

1. Military Policy: Promotions to General

The President of Ukraine – Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Viktor Yuschenko signed a Decree № 32/2010 of 15.01.2010 promoting nine Ukrainian servicemen to General.

Comment: Promoted to Lieutenant General: Major General M.V.Maliarchuk (Chief of the UAF Signal Troops); Major General V.A.Shatov (Deputy Commander on Logistics, Forces Support Command). Promoted to Major General: Colonel O.M.Polischuk (Deputy Director of Military Policy and Strategic Planning Department, MoD); Colonel M.M.Mishyn (First Deputy Chief of Signal Troops); Colonel L.S.Kovalenko (Chief of Staff – First Deputy Commander of Air Command “West”); Colonel V.Yu.Golovanov (Deputy Chief of Logistics, Land Forces Command); Colonel S.M.Korol (Deputy Commander of Operational Command on Logistics); Colonel A.V.Vashutin (First Deputy Commander of Air Command “Centre”); Colonel S.S.Drozdov (First Deputy Commander of Air Command “South”). Altogether (as of January 2010) since Ukraine became an independent state 658 servicemen of the UAF have been promoted to General (Admiral). Year 1999 yielded the richest crop of 61 General (Admiral) promotions and the thinnest crop of only 17 promotions was reaped in 2003. (See Collation Table in Annex to IAR DN 02-2010).

2. Peacekeeping: Inspection of Ukrainian Peacekeepers in Kosovo

On 11 January 2010 a group of officials headed by the newly appointed Commander of Joint Operational Command Lieutenant General Rauf Nurullin arrived on a working visit at the national component of Polish-Ukrainian Peacekeeping Battalion that operates as part of MNTF “East” within KFOR in Kosovo.

Comment: The aim of the JOC Commander’s visit to Kosovo is to identify perspectives of Ukrainian peacekeepers’ further operation as part of MNTF “East”, identify challenges, refine some training issues for officers at POLUKRBAT Joint HQ and special operational team in view of further transformation of KFOR and the officers’ new roles and places within new structures.

The Ukrainian peacekeeping component operating as part of MNTF “East” currently has 184 personnel. The Ukrainian peacekeeping unit was generated from one of the battalions of the 95th Separate Airmobile Brigade.

3. Peacekeeping: Practical Exercise for a Combat Control Group in Liberia

On 13 January 2010 in Liberia in the vicinity of Tumamburg a Combat Control Group of the 56th Separate Helicopter Detachment operating as part of UNMIL delivered a training sortie to practise aiming helicopters at ground targets.

Comment: In the course of the exercise CCG experts conducted an area reconnaissance, targeting and preparation of operational ground. Combat Control Group of the 56th Helicopter Detachment delivered three training sorties in the course of one month. During these exercises CCG officers did some 70 rounds of practical aiming.

Helicopter pilots of the 12th rotation of the Ukrainian peacekeeping contingent performed 339 flights totalling 313 hours of flying time, transported 1219 passengers and 476 tons of cargo.

4. UAF Professionalization: Contract-Based Manning

Statute of Military Service of Ukrainian Citizens (President’s Decree № 1153/2008 of 10.12.08) provides for implementation of a new manning scheme: territorial contract-based manning centre – military training unit (training centre) – military unit.

Comment: Phased implementation of the new scheme has been carried out since the beginning of 2009. Since July 2009 419 servicemen have been trained at military training units (training centres) after the new scheme and assigned to various positions in the troops. Some 1500 trainees were admitted in October 2009 and sent to the troops in December of that year. Plans for 2010 provide for admittance of another 4000 trainees. The biggest challenge that stalls introduction of the new scheme is underfunding and low pay rates for servicemen. A contract serviceman’s pay doesn’t stand up to the average wages on the Ukrainian labour market. (See Annex to IAR DN 02-2010)

5. Personnel Policy: New Appointments in the Defence Ministry and the General Staff

In order to ensure effective command and control a rotation of personnel in positions of authority has been done in the MoD and the GS.

Comment: Major General Yu.Dumanskyi appointed Deputy Army Commander on Combat Training – Chief of Combat Training Department, Army Command; Major General P.Tkachuk appointed Chief of the Land Forces Academy named after Hetman P.Sagaidachnyi; Colonel S.Petruk appointed Chief of Military-Medical Directorate, MoD; M.Pidoryna appointed Director of Materiel Supply Department, MoD; O.Globina appointed Director of State Procurement Department; D.Kolesnik appointed Chief of Armament and Military Equipment Repair Directorate, MoD.

6. Combat Training: Tank T-64BM “Bulat” firing exercise

On 14 January 2010 a firing exercise was conducted for some units of the 1st Separate Guard Tank Brigade in a training area in the vicinity of Goncharivske Village (Chernigiv Region).

Comment: The Brigade’s mission is to hold seized ground, lines and positions, repel enemy’s attacks, breach enemy’s defensive lines, destroy enemy forces, take hold of significant areas, lines and positions. Personnel of this

Brigade can operate as part of airborne and amphibious units. The Brigade's equipment and armament includes tanks T-64BM "Bulat", infantry fighting vehicles BMP-2, anti-aircraft guns "Tunguska", guided missiles "Stugna" and "Kombat" as well as other weapons. As of the end of 2008 the brigade had 41 modernized tanks T-64TM "Bulat".

7. Combat Training: Airmen Training

An air training brigade stationed in Chuguev (Kharkiv Region) has completed training of airmen and preparation of air equipment for flights as part of commander's training.

Comment: Air equipment currently adopted at the air training brigade does not fully meet latest air training requirements. Over the last few weeks repair and maintenance of over 20 aircraft L-39 "Albatros", transport aircraft An-26Sh and helicopters Mi-8MT was conducted at the Maintenance Unit and on helipads. A few fuel-servicing trucks, two airstrip clearance cars and a medical van were mobilized in order to support flights.

8. UAF Manning: Pre-conscription Campaign in Ukraine

A pre-conscription campaign is currently underway in the MoD to register all young men born in 1993.

Comment: According to statistics some 300 000 young men are registered yearly by Draft Stations. There are plans to draft 26 000 men during Spring Conscription 2010 including 20 000 for the Armed Forces, 5 100 for Interior Troops and 900 for State Special Transport Service.

9. Multinational Exercise: "Cooperative MACO – 2010" Planning Conference

On 12 January 2010 the Main Planning Conference for multinational Naval Exercise "Cooperative MACO - 2010" commenced in the town of Bar (Montenegro).

Comment: The conference is attended by representatives of Naval Forces and Fleets of NATO members and partner states (in the framework of NATO "Partnership for Peace" initiative). In the course of the conference the participants considered the possibility for a Ukrainian marine company to take part in the upcoming manoeuvres.

Multinational Naval Exercise "Cooperative MACO – 2010" is scheduled for June 2010 in the Adriatic Sea. The aim of the exercise is to enhance interoperability in maritime operations, gain maritime traffic control, and conduct antisubmarine, anti-torpedo, search-and-rescue operations and assistance to civilians operations. It is expected that the Ukrainian Navy will participate in "Cooperative MACO – 2010" with large landing ship "Konstantin Olshanskyi" and some staff officers.

10. Armament and Equipment: Development of New Armoured Personnel Carrier BTR-4 "Ladia"

On 13 January 2010 specialist of the UAF Metrology Centre of Military Standards commenced monitoring of metrology support for a new project of Kharkiv Design Bureau of Machine Building named after O.Morozov. The new project is Armoured Personnel Carrier BTR-4 "Ladia".

Comment: the metrological examination will last till 25 January 2010. BTR-4 "Ladia" is a new product of Kharkiv Design Bureau of Machine Building. "Ladia" is a wheeled fighting vehicle of high mobility with armoured protection. It is designed for transportation of mechanized units personnel and providing combat fire support to this personnel. BTR-4 "Ladia" can be equipped with such fighting modules as "Grom", "Shkval" and BAU-23x2. BTR-4 "Ladia" can be used as a platform for Commander's Vehicle BTR-4K, Reconnaissance Fighting Vehicle BRM-4K, Repair and Recovery Vehicle (BREM), Fire Support Vehicle MOP-4K, Command-Post Vehicle BTR-4KSh and Armoured Medical Evacuation Vehicle BSEM-4K. BTR-4 has three compartments: driver's compartment in the front, engine compartment in the middle and fighting compartment in the rear. The carrying capacity of the ARC's undercarriage allows of additional armoured protection against automatic small-calibre guns.

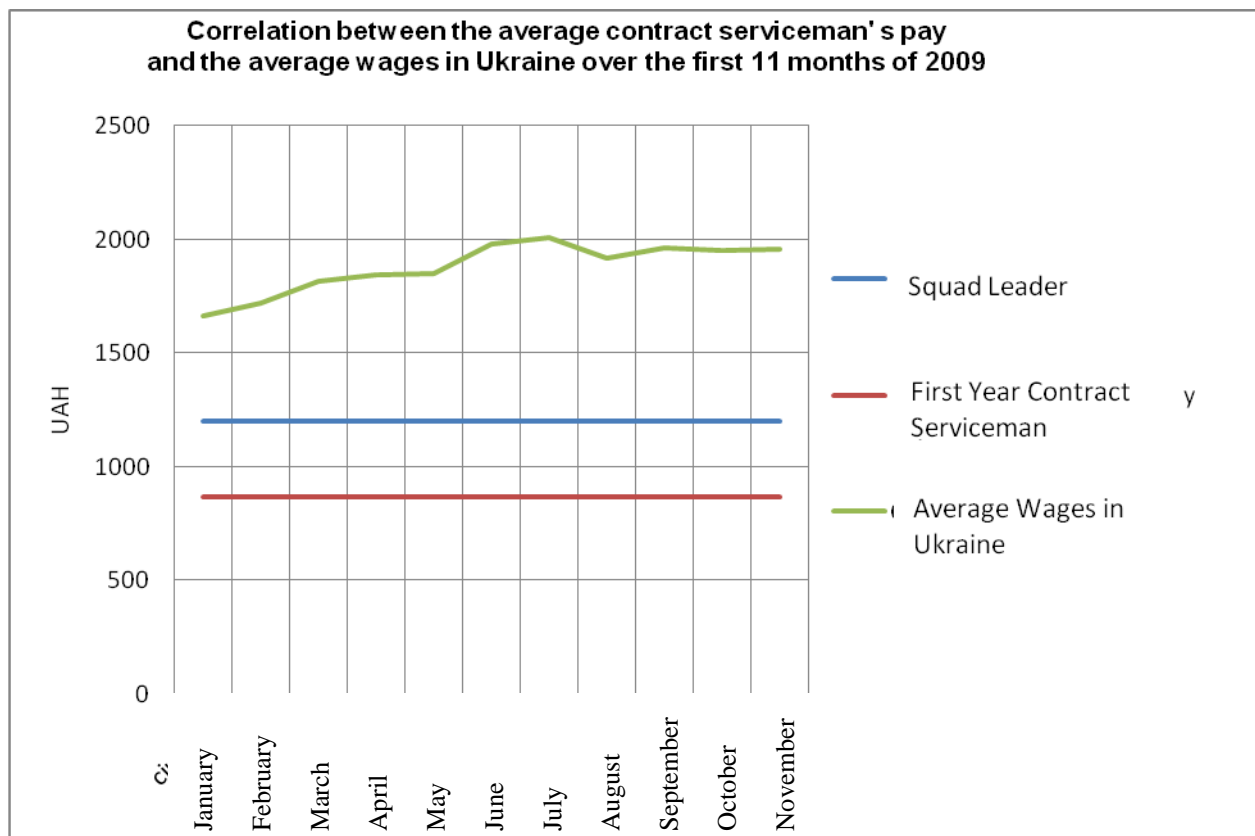
11. Social Security for Servicemen: A Serviceman's Right to a Flat Provided by the State

The Ukrainian Cabinet of Ministers included servicemen (except conscripts) in the list of employees entitled to flats provided by the State. Cabinet of Minister's Decree No13 of 06.01.2010 "On Addition to the List of Employees Categories Entitled to Flats Provided by the State".

Comment: employees of the State Special Transport Service are on this List. Under this Decree the pool of flats that can be allotted to servicemen and employees of the State Special Transport Service is generated from newly built houses, vacated living spaces or flats purchased from natural or artificial persons at own expense and through attracted investments.

Comparison Table
Servicemen average pay against the average wages in Ukraine
(over the first 11 months of 2009)

Month	Brigade Commander (UAH)	Battalion Commander (UAH)	Platoon Leader (UAH)	Squad Leader (UAH)	Contract Servicemen in his first year (UAH)	Average wages in Ukraine (UAH)
January	3128	2478	1728	1199	869	1665
February	3128	2478	1728	1199	869	1723
March	3128	2478	1728	1199	869	1818
April	3128	2478	1728	1199	869	1845
May	3128	2478	1728	1199	869	1851
June	3128	2478	1728	1199	869	1980
July	3128	2478	1728	1199	869	2008
August	3128	2478	1728	1199	869	1919
September	3128	2478	1728	1199	869	1964
October	3128	2478	1728	1199	869	1950
November	3128	2478	1728	1199	869	1955



Senior Officers Promotions in 1992-2010

Rank	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
General of the Army			1				1			1						1				4
Colonel General (Admiral)	4	2	3	1	1	3	1	3	3	1	1	1	3			2	3			32
Lieutenant General (Vice Admiral)	12	13	1	16	2	14	14	17	12	21	6	4	4	7	8	4	10	4	2	171
Major General (Rear Admiral)	30	41	24	36	18	31	33	41	23	23	19	12	20	21	19	18	14	21	7	451
Total:	46	56	29	53	21	48	49	61	38	46	26	17	27	28	27	25	27	25	9	658