

**US UKRAINE**  
**SECURITY**  
**DIALOGUE XVI**

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

1777 F Street, NW,  
Washington, D.C., 20006

February 29, 2024

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

**US-Ukraine Security Dialogue XVI: Taking Measure of Ukraine's Defense Capabilities & Needs After a Second Year of War** is being held in Washington DC on **February 29, 2024**. The event will feature six panel discussions and three highlight focus sessions.

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

The three highlight focus sessions will give prominence, as tradition would have it (and present 'aid impasse' circumstances in the West clearly would recommend it), to considering 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

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**Venue: Rockefeller-Peterson Room | 1777 F Street NW Washington DC**

8:30 am – 9:00 am – Registration

9:00 am – 9:25 am – The First Word

Featured Speaker: Kyle Parker [US Helsinki Commission Senior Senate Staff Representative]

9:25 am – 10:35 am – Dialogue Panel Discussion I

*Theme: Assessing Ukraine's Land Force Capabilities and Needs*

Moderator: Amb. (ret.) William Taylor [Vice President – E&R/United States Institute of Peace]

Panelists: LTG Oleksandr Pavliuk [Commander/Land Forces of the Ukrainian Armed Forces]  
LTG. (ret.) Ben Hodges [USAREUR Command 2014-2017/NATO Senior Mentor for Logistics]  
Luke Coffey [Senior Fellow/Hudson Institute]

10:35 am – 10:40 am – Coffee Break

10:40 am – 11:50 pm – Dialogue Panel Discussion II

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

Moderator: Amb. (ret.) John Herbst [Director/EA Center/Atlantic Council]

Panelists: Adm. Ihor Kabanenko [President/Ukrainian Advanced Project Agency]  
Glen Howard [Former Jamestown Foundation President]  
Gen. Wesley Clark [SACEUR 1997-2000/President - WKC Associates]

11:50 am – 1:00 pm – Dialogue Panel Discussion III

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

Moderator: Amb. (ret.) Kurt Volker [Distinguished Fellow/Center for European Policy Analysis]

Panelists: Hon. Andriy Zahorodnyuk [Minister of Defense for Ukraine 2019-2020]  
Gen. Philip Breedlove [SACEUR 2013-2016/GA Tech Distinguished Prof. of Practice]  
Philips O'Brien [Prof. of Strategic Studies/University of St. Andrews] Scotland]

Special Discussant: Zenovy Wowczuk [Founder/Civil-Military Innovation Institute]

1:00 pm – 1:15 pm – Lunch Break  
[Press Interviews]

1:15 pm – 1:45 pm – Dialogue Highlight Focus Session One

*Theme: How Might US Best Aid Ukraine in Its Present Hour of Need – UA Perspective*

Featured Speakers: Andrew Futey [President/Ukrainian Congress Committee of America]  
Denys Sienik [Deputy Chief of Mission/Embassy of Ukraine to the US]

1:45 pm – 2:55 pm – Dialogue Panel Discussion IV

*Theme: Evaluating Ukraine's Special Operations & Cyber-Warfare/Informational Warfare Capabilities & Needs*

Moderator: Amb. (ret.) William Courtney [Adj. Senior Fellow/RAND Corporation]

Panelists: Oleksandr Danylyuk [Director/Center for Defense Reform - Associate Fellow/RUSI]  
T. X. Hammes [Distinguished Research Fellow/Institute for Nat. Strategic Studies]  
Paul Goble [Editor/Window on Eurasia]

2:55 pm – 3:00 pm – Coffee Break

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm – Dialogue Highlight Focus Session Two

*Theme: How Might US Best Aid Ukraine in Its Present Hour of Need – US Perspective*

Chair/Host: Pavlo Bandriwsky [Vice President/UCCA – Illinois Division]

Featured Speaker: Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)

3:30 pm – 4:40 pm – Dialogue Panel Discussion V

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

Moderator: Steven Blank [Senior Fellow/Foreign Policy Research Institute]

Panelists: MG Volodymyr Havrilov [Director/Veterans Dozens Foundation]  
Phillip Karber [President/Potomac Foundation]  
Rueben Johnson [Correspondent/Breaking Defense]

4:40 pm – 5:50 pm – Dialogue Panel Discussion V

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

Moderator: Margarita Assenova [Senior Fellow/Jamestown Foundation]

Panelists: Mykhailo Honchar [President /Centre for Global Studies 'Strategy XXI']  
Amb. (ret.) Roman Popadiuk [President/Diplomacy Center Foundation]  
Andrew Fink [Senior Russia Analyst/www.]

5:50 pm – 6:00 pm – Word of Thanks

UCCA External Relations Director Andrij Dobriansky

6:45 pm – 8:30 PM Patrons' Reception

[Venue: American Foreign Policy Council/  
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509 C Street NW]

## BIOGRAPHIES

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.

Pavlo Bandriwsky has had a four-decade career in banking, serving as Chief Operating Officer for First Security Federal Savings Bank and 15 years as Regional President of MB Financial Bank, both in Chicago. Pavlo is Vice President of Ukrainian Congress Committee of America/Illinois Division, (in addition to having served as President for 3 terms) as well as President of Chicago Branch of the Organization for the Defense of Four Freedoms for Ukraine, Vice President of the National Board of the Organization for the Defense of Four Freedoms for Ukraine, board member of the Heritage Foundation of the First Security Federal Savings Bank, the Ukrainian American Freedom Foundation and the Ukrainian Genocide Famine 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.

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.

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, PBS, NPR, Voice of America 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.

Tammy Duckworth, United States Senator from the State of Illinois, is an Iraq War Veteran, Purple Heart recipient and former Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs who was among the first handful of Army women to fly combat missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Sen. Duckworth served in the Reserve Forces for 23 years before retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 2014. She was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2016 after representing Illinois's Eighth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives for two terms.

Andrew Fink is a former defense analyst who lived in Ukraine for five years while working on his PhD research. He received his PhD in political theory from the University of Leiden in 2020, with a thesis focusing on the use of conspiracy theories in anti-liberal propaganda campaigns and the long-term effects of these campaigns on violent extremist groups. While in Ukraine Dr. Fink also contributed to the Ukrainian Navy strategic reappraisal. He has contributed to Euromaidan Press, The Dispatch, and other publications, often on issues related to Ukraine. He is currently a senior Russia analyst at Exovera.

Andrew J Futey serves as President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, the representative organization of over 1.5 million Americans of Ukrainian descent; he concurrently serves as a Vice President of the Ukrainian World Congress. Mr. Futey brings more than 20 years of extensive government and campaign experience as President of Andrew J Futey & Associates. His firm provides public policy and government relations consulting, strategic planning, public affairs and campaign development strategies at the international, federal, state and local levels. His clients have included Ohio and out-of-state Fortune 500 Companies, Major Corporations, Small Businesses, Community Non-Profit Organizations, Professional and State Associations and Governmental Entities.

Paul Goble is a longtime specialist on ethnic and religious questions in Eurasia. Most recently, he was director of research and publications at the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy. Earlier, he served as vice dean for the social sciences and humanities at Audentes University in Tallinn and a senior research associate at the EuroCollege of the University of Tartu in Estonia. While there, he launched the "Window on Eurasia" series. Prior to joining the faculty there in 2004, he served in various capacities in the U.S. State Department, the Central Intelligence Agency and the International Broadcasting Bureau as well as at the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He writes frequently on ethnic and religious issues and has edited five volumes on ethnicity and religion in the former Soviet space.

T. X. Hammes in his thirty years in the Marine Corps, served at all levels in the operating forces to include command of an intelligence battalion, an infantry battalion, and the Chemical Biological Incident Response Force. He participated in stabilization operations in Somalia and Iraq as well as training insurgents in various places. Hammes has a Doctorate in Modern History from Oxford University. He is currently a Distinguished Research Fellow at the Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University. He is the author of three books and over 200 articles.

Volodymyr Havrylov, Major General (ret.), is currently Director of the Veterans Dozen Foundation. Immediately prior to his current appointment, he served as Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine. Earlier, he served as Defense Attaché at the Ukrainian Embassy to the United States (2015-2018). Gen. Havrylov started his military career in Air Defense units in 1981. In 1991 he joined the newly emerged Ukrainian Armed Forces and was selected to the first group of Ukrainian military attachés, and has since had tours in the United States, the United Kingdom and Romania. Before his US Defense Attache posting, he was the Commandant of the Military Diplomatic Academy in Kyiv. Gen. Havrylov has also participated in peacekeeping operations in Balkans in 1998 and the Anti-Terrorist Operation against Russian aggression in eastern Ukraine in 2015.

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.

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 (2003-2004). 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 NATO Senior Mentor for Logistics.

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 Todiichuk, 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 served as the President of The Jamestown Foundation for over a decade and now serves as its Senior Adviser. 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.

Reuben F. Johnson is a 37-year veteran of analysing and reporting on foreign and US military technology and defence industrial developments. He has spent more than three decades working inside of US industry and analysing on-site numerous foreign defence facilities, including locations in Russia, Ukraine,

the PRC, Poland, Belarus, Australia, France, Spain, Brazil and Sweden. He has consulted on defence industrial developments for both the US and several NATO governments. He also has a more than 30-year history of being published in defence and foreign affairs publications in the US, Europe, Asia and Latin America and has won multiple awards for reporting on the current war between Ukraine and Russia. He has resided in Kyiv for more than 20 years until being forced to evacuate in the face of the Russian invasion of February 2022.

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.

Phillip Karber is President of the Potomac Foundation and Professor of Strategy & Praxis at Georgetown University's Machiavelli Seminar in Florence. He also has post-doc certificates from Harvard and Wharton Business Schools. In Government, Dr. Karber has held influential national security positions with the US Congress, the National Security Council, was a member of the US Army Science Board and served as Strategy Advisory to the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff. Toward the end of the Cold War he served as an advisor to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the Secretary General of NATO. In the spring of 2014, he and General Wesley Clark (former NATO Commander) were invited by the new Ukrainian Government to assess the situation there, and their reports to Congress were the first to argue for increased US Military Assistance and Lethal Weapons.

Phillips Payson O'Brien is an American historian and professor of strategic studies at the University of St Andrews, Scotland. He was formerly at the University of Glasgow where he ran the Scottish Centre for War Studies. His books include the revisionist history *How the War Was Won: Air-Sea Power and Allied Victory in World War II* (2015) which concluded that superiority in the air and on the sea on an "Air-Sea Super Battlefield" of thousands of miles, rather than battles on land, determined the outcome of the war. He is also the author of *The Second Most Powerful Man in the World: The Life of Admiral William D. Leahy, Roosevelt's Chief of Staff* (2019) which re-evaluated the life of Leahy and argued that he was far more influential than had previously been recognized.

Kyle Parker was jointly appointed on January 3, 2018 by U.S. Senators Roger Wicker and Ben Cardin, then-Chairman and Ranking Member, respectively, to be the US Helsinki Commission's Senior Senate Representative. Prior to his appointment to the Commission, Kyle served on the House Foreign Affairs Committee as Ranking Member Eliot Engel's senior advisor overseeing U.S. foreign policy toward the 50 countries and three international organizations covered by the Department of State's Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs. From 2006 to 2014, Kyle served as Policy Advisor for Eurasia at the U.S. Helsinki Commission under the Chairmanships of Sam Brownback, Alcee Hastings, Ben Cardin, and Chris Smith. Before entering government, Kyle spent eight years at the American Foreign Policy Council managing high-level political exchanges with Russia, Ukraine, and China.

Oleksandr Pavliuk is presently Commander of the Ukrainian Ground Forces, having received his appointment on 11 February 2024. He was a participant in the war in Donbas (2014-2015) and the Ukrainian defense against the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine. Immediately prior to his current posting, he served as First Deputy Minister of Defense (2023). At an earlier stage of his distinguished military career, Lt. Gen. Pavliuk was the commander of the Ukrainian peacekeeping forces in Kosovo from 2006 to 2007. He then commanded Operational Command West from 2017 to 2020, before being appointed as Commander of the training of the Land Forces Command of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in 2020.

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.

Denys Sienik is a career Ukrainian diplomat. He has served as Deputy Ambassador of Ukraine in the US since August 2023. Prior to his arrival to Washington DC in January 2023 he held various positions within Ukraine's diplomatic service which include Chief of Staff to Ukraine's First Deputy Foreign Minister, and postings at Embassies of Ukraine in Canada and the United Kingdom.

Kurt Volker is a leading expert in U.S. foreign and national security policy with over 35 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 President and Founder of Alliance Strategic Advisors, LLC, which provides strategic advice and services to a diverse range of business clients with interest in Central and Eastern Europe. He also serves as Senior International Advisor at BGR Group, which provides government relations, public relations, and business advisory services to a wide array of clients. From 2012-2019, Ambassador Volker was the founding Executive Director of The McCain Institute for International Leadership, a part of Arizona State University based in Washington, DC. In June 2020, the veteran US diplomat was named a Distinguished Fellow at the Center for European Policy Analysis.

Zenovy Wowczuk founded the Civil-Military Innovation Institute (CMI2), a non-profit defense innovation organization focusing on rapid development and technology transition to meet the warfighter needs. At CMI2 and its affiliated entities, Dr. Wowczuk leads the overall vision and growth strategies as well as the enterprise program transition activities (military program of record or commercial IP acquisition). During his career, Dr. Wowczuk has published over 25 peer-reviewed technical papers. He is the inventor/co-inventor of multiple patented and protected civil-military technologies, including aerospace systems, automated payload systems, blockchain, and biometric technologies. Additionally the noted entrepreneur/engineer founded the Vovk Foundation, a non-profit created in tribute to his father and grandfather with a mission to support Ukraine as a free and sovereign country.

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 formed, 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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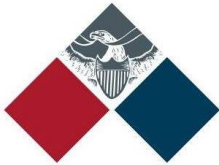
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