UCCA Executive Board meets with Ukraine’s Foreign minister

On February 19th, in the course of his working visit to the United Nations Headquarters, Ukraine’s Foreign Minister, Vadym Prystaiko met with members of UCCA’s Executive Board.

Opening the discussion, UCCA President Andriy Futey, warmly welcomed the Minister to New York and thanked him for always being agreeable to meet with our community leaders. Futey went on to outline UCCA’s priorities for 2020, and informed the Minister that UCCA will be celebrating its 80th anniversary this year and invited the Minister to attend UCCAs XXIII Congress that will be held in October 2020.

Minister Prystaiko thanked UCCA for all of its work and stressed that Ukraine appreciates and relies on the continued support of the Ukrainian American community in strengthening ties between the United States and Ukraine and implementing President Zelenskyy’s initiatives.

For over an hour, a cordial and open dialogue ensured during which various topics were discussed, including Russia’s ongoing war in Ukraine. Minister Prystaiko stressed that President Zelenskyy’s main priority remains the restoration of Ukraine’s territorial integrity by peaceful means.

UCCA believes the prospect for peace can only be reached if Russia fully withdraws from sovereign Ukrainian territory and for its part, committed to helping strengthen US-Ukraine strategic partnership, by working with members of Congress to maintain bipartisan support for Ukraine, strengthening sanctions against Russia and spreading the truth about the real situation in Ukraine – as a method of combating Russian disinformation.

Other issues touched upon during the meeting including NATO’s Enhanced Opportunities Partners program, Major non-NATO Ally (MNNA) Status for Ukraine, the upcoming 75th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, of which Soviet Ukraine was an original signatory, as well as humanitarian efforts to assist in the medical field.

February 20 – Heavenly Hundred Remembrance Day

Ukrainians around the world mark February 20th as Heavenly Hundred Remembrance Day, when over 100 brave individuals, whose lives were tragically cut short in clashes with security forces in Kyiv on this date in 2014.

This innocent group of protesters – who have been dubbed “The Heavenly Hundred” – had been protesting human rights and fundamental freedom abuses, and the backsliding of Ukraine’s pro-European course in 2013. Six years ago, they took the fate of their country in their own hands. Their sacrifice is a reminder of the Ukrainian nation’s eternal aspirations for freedom.

UCCA and the entire Ukrainian American community pay tribute to those brave heroes, whose lives were tragically taken during the Revolution of Dignity.

Heroes Never Die!

Vichnaya Pamyat’!
UCCA Extends its Gratitude for Generous Donations

UCCA would like to acknowledge the generous donations received since January 28, 2020 in response to our 2019 End of Year Appeal to support the work of UCCA.*

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UCCA would also like to thank all those that donated through our UCCA Facebook Page and through Network for Good.

*Donations received as of February 28, 2019

Save the Date: March 11th

Please join us on Wednesday, March 11th from 11am-1pm for an informative briefing session about the plight and welfare of Ukraine’s veterans. Ukrainian veterans returning from the frontlines in their fight against Russian aggression face numerous challenges. The congressional briefing will bring together a host of experts to explore the dynamics of the modern Ukrainian veteran and programs and services to support them. The Congressional briefing will take place in Room 268 of the Capitol Visitor’s Center of the US Congress. For more information please contact UNIS at 202-547-0018 or unis.sawkiw@gmail.com.

UCCA President Speaks at Georgia Tech

UCCA President Andriy Futey was invited to speak at Georgia Tech University’s Executive Round Table SFI Conference, which was held on January 8-9 near Atlanta, Georgia. He addressed the conference on the current events in Ukraine and the role and accomplishments of the UCCA over the past 80 years.

UCCA Releases 2019 Annual Report

UCCA is pleased to announce that its 2019 Annual Report has been released. In the publication you will read about many of UCCA’s initiatives and positive results from the work we conducted in 2019. The Annual Report provides a snapshot of the various efforts and programs UCCA conducted to assist the Ukrainian nation in its struggle to secure its independence, while actively engaging our community.

Should you like a copy of UCCA’s 2019 Annual Report, please contact the National Office either by phone at 212-228-6840 or by email at: ucca@ucca.org.