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November UGG-NCR Webinar

CRUMBLE and SLICE: The nature of the Russo-Ukrainian War

Borys Gengalo, as the resident UGG military specialist, made an earlier presentation on February 22, 2022 on the ongoing Russo-Ukrainian War. This presentation was an update on the current military situation in Ukraine.



Borys Gengalo - our November Speaker

Borys began his analysis with the Russian escalation of the war in February, 2021 when they attacked Ukraine from various directions. The Ukrainians stopped the Russians north of Kyiv, near Kharkiv, Luhansk and began to push them back. The Ukrainian counter-offensive also began in Kherson region. After the initial advances by the Russians, the Ukrainians held their ground and developed new defensive tactics. The Russians used 'human-wave' tactics in their attempts to overwhelm the Ukrainian positions but this resulted in massive

casualties among the Russians. This was particularly evident in the battles for Bakhmut and Avdiivka in eastern Ukraine. In the south, the Ukrainians were confronted by a series of obstacles prepared by the Russians – trenches, extensive mine fields, barbed wire, dragon teeth. The Ukrainians began their 'crumble and slice' tactics towards Tokmak and they were able to establish a 'beach head' across the Dnipro River.

This advance was in preparation for further penetration towards Crimea. Borys explained the importance of Crimea to Ukraine in the war to defeat the Russians. The Kerch Strait remains an important passage for exports from the Donbas for manufactured products and grain. Crimea has been extensively militarized by the Russians and will always be a threat as a 'launch-pad' against Ukraine.

Borys explained in detail the various equipment and armaments that are used to defend Ukraine and repel the Russians. Since minefields are particularly important Russian defensive weapons, several technical methods are used by the Ukrainians to defeat these obstacles. Borys also commented on the need for air defence, aircraft, vast amounts of ammunition, drones and rockets. Some of the weapons are supplied by the United States but their use against the Russian military is restricted to the Russian-occupied areas of Ukraine.

Borys also commented on issues relating to training, leadership, community support, morale, and motivation. He mentioned some criticism about the Ukrainian strategy by foreigners and stated that much of the Ukrainian advances against the Russians are

dependent on overwhelming air power and air supremacy. According to the Ukrainian military leadership, Ukraine has an urgent need for more artillery, air support, electronic warfare and new battle tactics to defeat the Russians that are continually mobilizing more soldiers to send to Ukraine. The future of military operations depends very much on additional military material from the United States and this has become a serious political problem in the United States and therefore, in Ukraine.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

Conference Keeper

Submitted by Maria Rypan

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Adoption Records in Quebec

The lifting of confidentiality will soon come into force in Quebec. There is some relief for adopted Quebecers who want to know the first chapter of their lives. Starting on June 8, 2024, they will be able to ask the Quebec government for the identity of their biological parents, even those who previously refused to have the information transmitted.

John Guty

John Guty passed away on Friday, 8 December, 2023 at the age of 91. He was born near Hearst, Ontario where his father worked on the railway. He was predeceased by his wife Betty. John was a devoted father, grandfather and great grandfather.



John Guty – longtime UGG Member

John was very proud of his Ukrainian heritage and a man of tradition. He was fortunate to have visited his parents' village and met many relatives in Ukraine and Poland. He very much enjoyed going to the Ukrainian Genealogy Group meetings and to Ukrainian festivals. His funeral was held on 16 December, in Carp.

Vichnaya Pamiat – Eternal Memory

Community Events

Saturday, Dec 2, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Christmas Bazaar (St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Shrine)

Ukrainian food, bake table, Christmas cards, gifts. Ukrainian Vintage Sale – anything and everything Ukrainian: ceramics, pottery, embroidery, weaving, wooden items, art, clothing, pysanky, books, music. Give your loved ones a gift of something Ukrainian for Christmas!

Organized by the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada, Ottawa Branch. St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, 952 Green Valley Cres.

Sunday, Jan 21, 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm

The National Ballet of Ukraine (NAC)

This once-in-a-lifetime performance by the world-renowned National Ballet of Ukraine from the Taras Shevchenko National Opera House features excerpts from some of the world's greatest ballets such as Le Corsaire, Giselle, Don Quixote, while also highlighting Ukrainian culture through traditional dance.

This tour is also a benefit for the Ukrainian people and the First Lady of Ukraine, Olena Zelenska, will address audiences prior to the intermission via video.

For tickets and more information:
<https://nac-cna.ca/en/event/35088>