

UCCA HOSTS SPECIAL WEBINAR “WARNING OF WAR”

Due to the massive buildup of Russian troops and equipment along Ukraine’s border, along with the escalating threats of a further invasion, UCCA hosted a special webinar on December 28th entitled “Warning of War.”



Following UCCA President Andriy Futey’s introductory remarks, participants of the virtual discussion were updated on the military situation in and around Ukraine’s borders by two experts in the field – former NATO Supreme Allied Commander, Gen. Wesley Clark (ret.) and President of The Potomac Foundation, Dr. Phillip Karber.

These experts have been keeping tabs on developments since 2014 when they made several trips together to Ukraine and authored the first authoritative assessment of what they both came to call “the Russo-Ukrainian War” that was unfolding.

Following Dr. Karber and General Clark’s presentations, UCCA Vice President Michael Sawkiw, Jr., provided an update on the legislative developments in support of Ukraine in Washington, D.C.

UCCA thanks our National Council members — the Center for U.S.-Ukrainian Relations, the Organization for Defense of Four Freedoms of Ukraine, and the Ukrainian American Freedom Foundation — for their support in organizing this webinar.

If you missed this important webinar, you can view it in full on UCCA’s YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/eRwZBuwG7G0>

UCCA SENDS LETTER TO PRESIDENT BIDEN

On January 9th and 10th, the United States and Russia held a series of high-level talks in Geneva, Switzerland. These European discussions were preceded by a virtual meeting on January 7th, of NATO’s Foreign Ministers, and followed by a meeting of the Russia-NATO Council on January 12th and negotiations at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Vienna on January 13th.

Preceding this week of intense diplomacy and high-level meetings addressing Russia’s military buildup along the borders of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) sent a letter to President Biden. The January 3rd letter addressed our community’s concerns and the need for the Administration “to continue publicly supporting Ukraine’s efforts towards Euro-Atlantic integration, most importantly its membership within the NATO alliance, while simultaneously providing Ukraine with the means necessary to defend its territorial integrity and sovereignty.”

The letter calls upon the Administration to “supply defensive military weaponry and equipment to Ukraine to ensure a strong deterrent against current and future Russian maneuvers.” The correspondence also underscores the need for enhanced diplomatic relations with Ukraine with the presence of an American ambassador in Kyiv and requests President Biden’s “stalwart leadership in defending the objectives enumerated in the renewed U.S.-Ukraine Charter on Strategic Partnership” during next week’s high-level discussions with Kremlin officials.

The full text of UCCA’s letter can be found at: <https://ucca.org/biden-ukraine-letter-jan-2022/>

#SUPPORTUKRAINE

Ukraine is currently facing numerous challenges to its security and sovereignty. We are all too familiar with Russian troops amassing on Ukraine's borders, the continued threat to European energy security should the NordStream2 pipeline become fully operational, and Russia's unmitigated hybrid aggression upon Ukraine.

The News

Support Ukraine!

CONTACT YOUR SENATORS

- Enact immediate NordStream2 sanctions
- Increase military assistance to Ukraine
- Sanction Russia for its malign and aggressive actions

NDAA Amendments

www.senate.gov

Ukrainian Congress Committee of America

UNIS Ukrainian National Information Service

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Through its Washington, D.C.-based bureau, the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS), UCCA has been constantly monitoring the situation in Washington and reaching out to Administration officials and congressional leaders to enhance their support for Ukraine at this critical juncture. Our elected officials in Congress however, must hear directly from their constituents to reinforce our advocacy of the U.S.-Ukraine strategic partnership and to augment necessary assistance for Ukraine.

UCCA/UNIS urge you to contact your Senators and Representative. More information: ucca.org/ukrainematters/

Sample letter:

Dear Senator/Representative (name):

As a Ukrainian American constituent in (state/district), I respectfully request your support for increasing aid to Ukraine. Recently, Ukraine and the United States have enhanced their relationship with the signing of a renewed U.S.-Ukraine Charter on Strategic Partnership. Its preamble states emphatically the US' "unwavering commitment to Ukraine's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders, including Crimea."

Ukraine is facing imminent peril at the hands of Russia's continued aggression. Please support efforts to enact immediate sanctions against the Nord Stream 2 political pipeline, to immediately provide increased levels of military assistance to Ukraine, and to integrate Ukraine further into Euro-Atlantic structures by providing membership in NATO. Your support of Ukraine and its strategic importance to the national security interests of the United States would be greatly appreciated.

UCCA NATIONAL COUNCIL SETS DATE FOR XXIII CONGRESS AND FORMS 2026 NATIONAL COMMITTEE

UCCA's National Council, the highest ruling body between UCCA Conventions, held its last meeting of 2021 to develop and approve UCCA's 2022 plan of action, approve the activities of the UCCA's Executive Board and vote on several important issues.

UCCA's National Council unanimously voted to hold the XXIII Congress of Ukrainians in America on October 21-23 at the Soyuzivka Heritage Center in Kerhonkson, NY. (Due to the ongoing Covid pandemic, UCCA has had to postpone its quadrennial convention twice since 2020.)

UCCA's National Council also voted unanimously to create a National Committee to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of America's Independence, as well as the 150th Anniversary of Ukrainians in America, both of which will be marked in 2026. The aim is to officially work with the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission (America250.org) and the various already-established State Commissions so that our Ukrainian American community is properly represented in the celebrations. Further details will be forthcoming.

2022 IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARIES

UCCA's National Office would like to inform our Local Branches, UCCA members and the greater Ukrainian American community that throughout 2022, there are several important anniversaries to mark as a community, including:

- October 14 - 80th anniversary of the establishment of UPA
- 75th anniversary of Operation Wisła
- 75th anniversary since the start of UPA's "Great Raid" (1947-48)
- 75th anniversary of Operation Zakhid
- 30th anniversary of the adoption the National Flag, the National Anthem, and the Tryzub by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

UCCA urges our community to appropriately mark these important historical dates:

- ucca.org/річниці-і-відзначення-у-2022-році/
- ucca.org/ucca-2022-dates-for-distribution/

The last six months of UCCA emails can always be reviewed at this link: <https://us13.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=c58102ff552092843267dbbb8&id=afe2bda69f>