Twenty years ago, our nation faced the unimaginable. The terrorist attacks in New York City, Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon on September 11th, 2001, left a permanent mark on us all.

As we remember the 2,977 innocent lives lost on that fateful day, and honor the bravery, resilience and sacrifice shown in the face of such tragedy by the first responders and survivors alike, UCCA calls on our community to actively participate on this National Day of Service and Remembrance, for even a small act of service is a great act of patriotism.

UCCA sends its thoughts and prayer to all those affected by the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

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Вічна і світла пам'ять!
You are respectfully invited to attend an upcoming Ukrainian Historical Encounters Series event, entitled, **Ukraine at 30: Prelude – Three Maidans and a War – A Look Forward**. The forum will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at the [Ukrainian Institute of America](https://www.ukrainianinstitute.org) in New York City.

The full-day conference will bring together panelists who will take a fresh, critical look at the myriad of circumstances that led to the declaration of an independent Ukraine in 1991 and shaped Ukraine’s present course as an aspiring member of the Euro-Atlantic community. The forum will highlight the three great manifestations of popular will, known as the 'Maidans' as well as Ukraine’s unwanted conflict with its northern neighbor simply labelled 'the War' as focal points in the discussions.

The full program of the proceeding, with a list of the distinguished invited speakers, is provided below. We hope you will join us for this important gathering – celebrating Ukraine’s 30th anniversary of Renewed Independence.
On September 8, members of Ukraine’s Central Election Commission (CEC) met with representatives of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the representative organization of the nearly 2 million Americans of Ukrainian descent, in New York City. This was the first time a delegation from the CEC had the opportunity to visit with UCCA in the United States.

The visiting delegation – CEC Chairman Oleh Didenko, CEC Vice-Chairman, Vitalii Plukar, CEC Secretary Olena Hataullina, CEC member Oksana Boyarchuk and CEC Head International Cooperation Department Oksana Kostiv – traveled to the United States with the goal of forming cooperative relationships with international partners and foreign electoral commissions, as well as to further research best practices of election processes and election delegation management. During their brief stay before traveling to Washington, D.C., the delegation made time to sit down with two of UCCA’s experienced Election Observers: UCCA’s Executive Director Tamara Olexy and UCCA’s Director of Communications and Media, Andrij Dobriansky. UCCA remains one of the few non-governmental organizations, and the only Ukrainian American community organization having registered an Election Observer Mission (EOM) with Ukraine’s CEC for every election in Ukraine – presidential, parliamentary and local – since 1994.
When meeting with UCCA representatives in New York City, the CEC delegation was able to have a Ukrainian language conversation to discuss both sides’ respective understanding of American and Ukrainian election practices, the effects of pandemic restrictions on voting in both countries in 2020, and the efforts and mobilizations needed to enfranchise Ukrainian citizens to vote outside of Ukraine. “It was pleasure to visit with member of Ukraine’s CEC in the United States. Not having the time restrictions that election cycles pose, we were able to freely exchange ideas and address several recommendations our Elections Missions have proposed over the years and discuss how the CEC is acting upon many of our suggestions,” stated Ms. Olexy.

“UCCA unites nearly 30 fraternal, educational, veterans, religious, humanitarian and youth organizations under one umbrella, the UCCA National Council. Because of this incredible level of community dialogue, UCCA representatives can assist future CEC visits, or virtual sessions, by connecting the CEC directly with those organizations and community representatives across the United States,” related Mr. Dobriansky.

During the delegation’s stay in Washington, D.C., they planned to meet with a variety of stakeholders and election experts including local election administration bodies, representatives of U.S. government agencies and international organizations. The CEC delegation hopes to focus on such key areas as: the use of information technology in elections and cybersecurity, countering misinformation and foreign influence in the election process, and sharing experiences in the field of election administration.
THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SEeks APplicants FOR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

At the next quadrennial convention in May 2022 the Ukrainian National Association will elect a President/CEO and Board of Directors among others and subsequently appointments will be made to the positions of Secretary/COO and Treasurer/COO.

Applicants should possess proven governance and executive leadership skills and experience. Desired qualities and talents include executive leadership, experience in business management and an ability to think across all disciplines relevant to the UNA.

Applications should be submitted to the attention of the President/CEO and Treasurer/COO and will be accepted until October 31, 2021.

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WHAT IS UCCA?
The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) is a non-profit, non-partisan community-based organization that has represented the interests of Ukrainians in the United States since 1940.

ЦІО ТАКЕ УККА?
Український Конгресовий Комітет Америки (УККА) є неприбутковою, безпартійною громадською організацією, яка представляє інтереси українців у Сполучених Штатах Америки з 1940 року.

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