

FACT SHEET

Ukrainian Women's Guard 2023

The Ukrainian Women's Guard (UWG), a network of the women's resistance movement in Ukraine, was created by Attorney Olena Biletska at the beginning of the Russian-Ukrainian war, and was registered by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine as a public organization on October 14, 2014 under No. 124/02

The main goal and task of the UWG is the creation of a national ground network of the women's movement of resistance to Russian aggression.

In order to fulfill this task, since 2014, the UWG has been conducting training and education for women, so that in crisis situations, women can unite, know what to do, how to survive and, if possible, resist the enemy.

The main principles of UWG: Trust, Safety, Cooperation, Solidarity, Guarantee

UWG website: www.uavarta.org

Chronology

2014 - The UWG was born in the difficult days of Moscow's aggression against Ukraine. The Ukrainian Women's Guard conducted mass education and training in general military training, survival in war conditions, paramedicine for women throughout Ukraine (Kyiv, Kharkiv, Starobils, Lviv, Dnipro, Lutsk, Odesa, Poltava, Vinnytsia, etc.). The UWG became the first organization that raised the issue of expanding combat positions for women in the Ukrainian Armed Forces. The UWG started professional military schools for women and girls in cooperation with the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine. In total, in 2014, about 5,000 women were trained by the UWG.

The Voluntary, Engineering and Information Services of UWG commenced working.

2015 - The UWG joined the "volunteer military industry", continued to help Ukrainian units at the frontline, and provided assistance to medical institutions that treat the wounded. The UWG also started to publish the information leaflet "On Guard", which is distributed among the military in addition to publishing activities in the areas of military and medical literature, for example, in cooperation with the Ukrainian Military Medical Academy and the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, the "Standard of Training: Professional training of a sanitary instructor of a company (battery)" was developed, approved and published ISBN 978-966-7166-34-2. The UWG introduced several days of professional military training for women in cooperation with the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine on the Velykholovetskyi training ground. The UWG began classes with professional psychologists for military journalists, volunteers and family members of veterans returning from war. The UWG started to provide professional legal support to Ukrainian soldiers (women and men) and their family members.

2016 - The UWG introduced regular self-defense classes for women and girls. Conducted mass training on survival in urban conditions and rules of conduct in the event of hostilities, emergencies of man-made or natural origin for the civilian population. The UWG conducted a training program for its own certified instructors in paramedicine in cooperation with the Ukrainian Military Medical Academy of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.

2017 - The UWG instructors regularly worked with military units and conducted training with the civilian population. The Ukrainian Women's Guard initiated educational and social programs throughout Ukraine for women who have family members killed, missing, maimed or captured in war, who have family members participating in hostilities, internally displaced persons and children of war. The UWG legally helped to create an association for such people. One of the bright projects of UWG was the creation of the Yasen Mill social enterprise, with the support of the Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in Ukraine.

2018 - www.uvv.works The social enterprise 'UVV Engineering' started working - an engineering enterprise of war veterans, founded by the Ukrainian Women's Guard, with two production sites in Vinnytsia and Kyiv. 15 veterans work permanently at the enterprise.

2019 - The Ukrainian Women's Guard actively participated in the work of the National Forum "Transformation of Ukraine" in the social sector and actively conducted international activities.

2020 - www.ucsr.social The UWG became a co-founder of the Ukrainian Consortium for Social Research - an all-Ukrainian independent scientific-research and educational-practical network, which united 35 universities and higher education institutions in the territory of Ukraine. The UWG did not suspend any of its projects during the pandemic and took the required precautions to continue safe functioning.

2020. From the beginning of 2022, the UWG, realized the inevitability of a full-scale war. It began mass offline training for women on urban survival in war conditions. From the beginning of the year until February 24, UWG conducted 5 such training sessions for more than 2,000 women in the large hall of the Institute of Postgraduate Education of Kyiv Taras Shevchenko University and in the large hall of the Kyiv City Administration. This was the maximum number we could accept due to the pandemic, although there were more than 10,000 applicants.

From the first day of the full-scale Russian invasion, the UWG network was operating at full capacity

Educational and Training Service

- Urban survival in war, hostilities, emergency and crisis situations;
- para-medical and tactical schools;
- self-defense for women;
- SERE training; psychological webinars, etc.
- 9,167 people were trained - 90% are women (including 1,123 IDP women)

Since 2014, more than 50,000 women throughout Ukraine have completed the training provided by the UWG.

We continue to constantly provide consultations to women and women's associations in Ukraine regarding the inclusion of components for physical, psychological and information security, countering burnout from social activities and security in public places during martial law. We also conduct various other educational events (online and offline).

Information Service.

For the website www.uavarta.org, since February 24, the following was prepared daily:

Operational news about the war in Ukraine (in Ukrainian and English) and sent through the network of international contacts (diplomats, military, politicians, journalists, foreign mass media) - number for the year published was 310
Digest of crimes of the Russian Federation (translation in various languages) - number for the year published was 280
Digest "Our Victories" (translated into different languages) - number for the year published was 310.
1,500 volunteer translators are involved (33 languages)

According to poll results of 2022, "Ukrainian Women's Guard" www.uavarta.org took second place in the ranking of the best blogs about the Ukrainian war according to Feedspot. It should be noted that Financial Times "War in Ukraine" took 4th place, The New York Times "Russia Ukraine War" - 7th place, and BBC "War in Ukraine" - 8th place. A total of 40 best blogs about the war in Ukraine were noted in the rating. Feedspot is a database of more than 250 thousand active bloggers, vloggers and podcasters on YouTube and Instagram in 1500 niche categories.

The UWG also supported the anti-colonial movement of peoples enslaved by the Russian Federation.

For the website <https://idel-ural.org/> and the League of Free Nations <https://freenationsleague.org/ua/home.html>, since February 24, three reports per day were prepared daily and translated into 33 languages - a total of 930

Together with the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory, UWG launched an interactive map with information about the events of the large-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine, website address <https://wartoday.info/>

The interactive map organizes information about:

- Losses of the occupying forces: destroyed equipment and manpower of the enemy,
- Captured occupiers,
- War crimes, kidnapping, looting by Russians in Ukraine,
- Ukrainian refugees,
- Resistance of residents who found themselves in temporarily occupied territories.

The data is constantly updated and translated into three languages.

UWG in World. Reports and information materials about activities of UWG were published in the world's largest mass media, such as BBC, CNN, ABC News, Daily Telegraph, Rolling Stone Magazine, Corriere della Sera, La Stampa and many others.

Volunteer Service. Food and household products for € 6,330,000.00 were directly provided by UWG and its partners. Recipients: Odesa, Kyiv, Mykolaiv Region Military-Civil Administration; Operational Command "South"; Logistics Command of the Ukrainian Armed Forces; Military Medical Clinical Center of the Southern Region; Medical Command of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

Medicine. Celax 21100 pcs. for \$250300.00

CAT tourniquets - 27,000 pieces for \$594,000.00

Other drugs and equipment - \$40,940.00

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And other things. The UWG conducted an energy audit of the needs of the Borodyanka and, together with our British friends from Crown Agents, handed over 9 powerful generators for the operation of the boiler houses of the utility company "Borodyankateplosatsana" and to support the critical infrastructure of Borodyanka. The generators have helped minimize heat and water outages for community residents in the event of accidents and power outages, keep three water towers and sewers running, and support a school, kindergarten, hospital and a container town that is home to nearly 400 homeless residents as a result of the Russian occupation.

The UWG provided logistics transport of 180 trucks for approximately € 30,000,000.00

Grant history.

Embassy of Lithuania in Ukraine 2017 in the amount of UAH 400,000.00.

IBF "Ukrainian Women's Fund" 2022 in the amount of UAH 250,000.00.

International Fund "Renaissance" 2022-2023 in the amount of UAH 438,750.00.

Olena Biletska, a lawyer, social activist and mother of 4 children, has been the head of the UWG since 2014.