

SECTION V

FRONTER OF COURAGE





STATE AND AGENCY AWARDS



FOR PERSONAL COURAGE AND SELFLESSNESS, MANIFESTED
DURING THE PROTECTION OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY
AND THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF UKRAINE,
HIGH PROFESSIONALISM

awarded

2297

border guards

98 state awards

Award for Merit – 3;
Award of Bogdan Khmelnytsky – 6;
Award “For courage” – 6 (2 – posthumously);
Award of Danyl Galytsky – 12;
Medal “For military service to Ukraine” – 21;
Medal to the Defender of the Fatherland – 29;
medal “For impeccable service” – 17;
Medal “For the Saved Life” – 1;
“Honoured Worker of Education of Ukraine” – 1;
“Honoured Doctor of Ukraine” – 1;
Honoured Worker of Science and Technology – 1.

2199 departmental awards





HEROES WON'T DIE

- The Mohyliv-Podilsky frontier detachment was awarded the honorary title “The name of the Hero of Ukraine, Captain Vyacheslav Semenov” and street in Kropyvnytsky is named after him.

- **Solemnly open:**

Memorial in Mariupol;

Memorial sign (bust) to soldier Mykola Antipov in Podilsk.

- **4 memorial plaques were installed in honour of the dead border guards:**

Igor Prysiashniuk – in Vinnytsia;

Yevhen Kolisnychenko – in Ovidiopol of the Odessa region;

Wilhelm Stolzel and Robert Kis – in Mukachevo;

In general, since the beginning of the RF aggression against Ukraine, there were 36 memorial plaques in the settlements of Ukraine.

- **Names of streets in honour of the dead border guards have been renamed:**

in honour of Oleksandr Dzybeliuk – in the urban village of Nova Ushytzia, Khmelnytsky region;

in honour of Rostyslav Chornomorchenko – in Kropyvnytsky.

In general, since the beginning of the RF aggression against Ukraine, the names of the heroes-border guards named 22 streets of cities and villages of Ukraine.

- “The International Producer Centre “FOR-POST” has produced a documentary film “Balu’s Crossroads”, which displays the events of February 2015 on the key checkpoint of the Debaltsev direction.

The film was shot at the request of the State Agency for Cinema of Ukraine with the support of the SBGSU and the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

The film is dedicated to the memory of Captains Ilgar Bagirov (callous – Balu) and border guard Hero of Ukraine Viacheslav Semenov, as well as all the defenders of Ukraine, who fell in the struggle for the independence of the Motherland.

- **Participated in the writing of the Memory Books of the Ministry of Internal Affairs officers, which included the names of 67 heroes-border guards.**

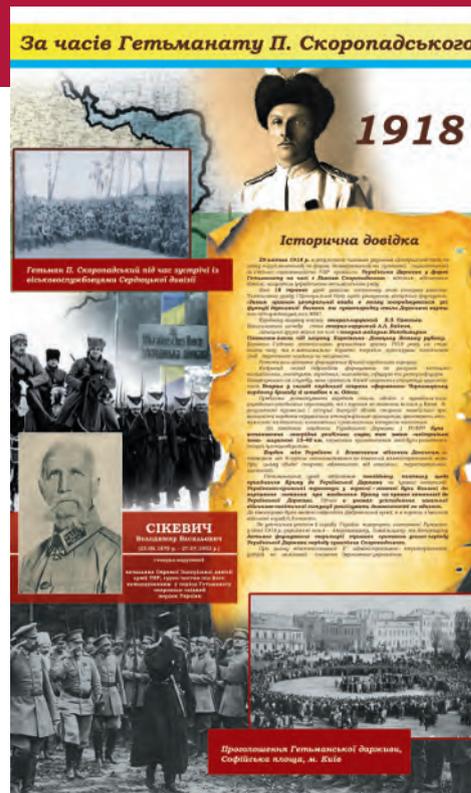
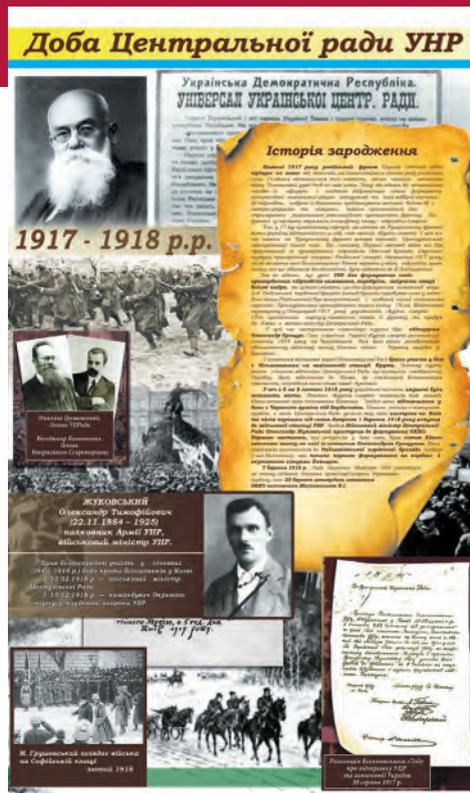
- **The exposition was updated in the Central Museum of the SBGSU, dedicated to the border guards who died in the ATO area.**

- **The leadership and military teams keep in touch with the families of the dead border guards, they are busy with their urgent issues and are trying to provide comprehensive support.**



**In the period 2014–2017,
protecting independence
and the territorial integrity
of Ukraine, were killed**

69 border guards



Stages of the formation of the border guard of the UNR:

- UNR of the Ukrainian Central Rada (March–April 1918);
- Ukrainian State of Hetman Pavlo Skoropadsky (May–November 1918);
- UNR under the authority of the Directory (1919–1921);
- Occupation of parts of the territory of Poland (1921–1923)

In modern conditions, when Ukrainian border guards demonstrate examples of heroism and courage to protect the territorial integrity of their country, the urgent issue is the preservation of succession among generations of defenders of the Motherland borders. The study of the history of the border formations during the period between 1917–1921 can influence this.

On January 22, 1918, the Ukrainian Central Council adopted the Fourth Universal, which proclaimed the Ukrainian National Republic (UNR) as independent state. This was the beginning of the formation of security and defence bodies, including border security.

In 1918, the state borders of the UNR were recognized by all the neighbouring states, as well as state entities that arose after the collapse of the Russian Empire: Austria-Hungary, Romania, Poland, the Belorussian National Republic, the Kuban National Republic and the Great Don Troops. The so-called “neutral zone” was recognized on the border with Russia (from 10 to 40 km), which stretched along the line: Surazh-Unecha-Starodub-Novgorod-Siversky-Hlukhiv-Rylsk-Kolonataievka-Sudzha-Belenikhino-Kupiansk.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF A SEPARATE BODY OF THE BORDER GUARD OF UPR

THE EMERGENCE OF AN INDEPENDENT UKRAINE REQUIRES A RETHINKING OF ALL HISTORICAL STAGES AND EVENTS, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF THE SOVIET TOTALITARIAN PAST

In the “neutral zone”, the UPR placed border points at the railway stations Orsha, Khutir-Mykhailivsky, Korenevo, Klyntsi, Gostyntsevo and Valuiki. In the rear regions at the stations Zhlobyn, Novobilytsia, Vorozhba, Belgorod, Kupiansk patrol points.

The problem with the Bolshevik Russia border wasn't resolved (in November 1918 negotiations were cut).

In the period of Central Council, the procedure of the border protection was approved (07.03.1918) and the Separate Border Guard Corps (SBGC) was created and headed by Colonel V. Zhelihovsky. The corps statute was approved with the subordination to the Ministry of Finance (23.03.1918). The formation of 9 brigades of border guard and training brigade was planned.

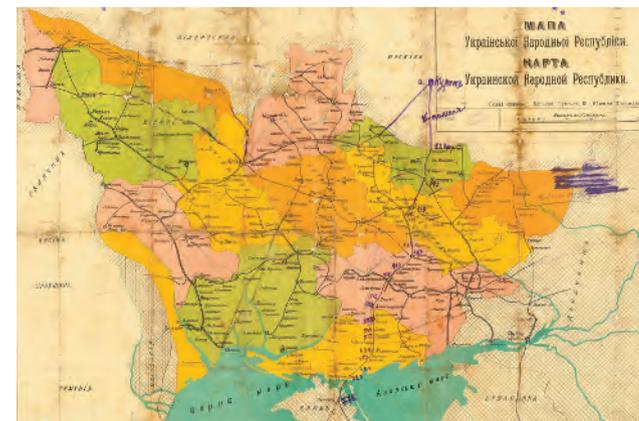


SBGC's tasks were:

- organization of border protection by placing special posts;
- control over persons, who cross the border and counteraction to the illegal import (export) of goods, weapons, etc.;
- the detention of deserters and criminals;
- fulfilment of duties at the border of the quarantine and police services.

During the Hetmanate period the boundaries of UNR were conditionally determined on the ethnical principle of Ukrainian nation location. The SCBS structure was arranged: the brigade – the department – the detachment – the outpost. The Black Sea Coast Guard Headquarters was established with the subordinates of Three regiments of the Black Sea Guard. The documents verification was implemented, which gave opportunity to cross the border.

In the period of Directory, the UNR authority was limited by the separate regions of Volyn, and later by the territory of Podillya and the basins of Zbruch and Dnister rivers. Under the command of the SCBS Head colonel O. Pylkevych the management system was reformed and the SCBS structure was changed: Central Headquarters – brigade – department – outpost. The SCBS units were joined in Volyn and Podillya brigades. The reformation of Dnister brigade and border protection of the river lines of Zbruch with Poland and Dnister with Romania was launched. The SCBS units in the cooperation with the UNR Army participate in combat operations against the Red Army.



Since 1921, after leaving the Zbruch River, the SCBS units were located in the camps of interned militaries of the UNR Army on the territory of Poland. The Corp was reorganized in Separate Recruitment Brigade of Border Security, which in 1923 was disbanded with the UNR Army units.

The military-political situation during the period 1917–1921 wasn't able to give the opportunity to develop the own border institution and to determine the borders line in agreements and legal documents. At that time when the borders were determined according to strategic impact of belligerent armies and were protected mostly by military units of the Ukrainian Army.

However, the experience received during the liberation struggle became the basis for modern Ukrainian sovereignty.

In 2018 Ukraine will celebrate the 100-years anniversary of the Separate Corps of Border Security. The historical justice of Ukrainian nation to know their past is reviving and they have the opportunity to respect and multiply the traditions of country, as well as borders traditions.

JANUARY

Opening of a joint contact point “Zakhon” on the border with Hungary.

Meeting with the First Deputy Head of the SMM OSCE in Ukraine.

The start interagency anti-corruption action “Free from corruption”.

The opening of the diagnostic complex by the President of Ukraine at the Central Clinical Hospital of the SBGS.

Summary Collegium of the SBGS for 2017.

TWINNING Steering Committee Meeting.

Meeting of border experts and police agencies of Ukraine and Moldova on the organization of regional interdepartmental analytical groups.

FEBRUARY

Meeting of the NATO-Ukraine Joint Working Group on Military Reform.

FRONTEX sessions for working out a joint analytical report 2016.

Meeting with the Head of the SMM OSCE in Ukraine.

Disposal of equipment for radiation and decontamination by Norwegian Government Office to SBGSU.

Meeting with the Head of EUAM.

Meeting of the Heads of border agencies of Ukraine and Moldova.

Round table “Ukraine-NATO: non-military cooperation as a common response to hybrid threats.”

Meeting with the Head of the Department of Law Enforcement Affairs of the US Embassy in Ukraine.

Meeting with the ambassadors of the G7 and EU countries.

Meeting with Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Japan to Ukraine.

Graduation of Officers from NA SBGS.

MARCH

Meeting of the Main Border Commissioners of Ukraine and Slovakia.

International Conference of the EU Member States and Eastern Partnership Countries on Integrated Border Management.

International Coordination Meeting on strengthening the border security issues. Next recruitment of personnel in the framework of the project “New Face of the Border”.

APRIL

TWINNING Steering Committee Meeting.

The beginning of the joint special border operation “Border-2017”.

Meeting of the OSCE National Focal Points Networks on Border Security.

Meeting with the First Deputy Head of the OSCE SMM in Ukraine.

All-Ukrainian forum “Ukrainian border-2017”.

Opening of the Training Centre of the SBGS of the training complex and overobstacle course in the framework of the project “SBGS reformation”.

Ministry of Defence of the United States Department of State for Transmission of military means of radio communications.

MAY

Visiting the Yagotyn checkpoint by the President of Ukraine.

Serving keys from apartments to families of border guards in Khmelnytsky and Zhytomyr.

NA of SBGS graduated Officers.

JUNE

Introducing a visa-free regime with the EU.

Opening of the contact point “Zhytomyr-Pinsk” on the border with Belarus.

EUAM Border Management Assistance (BMAG) Meeting.

Delivery of keys from apartments to families of border guards in Odesa.

Transmission by the Government of Canada of the Odessa Clinical Hospital of the SBGS of Diagnostic Equipment.

Visits to the Foreign Ministers of Ukraine, Lithuania and the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Sweden to the CCH SBGS.

Meeting of the Main Border Officers of Ukraine and Hungary.

Opening of the border detachments: Odessa “Pivdennyi” BGSD and the Kharkiv “Topoli” BGSD.

Visits by the delegation of the SBGS of the Coast Guard.

JULY

25th anniversary of the creation of the TC SBGS.

The 15th anniversary of the creation of the Izmail trainer detachment of marine protection.

CALENDAR OF KEY EVENTS IN 2017

Start anti-corruption action “Stop corruption. From something on mind to something in kind! “

Multinational training “Sea Breeze-2017”.

Sightvisit of the European Parliament deputies the border guards in the area of ATO.

Meeting with the Commander of the State Border Guard Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Lithuania.

Meeting with the First Deputy Head of the SMM OSCE in Ukraine.

Beginning of the common control at the border crossing point “Kuchurgan” on the border with Moldova.

Beginning of training for participants of the second stage of the project “New Face of the Border”.

Competition within the framework of the All-Ukrainian V-School “Dzhura-Border Guard” discipline program.

Appointment of Lieutenant-General Petro Tsygykal as the Head of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine.

AUGUST

Meeting of the analytical expert group of the border agencies and customs authorities of Ukraine and Moldova.

Working Group meeting on the Establishment of the Association of Women of the Ukraine’s Law Enforcement Agencies.

The graduation of inspectors the Border Guard Service from NA BDGSU.

Military oath of the participants of the project “New Face of the Border”.

European Days of Neighbourhood within the Volyn Region.

Meeting with the Head of EUBAM.

Meeting with representatives of the main IBM subjects of Finland.

Interagency seminar under the auspices of EUAM.

Meeting of the Virtual Contact Analytical Centre on counteracting illicit trafficking in drugs, weapons and ammunition.

Meeting with the Deputy Chief of the General Inspectorate of the Border Police of the Republic of Moldova.

Disposal of combat flags by the military units of the SBGS and participation of SBGS in the military parade on occasion of the Independence Day of Ukraine.

Participation in the SOS-Alert Solution project.

Meeting with representatives of the United Nations Monitoring Mission on Human Rights.

EUBAM Seminar on Systemic Analysis of Organized Crime.

SEPTEMBER

International competition of special assignment units in Latvia.

Visit of Romanian border guards delegation to the Izmail Training Center of Maritime Guard.

Meeting of the Steering Committee of the project on the development of the migration management system in Ukraine.

Round table on offence counteraction in military formations.

Competition of young friends of border guards.

Conference “Criminology – the science of modern technologies”.

VIII Championship of the SBGS service dogs training.

Meeting of the Main Border Commissioners of Ukraine and Romania.

OCTOBER

Meeting with representatives of the SMM OSCE in Ukraine on border cooperation.

Disposal of keys from apartments to border guards families in Sumy.

Visit of European experts to the Main expert-forensic centre of the SBGS.

Seminar on vulnerability assessment in the field of border security.

Meeting of the EUAM Communications Specialists on the issues of the mass media of the SBGS.

Conference of Trade Unions of the SBGS.

Meeting with the Head of the IOM Mission in Ukraine.

Signing of documents on joint inspection of the border line by the Ukrainian-Hungarian Border Commission.

Signing of an intergovernmental agreement between Ukraine and Moldova on shared control at checkpoints.

Championship of the SBGS in shooting named after Major-General I. Momot.

Night special operations course with the participation of “DOSOR” and “KORD”.

Visit of representatives of the Embassy of Japan in Ukraine to the departments of the Eastern Regional Office.

IX International Conference “Security Sector Reforms in Ukraine: achievements, lessons and plans for the future.”

Meeting of the NGO “All-Ukrainian Organization of Veterans-Border Guards”.

NC SBGS participants of the project “New Face of the Border” graduation.

Competition “I am a patriot of Ukraine”.

Conference on Marine Safety of the State.



Disposal of EUAM equipment to improve the SBGS cooperation with the media.

Meeting of analytical border agencies of Ukraine and Romania.

60th meeting of the Joint Ukrainian-Moldovan Demarcation Commission.

Receiving of certificates of completion of courses on the organization of special operations by "DOSOR" servicemen.

25th anniversary of Sumy, Kharkiv and Lutsk border detachments.

President's of Ukraine visit to the Mobile Border Troops Detachment "DOSOR", the handing of the Battle Banner to one of the military units of the SBGS, certificates for military equipment and state awards.

Training of SBGS representatives on the diving course in German Federal Police Academy.

NOVEMBER

Participation of the Special Assignments of the SBGS in the international competitions "KORD CHALLENGE – 2017".

International Border Conference under the auspices of FRONTEX.

Meeting with the Executive Director of FRONTEX "Ensuring Global Security through Integrated Border Management".

Interagency meeting in the framework of launching a joint project with the OSCE Secretariat "Combating the Illicit Traffic in Weapons, Ammunition and Explosives at the State Border of Ukraine".

Working meeting of Moldova and Ukraine experts-criminalists.

Meeting of the Main Border Commissioners of Ukraine and Belarus.

Government approval of the Strategy of the system development of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine by 2020.

Participation in international conferences INSEC 2017 and "Regional Security System in Eastern Europe".

Scientific-practical conference "Informational security in the conditions of hybrid war".

Opening of the BCP "Maloyaroslavets" in Odessa border detachment.

The beginning of state border protection by the participants of the project "New Face of the Border".

Meeting of analysts of the border agencies of Ukraine and Hungary.

The final stage of the SBGS staff competition on border control issues.

The launch of an international project on enhancing the risk analysis and criminal analysis potential.

Scientific-practical conference "Actual questions of the criminal process, criminal science and criminal examination".

Preparation for the deployment of Donetsk-Luhansk RU and Lisichansk border detachment.

DECEMBER

FRONTEX Final Conference with the participation of analysts of the SBGS.

Training of border guards and lifeguards of Ukraine and Moldova on non-extension of radioactive and chemical substances.

The conclusion of the Sectoral Agreement for 2018–

2020 between the SBGS and the Trade Union of Employees of the State Administrations of Ukraine.

The disposal of equipment to the units of the special action on the water SBGS by US Embassy.

The start of joint patrolling of the central section of the Ukrainian-Moldavian border.

Flashmob to the day devoted to fighting corruption "I do not take. You also say no."

Opening of the updated management building of the Sumy border detachment.

Training on detecting forged documents with the participation of experts from the Federal Police of Germany.

25th anniversary of the NC SBGS establishment.

Meeting with the Head of EUBAM.

Introduction of shared control at the checkpoint "Palanka" on the border with Moldova.

Receiving the modern unmanned aviation complexes.

Signing of agreement with PJSC "JTI International Company Ukraine" on counteraction counterfeit cigarettes smuggling.

Presentation of the system for biometric data fixation of foreigners and stateless persons.

25th anniversary of a sports team of the SBGS establishment.



DICTIONARY OF APPLIED ABBREVIATIONS

ASBGSU – Administration of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine;	CP – control post;	NSDC – National Security and Defense Council;
ARC – Autonomous Republic of Crimea;	MIA – Ministry of Internal Affairs;	RA – regional administration;
ATO – anti-terrorist operation;	MFA – Ministry of Foreign Affairs;	ASS – Aviation Security Service;
UAS – unmanned aerial system;	MD – Ministry of Defence;	SSU – Security Service of Ukraine;
E(M)EZ – exclusive (marine) economic zone;	IOM – International Organization for Migration;	SMM – Special monitoring mission;
IPS – internal and personal security;	NA SBGSU – National Academy of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine named after Bogdan Khmelnytsky;	SC – Situation Centre;
BGU – border guard unit;	IAF – illegal armed formation;	TOT – temporarily occupied territory;
BCP – border checkpoint;	TC SBGSU – Training Centre for the Training of Junior Specialists of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine named after Ihor Momot, Major-General;	TTC – tactical and technical characteristics;
SBGS – State Border Guard Service of Ukraine;	SAS – separate air squadron;	CCH – Central Clinical Hospital;
SRG – subversion and reconnaissance group;	SP – a stateless person;	EUAM – Consultative Mission of the European Union;
SFS – State Fiscal Service;	OCG – organized criminal group;	EUBAM – European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine
URPTI – Unified Register of Pre-trial Investigations;	SC – Separate checkpoint;	FRONTEX – European Border and Coast Guard Agency;
UMS – a unit of maritime security;	OSA – operative-search activity;	G7 – The G-7 (US, UK, Germany, France, Italy, Canada and Japan);
AFU – Armed Forces of Ukraine;	BD – a border detachment;	OSCE – Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.
ITS – information and telecommunication system;		
IBM – Integrated Border Management;		
PE – point of entry;		

