

US UKRAINE
SECURITY
DIALOGUE XV

**Taking Measure of Ukraine's
Defense Capabilities & Needs
After a Year of War**

**National Press Club
February 28, 2023**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

US-Ukraine Security Dialogue XV: Taking Measure of Ukraine's Defense Capabilities & Needs After a Year of War is being held at the **National Press Club in Washington DC** on **February 28, 2023**. The event will feature six panel discussions and three highlight focus sessions.

The panel discussions will be dedicated to examining Ukraine's ability to properly engage in war along classical security dimensions: land (regular/territorial); sea/maritime defense; air/air defense; cyber warfare/information warfare as well as its capacity to adequately maintain its infrastructure assets (whether military or civilian) and energy resources.

The highlight focus sessions will give prominence to considering, as tradition would have it (and as present circumstances clearly would recommend it), why Ukraine's security matters enough to its neighbors and the world at large to merit serious military assistance in time of need.

DIALOGUE INVOCATION

*Oh Lord, Master of Heaven and Earth
You have graced Ukraine with Liberty,
We beseech you to help Her sustain
Your precious gift*

PROGRAM

US-Ukraine Security Dialogue XV: Taking Measure of Ukraine's Defense Capabilities & Needs After a Year of War Feb 28, 2023

**Venue: National Press Club –
529 14th St. NW, 13th Floor, Washington DC**

8:30 am – 9:00 am – Registration

9:00 am – 9:40 am – First Word

HE Oksana Markarova [Ambassador of Ukraine to the US]
Hon. Brian Higgins [US Representative from New York]

9:40 am – 10:45 am – Dialogue Discussion Session I

Theme: Assessing Ukraine's Land Force Capabilities and Needs

Moderator: Amb. John Herbst [Director/EAC Center/Atlantic Council]
Panelists: Andrij Zagorodnyuk [UA Min. Of Defense 2019-2020/Atlantic Council EAC Fellow]
Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges [USAREUR Command 2014-2017/SA- Human Rights First]
Special Discussant: Howard Altman [Senior Staff Writer/The War Zone]

10:45 am – 10:50 am – Coffee Break

10:50 am – 11:55 pm – Dialogue Discussion Session II

Theme: Evaluating Ukraine's Air & Air Defense Capabilities and Needs

Moderator: Herman Pirchner [President/American Foreign Policy Council]
Panelists: Maj. Gen. Borys Kremenetskyi [Defense Attache/Embassy of Ukraine to the US]
Gen. Philip Breedlove [SACEUR 2013-2016 – GA Tech Distinguished Prof. of Practice]
Special Discussant: Peter Wilson [Senior Defense Policy Analyst at RAND]

11:55 am – 1:00 pm – Dialogue Discussion Session III

Theme: Assessing Ukraine's Maritime & Coastal Defense Capabilities and Needs

Moderator: Glen Howard [President/Jamestown Foundation]
Panelists: Adm. Ihor Kabanenko [President/Ukrainian Advanced Project Agency]
Jill Sinclair [Executive Director - External Engagement/Canadian Defence Academy]
Special Discussant: Steven Blank [Senior Fellow/Foreign Policy Research Institute]

1:00 pm – 1:25 pm – Lunch Break [Press Interviews]

1:25 pm – 2:00 pm – Afternoon Highlight Focus Session

Theme: How Ukraine Can Win Its Struggle (With a Little Help From Its Friends)

Discussion Leader: James Sherr OBE [SF/EE International Center for Defence and Security]

Featured Speaker: Oleksiy Danilov [Secretary of the UA National Security & Defense Council]

2:00 pm – 3:05 pm – Dialogue Discussion Session IV

Theme: Examining Ukraine's Electronic-Warfare and Information-Warfare Capabilities & Needs

Moderator: Amb. William Courtney [Adjunct Senior Fellow/RAND Corporation]

Panelists: Oleksandr Danylyuk [Director/Center for Defense Reform - Associate Fellow/RUSI]

Brian Mefford [Director/Wooden Horse Strategies]

Special Discussant: John Costello [Former Chief of Staff/WH Office of the Nat. Cyber Director]

3:05 pm – 4:10 pm – Dialogue Discussion Session V

Theme: Examining the State of Ukraine's Military-Industrial Capacity (Amidst War)

Moderator: Amb. Kurt Volker [Senior Fellow/Center for European Policy Analysis]

Panelists: Ivan Vinnyk [Head/ Nat. Assoc. of Defense Industry Manufacturers of Ukraine]

Gen. Wesley Clark [President/WKC Associates - SACEUR 1997-2000]

Special Discussant: William Schneider Jr. [Senior Fellow/Hudson Institute]

4:10 pm – 4:15 pm – Coffee Break

4:15 pm – 5:25 pm – Dialogue Discussion Session VI

Theme: Examining the State of Ukraine's Gen. Economy and Energy Resources (Amidst War)

Moderator: Adrian Karatnycky [Senior Fellow/Atlantic Council]

Panelists: Mykhailo Honchar [President /Centre for Global Studies 'Strategy XXI']

Margarita Assenova [Senior Fellow/Jamestown Foundation]

Ariel Cohen [Director/Energy, Growth, and Security Program/ITIC]

Special Discussant: Amb. Roman Popadiuk [President/Diplomacy Center Foundation]

5:25 pm – 6:00 pm – Dialogue Closing Remarks Session

Theme: The Russo-Ukrainian War & the 'What Next' Issue

Discussion Leader: Luke Coffey [Senior Fellow/Hudson Foundation]

Featured Speaker: Eliot A. Cohen [Robert E. Osgood Professor/SAIS-John Hopkins University]

7:00 pm – 8:30 PM Patrons' Reception

[Venue: American Foreign Policy Council/Center for US Ukrainian Relations DC Bureau

509 C Street NE]

BIOGRAPHIES

Howard Altman is an award-winning journalist mainly covering Russia's full-on invasion of Ukraine for The War Zone, where he is a senior staff writer. His work has appeared in The New York Times, The Daily Beast, Newsday, Philadelphia Magazine, The Philadelphia Inquirer and many more publications in the U.S. and around the world and been cited in numerous books, white papers and other publications.

Margarita Assenova is a Senior Fellow at The Jamestown Foundation. She is a regular contributor to the Jamestown publication Eurasia Daily Monitor on political and energy security developments in the Balkans and Central Asia. Assenova is a recipient of the John Knight Professional Journalism Fellowship at Stanford University for her reporting on nationalism in the Balkans. She has authored book chapters and journal articles on security, energy, and democracy published by CSIS Press, Brassey's, Freedom House, Bertelsmann Foundation Publishers, the University of New Haven, and The Jamestown Foundation.

Stephen Blank is currently Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute; immediately prior to his present position, he was Senior Fellow on Russia at the American Foreign Policy Council. Earlier, Dr. Blank spent 24 years, 1989-2013, as a Professor of National Security Studies at the Strategic Studies Institute of the US Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, PA. His expertise covers the entire Russian and post-Soviet region and he has also written extensively on defense strategy, arms control, information warfare, energy issues, US foreign and defense policy, European, and Asian security.

Phil Breedlove is a highly decorated retired General of the United States Air Force reaching the pinnacle of the United States Military as one of six geographic Combatant Commanders and Supreme Allied Commander of NATO. During 39 years of service, Gen. Breedlove held a variety of demanding command and staff positions; he led large-scale operations across two theaters of combat. As the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) and the Commander of US European Command, he was able to build consensus and form teams to accomplish complex tasks spanning multiple continents; he answered directly to the North Atlantic Council in his NATO capacity and directly to the President of the United States and Secretary of Defense in his US capacity. He led the most comprehensive strategic structural and policy security changes in NATO's history. His diplomatic skills assured allies, deterred potential aggressors and maintained alliance unity during a dynamic and extremely challenging period (2013-2016).

Wesley Clark, during his 34 years in the U.S. Army, rose to the rank of four-star general and was named director for strategic plans and policy of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. As Supreme Allied Commander and Commander in Chief of the U.S. European Command (1997-2000), he commanded Operation Allied Force, NATO's first major combat action, which saved 1.5 million Albanians from ethnic cleansing in Kosovo. In August 2000, Gen. Clark was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. In 2004, the long serving, decorated warrior was a major contender during the Democratic presidential primaries and was considered to be on the short list of the party's vice presidential nominees. In 2014, Gen. Clark and Dr. Phillip Karber made several trips to Ukraine and authored the first authoritative assessments of what they both came to call "the Russo-Ukrainian War" that was unfolding.

Luke Coffey is presently Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute. Immediately prior to his current posting, he served as Director of the Allison Center for Foreign Policy Studies at The Heritage Foundation where he was responsible for directing policy research for the Middle East, Africa, Russia and the former Soviet Union, the Western Hemisphere, the Arctic region, and NATO. Earlier, Mr. Coffey was engaged as a special adviser to Britain's Ministry of Defence after having served as an officer in the United States Armed Forces, with deployments in South Europe and Afghanistan.

Ariel Cohen is a recognized authority in political risk, international energy, and security. He is the Founding Principal of International Market Analysis Ltd, a boutique consulting firm dealing with geo-economic, geostrategic, energy, and natural resources (www.IMASstrategy.com). Dr. Cohen is also an internationally recognized expert on Russia/Eurasia, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East. He is a Senior

Fellow with the non-profit International Tax and Investment Center (ITIC) and Director of Energy, Growth, and Security Program (EGS) at the said institution. For over 20 years, Dr. Cohen served as a Senior Research Fellow in Russian and Eurasian Studies and International Energy Policy at the Sarah and Douglas Allison Center at the Heritage Foundation.

Eliot Cohen is the Robert E. Osgood Professor at the Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) where he has taught since 1990. He served as Dean of SAIS from 2019 to 2021. Dr. Cohen received his BA and PhD degrees from Harvard University and after teaching at the institution and at the Naval War College founded the Strategic Studies program at SAIS. His books include *The Big Stick* (2017), *Conquered into Liberty* (2011), and *Supreme Command* (2002). In addition to public service in the Department of Defense he served as Counselor of the Department of State from 2007 to 2009. He writes frequently for major newspapers and is a contributing writer at *The Atlantic*.

William Courtney is an adjunct senior fellow at nonprofit, nonpartisan RAND Corporation. He chairs the board of trustees of Eurasia Foundation, which carries out programs abroad to improve governance and strengthen civil society. He co-chairs the international advisory council of the America 250 Foundation, the nonprofit arm of the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission. It will oversee and encourage commemorations of the 250th anniversary of America's founding in 1776. For 28 years he was a foreign service officer in the Department of State, and 14 years a corporate executive. He served as Ambassador to Kazakhstan, Georgia, and the U.S.-Soviet Commission to implement the Threshold Test Ban Treaty.

John Costello is currently Adjunct Senior Fellow with the Technology and National Security Program at the Center for a New American Security; he comes to the position from a posting as Chief of Staff for the Office of the National Cyber Director at the White House. Earlier, Mr. Costello served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Intelligence and Security at the Department of Commerce. Prior to the Department of Commerce, Mr. Costello served as a Senior Director and Lead for Task Force Two at the U.S. Cyberspace Solarium Commission, where he led the Commission's work on cybersecurity, resilience, and supply chain security.

Oleksiy Daniilov is the current Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine. He began his life in public service in the mid 1990s by being elected Mayor of the City of Luhansk. In 2000, Mr. Danilov turned his attention to the Verkhovna Rada and became an adviser to its Committee on Industrial Policy and Entrepreneurship. Between 2001 and 2005, he founded the Luhansk Initiative and took on the effort's chairmanship. Concurrently, he became Deputy Director of the Institute for European Integration and Development. Danilov served as the Governor of Luhansk Oblast in 2005. The following year (2006), Mr. Danilov was elected to the Verkhovna Rada for the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc. After leaving parliament, he returned to the Institute of European Integration and Development and to his previous position as its Deputy Director. In July 2019, he assumed the position of Deputy Secretary of NSDC and three months later (Oct 2019) moved on to his present post.

Oleksandr Danylyuk served as the Special Advisor to the head of Ukraine's Foreign Intelligence Service, and as an advisor to Ukraine's Minister of Defence. He currently heads the Centre for Defence Reforms and is a coordinator of the NATO-Ukraine intergovernmental platform for early detection and countering hybrid threats. Concurrently, he is a research contributor to the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), the world's oldest and the UK's leading defence and security think tank.

Andrij Dobriansky, Director of Communications for the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, is often referred to as the most visible face of the Ukrainian American community. With a history of appearances on *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart, MSNBC, CNN, Fox News, PBS and other outlets, he assists Ukraine and its worldwide diaspora in getting its message out. At the United Nations, he is the Chair of UN Affairs Committee for the Ukrainian World Congress, the international assembly of all public organizations in the Ukrainian diaspora of over 20 million people.

John Herbst is former United States Ambassador to Ukraine and presently Director for Eurasia at the Atlantic Council of the United States; immediately prior to the current posting, he served as Director of the National Defense University Center for Complex Operations. Amb. Herbst has worked as a political

counselor at the US embassies in Tel Aviv, Israel, Moscow, Russia, and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as the Director of Regional Affairs in the Near East Bureau of the US State Department, as Director of the Office of Independent States and Commonwealth Affairs and as Principal Deputy to the Ambassador-at-large for the Newly Independent States. He was appointed Ambassador to Uzbekistan in 2000 before assuming the post of US envoy to Ukraine in 2003.

Brian Higgins is a member of the United States House of Representatives serving New York's 26th congressional district, which includes portions of Erie and Niagara Counties. In the 118th Congress, Rep. Higgins serves on the House Committee on Ways and Means, where he also serves as a Member of the Subcommittees on Health, Trade, and Social Security. In addition, he currently serves as a member of the House Committee on the Budget. Rep. Higgins has been at the forefront of those dealing directly with the Ukrainian refugee issue created by the Russo-Ukrainian War; his extensive general understanding of the said conflict has made him a valued friend of Ukraine on the Hill.

Ben Hodges retired from the U.S. Army in January 2018 holding the rank of Lieutenant General. The West Pointer's last military assignment was as Commanding General, United States Army Europe from 2014 to 2017. Gen. Hodges started his career as an Infantry Lieutenant in Garlstedt, Germany where he commanded Infantry units at the Company, Battalion, and Brigade levels in the 101st Airborne Division, including Command of the First Brigade Combat Team "Bastogne" of the 101st Airborne Division in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. His other operational assignments include Chief of Operations for Multi-National Corps-Iraq in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and Director of Operations, Regional Command South in Kandahar, Afghanistan. General Hodges has also served in a variety of Joint and Army Staff positions to include: Chief of Plans, 2nd Infantry Division in Korea; Aide-de-Camp to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe; Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps; and Commander, NATO Allied Land Command (Izmir, Turkey). He is presently Senior Advisor to Human Right First, a prominent watchdog group.

Mykhailo Honchar is presently President of the Center for Global Studies, Strategies XXI. Prior to his current position, Mr. Honchar served a good many years as Director of Energy Programs at the NOMOS Center and helped found Kyiv's prestigious Energy Club "Q"; he and his good friend at the "Q Club", Olexander Todichuk, quickly accumulated a reputation for being two of the finest students and prognosticators of energy developments in Eastern Europe. In a late breaking addition to his numerous accomplishments, Mr. Honchar has helped co-author the recent powerful 'Sustainable Peace Manifesto'

Glen Howard serves as the President of The Jamestown Foundation. Mr. Howard is fluent in Russian and proficient in Azerbaijani; a regional expert on the Caucasus and Central Asia, he was formerly an analyst at the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) Strategic Assessment Center. His articles have appeared in The Wall Street Journal, the Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst, and Jane's Defense Weekly. Mr. Howard has served as a consultant to the private sector and governmental agencies, including the U.S. Department of Defense, the National Intelligence Council and oil companies operating in Central Asia and the Middle East.

Ihor Kabanenko is a retired admiral with the Ukrainian Navy. From 1983 to 1990, he served in the Soviet Navy in various assignments, including Commander of the Ship and Chief of Staff of the Missile Ships Division. Between 1993-2013, he joined and served in the Ukrainian Armed Forces. He was appointed to the positions of Chief of Operations and Chief of Staff of the Ukrainian Navy, the Military Representative of Ukraine to NATO, Chief of Operations of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, and the First Deputy Chief of Defence. Upon retiring from active service, Admiral Kabanenko took on the role of the Ukrainian Deputy Minister of Defense from May to August 2014 and the post of Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine for European Integration from August to October 2014. Currently, he is president of UARPA (Ukrainian Advanced Research Project Agency), which focuses on high-tech solutions and products for defense.

Adrian Karatnycky is a senior fellow with the Atlantic Council's Program on Transatlantic Relations and managing partner of Myrmidon Group LLC, a NY-based consultancy that works with investors seeking entry into the complex emerging markets of Ukraine and Eastern Europe. He is a founder and co-director of the Ukrainian-Jewish Encounter. From 1993 to 2004, he was president and executive director of Freedom House, during which time he developed programs of assistance to democratic and human rights movements in Belarus, Serbia, Russia, and Ukraine.

Borys Kremenetsky (Maj. General) is the current Defence and Air Attaché, Embassy of Ukraine to the United Kingdom. Between 1983 and 2000, Gen. Kremenetsky held various Air Force command, staff and administration positions including time as Military Observer, UN Mission to Tajikistan. Between 2002 and 2006 he was staff officer at the Cooperation and Regional Security Division, NATO International Military Staff after which he became Head, Euro-Atlantic Integration Department, General Staff, Armed Forces of Ukraine. From 2009 till 2014 he was Defence Adviser, Mission of Ukraine to the EU as well as First Deputy Chief, Military Cooperation and Peacekeeping Operations General Directorate, General Staff, Armed Forces of Ukraine. He followed as Head of the Ukrainian side of the Joint Ceasefire Coordination and Control Centre (Eastern Ukraine) until taking up his appointment as Defence and Air Attaché, Embassy of Ukraine to the UK, immediately preceding his present posting.

HE Oksana Markarova serves as the current Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States since February 2021. Prior to her diplomatic appointment, Ambassador Markarova served as Minister of Finance in the governments of Volodymyr Groysman and Oleksiy Honcharuk. At her initiative, in 2015 the largest open data portal in the public finance sector E-data was created; it consists of modules spending.gov.ua, openbudget.gov.ua and profi.gov.ua. Since the Russo War began in February 2022, she has been Ukraine's most prominent voice in both US political circles and US media circles, an ubiquitous presence.

Brian Mefford is a nonresident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center, based in Kyiv, Ukraine. Named by the Kyiv Post newspaper as one of the 20 "Most Influential Expats in Ukraine," Mefford has lived and worked in Eastern Europe continuously for more than 20 years. He is currently the owner and founder of Wooden Horse Strategies, LLC, a governmental relations and strategic communications firm based in Kyiv.

Herman Pirchner, in 1982, became the founding President of the American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC), a non-profit public policy organization headquartered in Washington, DC. Under his leadership, AFPC has hosted the Washington visits of hundreds of foreign officials, ranging from the Prime Minister of Malta to the Prime Minister of Russia; conducted hundreds of briefings for members of Congress and their staffs; and organized dozens of fact-finding missions abroad for current and former senior American officials. AFPC's publication program includes the sponsorship of numerous articles, monographs and books; in recent years, AFPC authors have appeared in the Washington Post, the New York Times, the Financial Times and the Wall Street Journal among other prominent newspapers and magazines.

Roman Popadiuk, a former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine and past principal of Morgan-Lewis Consulting, presently serves as President of the Diplomacy Center Foundation and the World Affairs Councils of America's Chairman of the national Board of Directors. A retired member of the career Senior Foreign Service, Dr. Popadiuk brings more than 30 years of experience in the areas of national security, political risk analysis, communications strategy and energy policy, including serving on the National Security Councils of Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush. With his vast experience and contacts that span the globe, he brings a unique insight into international political and business matters.

James Sherr OBE is currently Senior Fellow at the Estonian Foreign Policy Institute attached to International Centre for Defence and Security in Tallinn. Immediately prior to his present posting, he was Associate Fellow at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), where he headed the Russia and Eurasia programme between 2008 and 2011. Earlier, he served as a member of the Social Studies Faculty of Oxford University from 1993 to 2012, a fellow of the Conflict Studies Research Centre of the UK Ministry of Defence from 1995 to 2008 and Director of Studies of the Royal United Services Institute (1983-85). Prof Sherr has additionally received recognition as a Visiting Fellow of the Razumkov Centre, a Senior Associate Fellow of the Institute of Statecraft and in June 2016, a GMF Bosch Fellow at the Transatlantic Academy, Washington.

Jill Sinclair is Executive Director, External Engagement and Partnerships, at the Canadian Defence Academy of the Department of National Defence, where she was Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy) from 2008 to 2014. From 2006 to 2008, Jill served as Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet for Foreign and Defence Policy at the Privy Council Office. Until 2006, at the Department of Foreign Affairs, Jill worked respectively as Canada's Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process; Director General of

International Security; Executive Director of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty; Director General of Global Issues with responsibility for Canada's human security initiative; and Director of the Non-Proliferations, Arms Control and Disarmament Division, leading the Ottawa Process that resulted in the Ottawa Convention banning anti-personnel landmines. She was Canada's first Ambassador for Mine Action. She had postings in Prague, Havana and the Middle East.

William Schneider, Jr. is a Washington-based economist and defense analyst. He is President of International Planning Services, Inc., an international trade and finance advisory firm, and an Adjunct Fellow of the Hudson Institute. He served as the Associate Director for National Security and International Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (1981-82) prior to being nominated as Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology by President Reagan (1982- 86). After leaving government service in 1986, Dr. Schneider was tapped to be an advisor to the U.S. government in several capacities. He served as Chairman of the President's General Advisory Committee on Arms Control and Disarmament from 1987 to 1993; he also was posted to several Presidential commissions and government advisory bodies in the fields of intelligence, foreign affairs, defense, and economic policy. The G.W. Bush Administration asked him to become Chairman of the Defense Science Board in the Department of Defense as well as the Department of State's Defense Trade Advisory Group; he served the posts from 2001-2009.

Ivan Vinnyk is presently the head of National Association of Defense Industry Manufacturers of Ukraine. Concurrently, he is the president of GCG Inc, a professional consulting Firm operating within International Trade and Development industries domains and the Chief Executive Officer of the not-for-profit NGO Center for Sustainable Geostrategies and Conflicts Mediation. Between 2014 and 2019, Mr. Vinnyk served as People's Deputy in the Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada; in that capacity, he eventually assumed the role of Secretary of the Rada's National Security and Defence Committee.

Kurt Volker is a leading expert in U.S. foreign and national security policy with some 30 years of experience in a variety of government, academic, and private sector capacities. He served as U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations from 2017 to 2019, and as U.S. Ambassador to NATO from 2008-2009. Ambassador Volker is currently a Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA) Distinguished Fellow as well as Managing Director, International, and Co-Chair of the Advisory Board at BGR Group.

Peter A. Wilson is an adjunct senior national security analyst at the RAND Corporation, an adjunct professor at the Center for Security Studies, Georgetown University, and senior lecturer at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory and the Eisenhower School, National Defense University. The monograph that Mr. Wilson co-authored with Steve Larrabee and John Gordon: *Ukrainian Crisis and European Security Implications for the United States and U.S. Army (2016)*, is currently considered a classic on the subject

Andriy Zagorodnyuk served as Minister of Defense of Ukraine from August 2019 to March 2020. His tenure was motivated by a strong urge to fast track a well conceived, innovative reform agenda. It reflected his time at two earlier posts. From 2015 to 2017, he headed the Reform Project Office at the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine. On 9 July 2019, newly elected President Zelensky appointed him to serve as a Member of the Supervisory Board at Ukroboronprom. Many believe that Min. Zagorodnyuk's efforts at the Defense Ministry helped accelerate Ukraine's accession into the NATO Enhanced Partnership program.

Walter Zaryckyj is Executive Director of the Center for US-Ukrainian Relations. The Center provides "informational platforms" or venues for senior-level representatives of the political, economic, security, diplomatic and cultural/academic establishments of the United States and Ukraine to exchange views on a wide range of issues of mutual interest, and to showcase what has been referred to as a "burgeoning relationship of notable geopolitical import" between the two nations. Dr. Zaryckyj completed his undergraduate and graduate work at Columbia University; he taught political science at New York University for nearly three decades before moving on in recent years to do postdoctoral research work on Eastern Europe.

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