

# Voice of Ukraine

## UKRAINE WAR AMPS

### Heroes of Ukraine

It is believed that when a star suddenly falls it burns down instantly, and likewise, if someone dies it is an unfathomable and sudden loss to their family and society. We, unfortunately, observe such stars falling in Ukraine these days. It has almost been five years since the war broke out and the best Ukrainians are dying again - the blossom of Ukrainian nation went to defend the borders of their Motherland and are sacrificing their lives in the struggle to protect their country.

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#### UWA's Featured Soldier: Stanislav Antropov



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Stanislav Antropov is a recent and very worthy addition to the *Adopt a Soldier* program. He has faced great adversity throughout his adult life and overcome many obstacles to serve his country. In 2005, Stanislav was diagnosed with hepatitis C and his health slowly began to deteriorate. By 2014 he was informed by his doctor he may only have a few years to live.

Knowing his time may be short, he made a decision—if he is destined to die soon this or next year, it is better to die for Ukraine than to die at home in bed. He was soon able to obtain a medical permit and volunteered for military service. He was sent to Rivne, enlisted in the 394th Battalion, and was moved to the front as part of a reconnaissance platoon in the Luhansk region near Starobilsk.

In 2016 he returned home to Kyiv and was reunited with his wife after two years of service. However, Stanislav's health took another turn for the worse as he was diagnosed with thyroid cancer shortly after he returned home. He is barely alive and suffering from acute pain. His wife, Natalia, is under immense stress and in tears. He is bravely facing his cancer with both hope and love. UWA is raising funds to continue with his treatment and to cover his medical expenses.

## Artemko, A Young Ukrainian Cadet

We are sad to report that Artemko Kyryluk is yet another Ukrainian child that will have to go without father due to war. His father Oleksandr succumbed to his injuries at the young age of twenty-two. UWA donors have dedicated themselves to ensuring that Artemko will receive an education and the support he needs in this most dire of times.

The *I Care About Fallen Heroes* program has arranged for Artemko to attend and reside in the Kiev Cadet School. We are all so proud of Artemko and wish him all the best in his studies. The war brings about great tragedy and suffering, but we know Artemko will succeed in his studies and come out of this heartbreak a much stronger person.

UWA has donated so far US\$1000 to Artemko to buy clothes, toys, school supplies, food, and attend summer camps. We thank our two major donors, David Houghtaling of Illinois, USA and Stefan Chornopysky of Ontario, Canada.



It is heart wrenching to see that many other children like Artemko, who have lost their father or their entire family in the war, are left behind to tread the arduous path of life on their own.

UWA supports many other children of war, some of them are: **Maya Kremezna, Iryna Kudilova, and Natalie Lafazan.**

## Our special thanks to every member of Myloserdia society



Special thanks to the **Myloserdia Society** and their generous donations to Ukrainian families in need.

The Myloserdia Society partnered with the UWA to donate clothes, household items, toys and notebooks for children and veteran's families in Ukraine.

The families are deeply moved by the donations and grateful for the support.

Some of the beneficiaries are Stepan Hladiy, Serhiy Yevdochenko, and Vasyl Checkman (picture on the left).

## Awards and Recognitions

Our Supporter of the Month in September 2018 was **Yurko H.** and his birthday fundraiser turned out to be one of the most successful fundraisers of the year as he was able to raise over \$700! Great job! This money was donated to Yuriy Omelyukh, who was paralyzed during fighting in the East. Yuriy, also known as the hero of Volyn, is only 25 years old, so this money will hopefully ease his hardship and assist in his rehabilitation.

We would also like to thank **Omelan Nowytzkyj** for his very generous donation to the Hladiys family. Omelan provided extra funds to the family to cover costs of a two week rehabilitation program for their two year old daughter Evelyn. Omelan is a long time UWA supporter and his efforts continue to touch lives throughout Ukraine.

We would also like to thank **Yulia Severyn** and **Oleksandr Kravchuk** for their long time membership and dedication to the UWA's mission. They were both recognized for their remarkable efforts over the past years and we cannot thank them enough for their continued support.

*“Our heroes in Ukraine are never forgotten.”*

**Isabel Beldeanu** was awarded the “For Free Ukraine” recognition. Her unconditional support and dedication to the wounded Heroes program has helped a number of soldiers and families within Ukraine. For Isabel giving is rewarding enough and although she knows she cannot give an amputee a new limb she knows her donations are helping the soldier and the family recover. Isabel has been a UWA member since March 2015. Her efforts are greatly appreciated.

## Ukrainian War Amps Continues Its Mission to Help Veterans in Eastern Ukraine



*Over \$100,000 in USD is delivered to more than 100 families in Ukraine.*

Our work continues to provide assistance to wounded soldiers and families caught in the middle of the conflict in Eastern Ukraine. We have made great strides over the last year in providing more service and none of this would have been possible without the continued support from both volunteers and donors from around the globe.

It is very difficult to pick up the words of gratitude for those deeds and goodwill, which you provide by putting your heart and soul into actions.

We thank every member, activist, sponsor and supporter from all over the world for their tremendous efforts in helping the Ukrainian veterans, widows and children of war. Our team will continue to work hard and strive to achieve new goals.



**We Thank You For All Your Support!**

**Help us Help!**

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### **Our Mission**

Ukraine War Amps sole purpose is to assist Ukrainian soldiers and patriots that have been maimed or injured in the ongoing armed conflict in Ukraine.

### **UWA MOTTO:**

"FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD"

(James 2:14-26, New King James Version)

If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

### ***Our recent events***

- Ukraine War Amps participated in a *parade during Ukrainian festival* in Toronto on Sep 15, 2018. UWA community members from Ukraine (Luhansk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Crimea, Kyiv, Lviv), India, and Canada marched together to support the cause.
- *Visit a Soldier program* opened its fall season with an amazing JEWEL OF UKRAINE tour of Podillia, Halychyna (Galicia), and Bukovyna.
- Ukrainian Winnipeg magazine published an article on *Ukrainian Volleyball Tournament Fund-raiser* that was organized to benefit Mykhaylo Lupeyko from UWA's Adopt a Soldier program.

**With tremendous efforts from every one of you UWA delivered over US\$100,000 to over 100 families in Ukraine within 2014-2018**

The war is going on and we are not done.

New wounded are getting on board of Ukraine War Amps every month!

Your continuous support is crucial as always.

Thank you all, for supporting UWA's mission and transferring your goodwill into great actions.

With three major programs on the go UWA is moving into its fifth year humbled and determined.

**WE THANK THE DEFENDERS OF UKRAINE FOR THEIR SACRIFICE, COURAGE, AND LOVE FOR ALL OF US.**