National Monument a reality. We count on your continuous support and donations.



photo from left: Mathew Koziak, PNC; Brig Gen Leonid Kondratiuk, NC; Oksana Koziak, UAV NLA President; Bishop Daniel; Anna Krawczuk, IPNC; Bernard Krawczuk, N PR O; Edward Zetick, PNC; and Walter Bodnar, Past UAV National Adjutant. not in photo: Archbishop Antony, Metropolitan Soroka, Rev. Daniel Gurovich, Jerry Kindrachuk and Michael Wowk



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