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THE EVOLUTION AND FUTURE OF UKRAINE'S MILITARY

The United States and its partners can improve regional security and stability in Eastern Europe by supporting the modernization and reform of the Armed Forces of Ukraine more aggressively. Ukraine has suffered from consistent Russian military aggression since Russia occupied the Crimean Peninsula and militarily intervened in the eastern Ukrainian Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts in 2014. The overall unpreparedness of the Ukrainian military and its inability to match the capabilities of Russian forces allowed Russian and Russian proxy forces to gain a foothold in eastern Ukraine from which they continue to destabilize the entire country. The Ukrainian armed forces have been partially restructured and strengthened in the face of this constant pressure, enough to stabilize the front lines for a time. They require significantly more support of all varieties, however, if they are to stop the advance of Russia and its proxies permanently, to say nothing of reversing the armed occupation of Ukrainian territory.

The Armed Forces of Ukraine continue to fight Russian troops and proxy forces operating in Ukraine in a war that has claimed approximately 10,000 lives.¹ Ukraine has engaged in an ambitious military reform program to modernize its armed forces and meet standards required for NATO accession by 2020. These reform efforts have seen important successes in recent years, but the Ukrainian military remains vulnerable to conventional and unconventional warfare. U.S. General John Abizaid (former Commander of U.S. Central Command), U.K. General Nick Parker (former Commander of Britain's Land Forces), and other western military leaders are in Ukraine to support the Ukrainian Ministry of Defense's efforts to restructure itself and reform its forces.² The U.S., NATO, and individual western states can support these reform efforts and shape the Ukrainian military into a force capable of protecting Ukrainian sovereignty and becoming a key player in Eastern European security.

The effectiveness of Ukraine's land forces has increased due to ongoing reform efforts and two years of combat experience. These forces still suffer from a lack of modern equipment and from an incompletely reformed organizational structure. Ukrainian front-line soldiers have learned much from the protracted conflict and now outmatch separatist forces operating in eastern Ukraine. Ukraine has made progress in overcoming the low morale and poor discipline that confronted the Ukrainian Ground Forces Command in the early stages of the conflict. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko announced that conscripts would no longer serve at the front line on November 2, for example.³ This step is critical in order to improve the effectiveness of Ukraine's forces in the field and create a more professional army.

Ukrainian forces nevertheless lack experience in counter-insurgency operations, a lacuna which will become an increasingly exploitable vulnerability if they regain control of separatist territory in eastern Ukraine. The Armed Forces of Ukraine are in the midst of a transition from the Soviet structure on which they were based and remain inefficiently-organized. This cumbersome, inefficient, and brittle organization left Ukrainian front line units vulnerable to the rapid advance of Russian and Russian proxy forces throughout the conflict, leading to multiple serious defeats.⁴ Ukrainian front-line troops also lack standardized modern weaponry. Ukraine's defense sector remains highly productive, but the Armed Forces of Ukraine does not have the modern weaponry necessary to allow them to counter Russian military intervention. Russian and pro-Russian forces in eastern Ukraine continue to use heavy armor and electronic-warfare systems that Ukraine has struggled to counter, leading to some of their most serious defeats in the conflict. Ukrainian forces remain highly vulnerable to conventional military forces as long as they lack the means to counter massed heavy armored formations. Ukrainian Ground Forces will be unable to provide a true deterrent to offensive action by regional aggressors until these problems are addressed.

The Ukrainian Air Force plays a key role in protecting Ukrainian sovereignty but faces capability gaps that undermine its ability to support Ukrainian ground forces in combat or consistently assert sovereignty over Ukrainian airspace. At the outset of the conflict in 2014, the underfunded Ukrainian Air Force used Soviet equipment and was not prepared for major combat operations.⁵ It nevertheless played a decisive role in supporting Ukrainian ground forces in early stages of the conflict.⁶ The years of neglect took their toll, and Ukraine's air forces suffered heavy losses during the initial four months of intensive air operations, losing 18 aircraft and helicopters, mostly to man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS) and heavier anti-aircraft installations.⁷ Ukraine ceded its right to conduct air operations in the conflict zone in eastern Ukraine on September 19, 2014 in an effort to deescalate the conflict, and the Ukrainian Air Force has not operated against hostile targets since. The Ukrainian Air Force's high vulnerability to even limited deployments of Russian anti-air systems raises serious concerns about its ability to fight against a conventional combined arms force. Ukraine and its western partners should prioritize supporting the refurbishment of the Ukrainian Air Force in order to allow the Ukrainian Air Force to operate in its own airspace.

The Ukrainian Navy was nearly destroyed by the Russian occupation of the Crimean peninsula and has struggled to reform itself in order to be a force capable of asserting Ukrainian sovereignty. Multiple high-profile defections during the initial stages of the Russian occupation of Crimea weakened the leadership of the Ukrainian navy, which proceeded to lose at least 51 ships, the majority of which were captured by Russia.⁸ The current flagship of the Ukrainian Navy, the frigate *Hetman Sahaydachniy*, along with several patrol boats and cutters, are the only combat-ready vessels available to the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of September 2016.

Ukraine's loss of its primary naval facilities in Crimea remains the largest hurdle to the reconstitution of the Ukrainian Navy. Ukrainian Minister of Defense Stepan Poltorak reported on June 28, 2016 that Ukraine had allocated \$100 million to construct a new naval base in Odessa to serve as the headquarters for the Ukrainian Navy as well as plans to repair and modernize Ukraine's remaining vessels.⁹ Even when this expansion has been completed and these reforms implemented, Ukraine's navy would likely face extreme difficulty protecting its key port cities of Odessa and Mariupol against the Russian Black Sea Fleet.

The Ukrainian Navy is currently the weakest navy in the Black Sea region. It is weaker than the Russian Black Sea Fleet as well as the navies of NATO members Turkey, Romania, and Bulgaria, though is slightly stronger than the Georgian Coast Guard.¹⁰ It is, and likely will remain in coming years, incapable of asserting Ukrainian sovereignty around the occupied Crimean peninsula or over Ukrainian resource rights on the Black Sea should Russian forces in the region seek to prevent it from doing so. The U.S. has pledged \$500 million to support the reformation of the Ukrainian Navy, \$30 million of which was delivered in 2016.¹¹ The reconstruction of the Ukrainian Navy will take time, particularly so long as Ukraine is denied access to its bases in Crimea, and will require continued focus from both Ukraine and its partners if the Ukrainian Navy is to be able to defend Ukraine's coast and waters.

Ukrainian Special Forces play a key role in countering conventional and unconventional threats to Ukrainian sovereignty, and the effort to reform them has had great success. Much of Russia's aggressive action in Crimea, Donbas, and elsewhere in Ukraine relied on small groups of special operators or light infantry who infiltrated Ukrainian territory, caused chaos, seized key terrain, and thereby undermined the morale and effectiveness of Ukrainian units ahead of the main body of pro-Russia forces. Ukrainian forces' initial inability to counter this type of warfare demonstrated the need for a highly-motivated, well-trained special operations force to counter Russian infiltration, reconnaissance, and sabotage teams.¹² Ukraine has therefore prioritized reforming the structure and practices of its special operations forces with support from U.S. and NATO.¹³ These reforms, intended to streamline the command structure of Ukrainian special operations units, will play a critical role in Ukrainian efforts to create armed forces capable of protecting Ukrainian sovereignty. President Poroshenko signed a law on July 26, 2016 officially establishing the separate Special Operations Command in the Ukrainian armed forces. Poroshenko noted that "in 2014 special operations forces had nothing except morale" and praised the necessary efforts to reform Ukraine's special operations capabilities.¹⁴ Ukraine's Special Operations Command is still nascent, however, and Ukrainian special operations forces have yet to become a fully mature force.

Ukraine has prioritized obtaining NATO assistance in reforming and retraining its armed forces since 2014. Ukraine and NATO's partnership has existed since Ukraine declared its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991 and improved significantly in recent years.¹⁵ Ukraine expanded its efforts to train with NATO in order to support its armed forces' initiatives to improve their overall readiness, modernize their training and tactics, support structural reform, and improve interoperability with NATO forces. These ongoing efforts included expanded participation in large-scale NATO exercises, such as Agile Spirit 2015 in Georgia, Sea Breeze 2016 in the Black Sea, Flaming Thunder 2016 in Lithuania and Rapid Trident 2016 in Ukraine.¹⁶ These exercises allow members of Ukraine's armed services to share best practices across disciplines with their counterparts in NATO. These exercises also give Ukrainian soldiers and officers the opportunity to become more accustomed to Western military practices, on which they are basing many of their reforms. The Armed Forces of Ukraine have shown a strong desire to expand interoperability with western military structures and improve military relationships with NATO in order to counter and deter further Russian aggression.

Ukraine has also made efforts to develop military relationships with individual NATO member states in order to expand its network of partners who support ongoing reform efforts. Since 2014, Ukraine has conducted exercises with many western countries including Poland, Canada, Estonia, Lithuania, Turkey, and the UK.¹⁷ Ukrainian forces joined a joint Lithuanian-Polish-Ukrainian brigade in September 2014 and have since proposed a joint military brigade with Bulgaria and Romania.¹⁸ These multilateral partnerships, combined with ongoing NATO efforts to improve the logistics and standardization of the Ukrainian armed forces, constitute a concerted investment in Ukrainian security by both NATO and Ukraine.¹⁹ The continuation and expansion of these efforts will build on the progress Ukraine has made in reforming its armed forces while using this momentum to further integrate into NATO and Ukraine's efforts to maintain its sovereignty and counter Russian aggression.

The Armed Forces of Ukraine have made significant strides towards their objective of reforming into a modern military force by 2020, but they continue to face major challenges. As U.S. and Western policymakers consider the most effective path forward for European security, they should focus on supporting the ongoing reformation of the Ukrainian armed forces into a fully professional and modern force that can help maintain stability in Eastern Europe. Ukraine's partners in the West should prioritize supporting Ukraine's efforts to complete systemic structural reforms, modernize their military hardware, and rebuild its navy. These efforts will allow Ukraine to defend its sovereignty against regional aggressors and play a greater role in contributing to the security of Europe and the Black Sea Region.

Ukrainian Order of Battle 2016

President of Ukraine: Petro Poroshenko¹

- Ministry of Defense (MoD)- Stepan Polotak²
 - Joint Operation Headquarters
 - Joint-Anti Terrorist Operation Headquarters (ATO)
 - Land Forces Command
 - Northern Operational Command
 - Eastern Operational Command
 - Southern Operational Command
 - Western Operational Command
 - Air Forces Command
 - Western Command
 - Southern Command
 - Central Command
 - Naval Forces Command
 - Western Command
 - Southern Command
 - Special Forces Command
 - High Mobility Assault Force
 - Main Directorate of Operational Support of the Armed Forces
- Ministry of the Interior (MoI)-Arsen Avakov³
 - National Guard of Ukraine⁴
 - Northern Command
 - Eastern Command
 - Southern Command
 - Western Command
 - Central Command
 - Special Police Units of the Patrol Service of Ukraine

Ukrainian Ministry of Defense

Minister of Defense: Stepan Poltorak

Land Forces of Ukraine

Commander: Lieutenant-General Serhiy Popko⁵

Headquarters: Kyiv⁶

Operational Command North:

Commander: Major General Alexander Lokota⁷

Headquarters: Chernihiv⁸

1st Separate Guards Tank Brigade (1815, Chernihiv)⁹

- 19th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion—Mykolaiv HQ (2326, Mykolaiv)¹⁰
- 41st Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Chernihiv 2” (3137, Kirovograd)¹¹

30th Separate Guards Mechanized Brigade (0409, Novograd-Volyn, Zhitomyr Obl)¹²

- 2nd Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Gorin” (0113, Rivne)¹³

58th Separate Motorized Infantry Brigade (0425, Sumska Obl)¹⁴

- 13th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Chernihiv 1” (2278, Chernigiv)¹⁵
- 15th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Sumi” (2260, Sumska)¹⁶
- 16th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Poltava” (2287, Poltava)¹⁷

72nd Separate Guards Mechanized Brigade (2167, Bila Tserkva, Kyiv Obl)¹⁸

- 14th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Cherkasy” (2332, Cherkasy)¹⁹

26th Separate Artillery Brigade (3091, Berdichiv, Zhitomyr Obl)²⁰

- 12th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Kyiv” (2277, Kyiv)²¹

1129th Air Defense Regiment (1232, Bila Tserkva, Kyiv Obl)²²

55th Separate Communications Brigade (A-1671, Rivne)²³

Operational Command East:²⁴

Commander: Major General Serhiy Nayevev²⁵

Headquarters: Dnipropetrovsk²⁶

17th Separate Guards Tank Brigade (3283, Kryviy Rih, Dnipropetrovsk Obl)²⁷

- 40th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Krivbas” (2603, Krivviy Rih)²⁸

53rd Separate Mechanized Brigade (0927, Severodonetsk, Luhansk Obl)²⁹

- 43rd Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Patriot” (0829, Dnipropetrovsk)³⁰

54th Separate Mechanized Brigade (2970, Donetsk Obl)³¹

- 25th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Kyivan Rus” (0676, Kozeletska)³²

92nd Separate Mechanized Brigade (0501, Kharkiv Obl)³³

- 22nd Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Kharkiv” (0576, Kharkiv)³⁴

93rd Separate Guards Mechanized Brigade (1302, Cherkaske Dnipropetrovsk)³⁵

- 20th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Dnipropetrovsk” (2231, Dnipropetrovsk)³⁶
- 39th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Dnipro 2” (1603, Dnipropetrovsk)³⁷

55th Separate Artillery Brigade (1978, Zaporizhiya)³⁸

91st Separate Regiment Operational Support (A-0563, Suma Obl)³⁹

Operational Command South:Commander: Major Andrei Gryshchenko⁴⁰Headquarters: Odessa⁴¹28th Separate Guard Mechanized Brigade (0666, Odessa Obl)⁴²

- 18th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Odessa” (2317, Odessa)⁴³

56th Separate Motorized Infantry Brigade (2095, Zaporizhiya Obl)⁴⁴

- 21st Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Sarmat” (2604, Kherson)⁴⁵
- 23rd Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Khortytsya” (0131, Zaporizhya)⁴⁶
- 37th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion (6266, Zaporizhiya)⁴⁷

57th Separate Motorized Infantry Brigade (4543, Kirovograd)⁴⁸

- 17th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Kirovograd” (2304, Kirovograd)⁴⁹
- 34th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Batkivshina” (5509, Kirovograd)⁵⁰
- 42nd Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Rukh Oporu” (4709, Kirovograd)⁵¹

59th Separate Motorized Infantry Brigade (4050, Vinnitska Obl)⁵²

- 9th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Vinnitsa” (2248, Vinnitsa)⁵³
- 10th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Polesie” (2254, Zhitomyr)⁵⁴
- 11th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Kyivan Rus” (2262, Kyiv)⁵⁵

40th Separate Artillery Brigade (3500, Pyervomaisk, Mykolaiv Obl)⁵⁶1039th Anti-Aircraft Regiment (1964, Novomoskovska, Dnipropetrovsk Obl)⁵⁷129th Separate Reconnaissance Battalion (4021, Donetsk Obl)⁵⁸60th Mechanized Infantry Brigade (Reserve)⁵⁹**Operational Command West:**Commander: Major General Ihor Dougan⁶⁰Headquarters: Rivne⁶¹10th Separate Mountain-Assault Brigade (3950, Ivano-Frankivsk Obl)⁶²

- 8th Separate Mechanized Infantry Battalion⁶³
- 24th Separate Assault Battalion “Aydar” (2950, Dnipropetrovsk Obl)⁶⁴
- 46th Separate Special Purposes Battalion “Donbas-Ukraine” (2612, Berdyansk?)⁶⁵

14th Separate Mechanized Brigade (2331, Volyn Obl)⁶⁶

- 1st Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Volyn” (0116, Volyn)⁶⁷

24th Separate Mechanized Brigade (0998, Lviv Obl)⁶⁸

- 3rd Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Volya” (0111, Lviv)⁶⁹

128th Separate Guards Mountain Infantry Brigade (1556, Mukachev, Zakarpattia Obl)⁷⁰

- 4th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Zakarpattia” (0124, Zakarpattia)⁷¹
- 15th Separate Mountain Infantry Battalion (1778, Zakarpattia Obl)⁷²

44th Separate Artillery Brigade-Ternopil⁷³

- 6th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion “Zbruch” (0122, Ternopil)⁷⁴

Units Directly Subordinated to the Commander of Ground Forces:15th Guard Reactive Artillery (MLRS Grad) Regiment (A1108, Lviv Obl)⁷⁵19th Separate Rocket Brigade (A4239, Khmelnytskyi Obl)⁷⁶

- 7th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion (2233, Khmelnytskyi Obl)⁷⁷

27th Separate Reactive Artillery (MLRS Grad) Brigade (A1476, Suma Obl)⁷⁸

- 107th Rocket Artillery Regiment (1546, Poltavka Obl)⁷⁹
 43rd Separate Artillery Brigade (2050, Kyiv Obl)⁸⁰
- 45th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion (0414, IVO Chuguvka)⁸¹
- 11th Separate Army Aviation Brigade (1604, Kherson Obl)⁸²
 12th Separate Army Aviation Brigade (3913, Novi Kalini, Lviv Obl)⁸³
 16th Separate Army Aviation Brigade (2595, Brody, Lviv Obl)⁸⁴
 18th Separate Army Aviation Brigade (3384, Poltava Obl)⁸⁵
 Separate Regiment of the President of Ukraine (0222, Kyiv)⁸⁶
- National Army Academy named for Hetman Sahaidachni, (Lviv, Lviv Obl)⁸⁷
 - Odessa Military Academy, (Odessa Obl)⁸⁸
 - 6th Training Artillery Regiment (Kyiv Obl)⁸⁹
- 169th Guards Training Center, (Chernihiv, Desna)⁹⁰
- 300th Training Guard Tank Regiment (Chernihiv, Desna)⁹¹
 - 354th Training Guard Mechanized Regiment (Chernihiv, Desna)⁹²
 - 507th Separate Training Repair Battalion (Chernihiv, Desna)⁹³
 - 718th Separate Training Automotive Battalion (Chernihiv, Desna)⁹⁴
 - 1121st Separate Training Anti-aircraft Missile and Artillery Regiment (Chernihiv, Desna)⁹⁵

High-Mobility Assault Forces⁹⁶

Commander: Major General Mikhail V Zabrodsky⁹⁷

Headquarters: Zhitomyr⁹⁸

- 25th Separate Airborne Brigade (1126, Dnipropetrovsk)⁹⁹
 79th Separate Airborne Brigade (0224, Mykolaiv)¹⁰⁰
- 88th Separate Airmobile Battalion (2613, Bolhrad)¹⁰¹
- 80th Separate Air-Assault Brigade (0284, Lviv)¹⁰²
- 87th Separate Airmobile Battalion (2582, Chernivtsi)¹⁰³
- 81st Separate Airborne Brigade (2120, Druzhkovka)¹⁰⁴
- 90th Separate Airmobile Battalion (1611, Kostiantynivka)¹⁰⁵
 - 122nd Separate Airmobile Battalion (2250, Kostiantynivka)¹⁰⁶
- 95th¹⁰⁷ Separate Airmobile Brigade (0281, Zhytomyr)¹⁰⁸
- 13th Separate Airmobile Battalion (1910, Zhytomyr)¹⁰⁹
- 199th Airborne Training Center (2900, Teterevka)¹¹⁰

Air Force of Ukraine

Commander: Lieutenant-General Serhiy Drozdov¹¹¹

Headquarters: Vinnytsia

Units Directly Subordinated to the Commander of the Air Force

- Air Force Command (A-0215, Vinnytsia)¹¹²
- 7th Tactical Aviation Brigade (A-2502, Starokostyantyniv Hmelnytskyi Region)¹¹³
 - 299th Tactical Aviation Brigade (A-4465, Kulbakino airbase, Mykolaiv)¹¹⁴
 - 383rd Separate UAV Regiment (A-3808, Hmelnytskyi)¹¹⁵
 - 15th Transportation Aviation Brigade (A-2215, Borispil Kyiv region)¹¹⁶
 - 25th Guard Transportation Aviation Brigade (A-3840, Melitopol Zaporizhia region)¹¹⁷
 - 456th Guard Transportation Aviation Brigade (A-1231, Gavrishivka Vinnytsia region)¹¹⁸
 - 101st Separate C&C Regiment (A-2656, Vinnytsia)¹¹⁹

Western Command:

Commander: Major-General Oleh Strutsinskiy¹²⁰

Headquarters: Lviv

Western Command (A-0780, Lviv)¹²¹

- 114th Tactical Aviation Brigade “Talinn” (A-1349, Ivano-Frankivsk)¹²²
- 11th Air Defense Regiment (A-3730, Shepetivka Hmelnytskoi region)¹²³
- 223rd Air Defense Regiment (A-2847, Striy L’vivskoi region)¹²⁴
- 540th Air Defense Regiment (A-4623, Kamianka-Buzka L’vivskoi region)¹²⁵
- 1st Radiotech Brigade (A-4324, Ligniki L’vivskoi region)¹²⁶
- 76th Separate C&C Regiment (A-2166, Lipniki Lyivskoi Obl)¹²⁷

Southern Command:

Commander: Lt. Gen. Pavlo Zuev¹²⁸

Headquarters: Odessa

Southern Command (A-0800, Odessa)¹²⁹

- 204th Tactical Aviation Brigade (A-0959, Mikolayiv)¹³⁰
- 160th Air Defense Brigade (A-2800, Zhovtneyeva Revolutsiya Vilyavskovo, Odessa region)¹³¹
- 208th Guard Air Defense Brigade (A-1836, Kherson)¹³²
- 301st Air Defense Regiment (A-0593, Nikopol Dnipropetrovsk region)¹³³
- 14th Radiotechnical Brigade (A-1620, Odessa)¹³⁴
- 43rd Separate Command and Control Regiment (A-2171, Odessa)¹³⁵
- 19th Separate Radio & Radiotechnical Regiment (A-3767, Mykolaiv Obl)¹³⁶

Central Command:

Commander: Colonel Anatoliy Kryvonozhko¹³⁷

Headquarters: Kyiv

Central Command (A-0820, Vasilkiv Kyiv region)¹³⁸

- 40th Tactical Aviation Brigade (A-1789, Vasilyiv, Kyiv Region)¹³⁹
 - 39th Separate Tactical Aviation Squadron (A-2038, Ozerne, Zhitomir region)¹⁴⁰
- 831st Guard Tactical Aviation Brigade (A-1356, Mirgorod Poltava region)¹⁴¹
- 96th Air Defense Brigade (A-2860, Danilivka Kyiv region)¹⁴²
- 138th Air Defense Brigade (A-4608, Dnipropetrovsk)¹⁴³
- 156th Air Defense Regiment (A-1402, Zolotonosha Cherkasy region)¹⁴⁴
- 201st Air Defense Regiment (A-2183, Pyervomaik Mykolaiv region)¹⁴⁵
- 138th Radiotechnical Brigade (A-1880, Vasilkiv, Kyiv region)¹⁴⁶
- 164th Radiotechnical Brigade (A-1451, Kharkiv)¹⁴⁷
- 31st Separate Command and Control Regiment (A-0799, Kyiv)¹⁴⁸

Naval Forces of Ukraine

Commander: Vice-Admiral Igor Oleksandrovich Voronchenko¹⁴⁹
Headquarters: Odessa¹⁵⁰

Units Directly Subordinated to Naval Command

Ukrainian Naval Forces Command (A-0456, Odessa)¹⁵¹

- 36th Separate Marine Brigade (A-2802, Mykolaiv), (Captain Vadim Suharevski)¹⁵²
- 1st Separate Battalion of Naval Infantry (A-2777)¹⁵³
- 501st Separate Battalion of Naval Infantry (A-1956)¹⁵⁴
- 137th Naval Infantry Battalion (A-3821, Odessa), (Col. Rodion Klepchenko)¹⁵⁵
- 406th Separate Coastal Artillery Brigade (A-2062), (Battalions IVO Mykolaiv, Ochakiv, Odessa)¹⁵⁶
- 10th Separate Naval Aviation Brigade (A-1688, Mykolaiv)¹⁵⁷

Western/Black Sea Command:

“Western”/“Black Sea” Base (A-2238, Odessa) (Capt. 1st Rank Alexei Doskato)¹⁵⁸

1st Brigade of Surface Ships (A-0937, Odessa) (Capt. 2nd Rank Dmitri Glukhov)¹⁵⁹

- *Hetman Sahaydachniy*, Kirvak-class frigate, (U-130, Odessa), (Captain Second Rank Denis Ivanin)¹⁶⁰
- *Pryluky*, Matka-class missile boat (U-153, Odessa) (Captain Third Rank Pavlo Rud)¹⁶¹
- *Donbas*, Command ship, converted Amur-class repair ship (U-500, Odessa)

24th Separate Division of Naval Cutters (A-1368), Odessa¹⁶²

- *GrifSkadovsk Zhuk*-class 1400M patrol cutter (U-170)

Southern/Azov Sea Command

“Southern”/“Azov Sea” (A-3130)¹⁶³

5th Brigade of Surface Ships (A-1430, Mykolaiv Obl)¹⁶⁴

- *Vynnytsia Corvette** (U-20627)¹⁶⁵
- *Yuriy Olefrenko* † (formerly *Kirovograd*) medium landing ship (U-401)¹⁶⁶
- *Genichesk*, minesweeper (U-360, Ochakiv)¹⁶⁷

Department of Operational Support¹⁶⁸

Headquarters: Kyiv¹⁶⁹

48th Separate Engineering Brigade (Kamianets-Podilskii, Khmel'nyts'kyi Obl)¹⁷⁰

- 308th Separate Engineering Regiment¹⁷¹

703rd Engineer Regiment, (A-3817 Sambir, Lviv Obl)¹⁷²

808th Separate Pontoon Bridge Regiment (A-3935, Bilgorod Dnistrovskiy, Odessa Obl)¹⁷³

*last known location Odessa. In reserve, currently used as a training vessel.

† last known location Odessa.

Special Operations Command¹⁷⁴

Commander: Major General Igor Lunev¹⁷⁵

Headquarters: Kyiv¹⁷⁶

3rd Separate Special Forces Regiment (A-0680, Kirovograd)¹⁷⁷

8th Separate Special Forces Regiment (A-0553, Khmelnytsky)¹⁷⁸

140th Special Forces Center (A-0661, Khmelnytsky)¹⁷⁹

73rd Naval Center of Special Operations (A-1594, Ochakiv)¹⁸⁰

16th (?)* Center for Information and Psychological Operations (A-1182, Guyva, Zhytomyr Obl)¹⁸¹

72nd (?)* Center for Information and Psychological Operations (A-4398, Brovary, Kyiv Obl)¹⁸²

74th (?)* Center for Information and Psychological Operations (A-1277, Lviv)

83rd (?)* Center for Information and Psychological Operations (A-2455, Odessa) 28¹⁸³

Units Currently in Unconfirmed Commands

54th Separate Guards Reconnaissance Battalion (A-2076, Zhytomyr Obl)¹⁸⁴

74th Separate Reconnaissance Battalion (A-1035, Dnipropetrovsk Obl)¹⁸⁵

130th Separate Reconnaissance Battalion (A-0798, Rivne)¹⁸⁶

131st Separate Reconnaissance Battalion (A-1109, Vinnitska Obl)¹⁸⁷

20th Separate Electronic Warfare Regiment (A-1262, Zhytomyr)¹⁸⁸

502nd Separate Guards Electronic Warfare Regiment (A-1828, Dnipropetrovsk Obl)¹⁸⁹

121st Separate Guards Communication Brigade (A-1214, Dnipropetrovsk)¹⁹⁰

12 Engineer Regiment (?) (A-3814, Zhytomyr Obl)¹⁹¹

307th Separate Electronic Warfare Battalion¹⁹²

704th Separate Radiation-Biological-Chemical Defense Regiment¹⁹³

55th Separate Automobile Battalion “Chornyi Lis” (Kirovohrad Obl)¹⁹⁴

“Zvirobny” 3rd Separate Tank Battalion—Desna training center, Chernihiv Obl HQ (JAN 2015)¹⁹⁵

* The Ukrainian Ministry of Defense claims to have “Information and psychological warfare” units under the special operations command. These units have proven difficult to detect, and the numbers of these units, as well as their locations, cannot be assessed with high confidence.

Ministry of Internal Affairs

Interior Minister: Arsen Avakov

National Guard Command

National Guard of Ukraine Commander: Lieutenant-General Yuri Allero¹⁹⁶

Headquarters: Kyiv¹⁹⁷

Units Subordinated to the Commander of the National Guard

1st Separate State Object Protection Battalion (3041, Slavatuch, Kyiv Obl)¹⁹⁸
2nd Separate State Object Protection Battalion (3042, Energodar, Zaporizhiya Obl)¹⁹⁹
3rd Separate State Object Protection Battalion (3043, Netishin, Khmelnytskyi Obl)²⁰⁰
4th Separate State Object Protection Battalion (3044, Yuzhnoukrainsk, Mykolaiv Obl)²⁰¹
5th Separate State Object Protection Battalion (3045, Kusnetzovsk, Rivne Obl)²⁰²
22nd Separate Diplomatic Protection Brigade (2260, Kyiv)²⁰³

Northern Operational-Territorial Command:

Commander: Major-General Nikolai Mikolenko²⁰⁴

Headquarters: Kyiv²⁰⁵

1st Operational Purpose Brigade formerly "Bars" (3027, Novi Petrivtsi, Kyiv Obl)²⁰⁶
4th Operational Purpose Brigade (3018, Staroye, Kyiv Obl)²⁰⁷
25th Separate Public Order Brigade (3030, Kyiv)²⁰⁸
27th Separate Brigade (3066, Kyiv, Chernihiv Obl)²⁰⁹

- Reserve Battalion "Kulshitskiy," (Kyiv)²¹⁰

25th Separate Battalion (3061, Cherkasi)²¹¹
75th Separate Battalion (3047, Zhitomyr)²¹²

Western Operational-Territorial Command:

Commander: Colonel Volodymyr Gordiychuk²¹³

Headquarters: Lviv²¹⁴

2nd Separate Galitska Brigade (3002, Lviv, Ternopil, Rivne, Uzhgorod, Lviv Obl)²¹⁵
8th Operational Purpose Regiment) formerly "Jaguar" (3028- Kalynivka, Vinnitska Obl)²¹⁶
13th Separate Battalion (3053, Kamianets-Podilskyi, Khmelnytskyi Obl)²¹⁷
32nd Separate Battalion (1141, Lutsk)²¹⁸
40th Operational Purpose Regiment (3008, Vinnitska)²¹⁹
45th Operational Purpose Regiment (4114, Lviv)²²⁰
50th Regiment (1241, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kalush, Chernivtsi)²²¹
4th Special Designation Battalion "Kruk"²²²

Southern Operational-Territorial Command:

Commander: Volodymyr Kondratyuk²²³

Headquarters: Odessa²²⁴

9th Separate Operational Purpose Regiment, formerly "Cheetah" (3029, Zaporizhiya)²²⁵
16th Separate Battalion (3056, Kherson)²²⁶
19th Public Order Regiment (3039, Mykolaiv)²²⁷

19th Separate Battalion (3026, Zaporizhiya)²²⁸
 23rd Separate Public Order Brigade (3033, Zaporizhya, Melitopol, Berdyansk, Yenyergodar)²²⁹
 33rd Separate Public Order Regiment (3012, Odessa)²³⁰
 34th Separate Battalion (3014, Odessa)²³¹

Eastern Operational-Territorial Command:

Commander: Colonel Kostantin Pletko²³²
 Headquarters: Kharkiv²³³

3rd Operational Purpose Brigade (3017, Kharkiv)²³⁴
 5th Separate “Slobozhanska” Brigade (3005, Kharkiv)²³⁵
 2nd Protection of Government Installations Regiment (3022, Shostka, Sumska Obl)²³⁶
 11th Separate Battalion (3051, Sumi)²³⁷
 15th Separate Regiment (3035, Slavyansk, Donetsk Obl)²³⁸
 18th Operational Purpose Battalion (3057, Mariupol, Donetsk Obl)²³⁹

- Donbas (Reserve) Battalion
- Regiment “Azov” (Mariupol, Donetsk Obl)²⁴⁰

Central Operational-Territorial Command:

Commander: Major-General Alexander Nabok²⁴¹
 Headquarters: Dnipropetrovsk²⁴²

21st Public Order Separate Brigade (3011)²⁴³
 1st State Installation Protection Regiment (3021, Dnipropetrovsk)²⁴⁴
 4th State Installation Protection Regiment (3024, Pavlograd)²⁴⁵
 12th Separate Battalion (3052, Poltava)²⁴⁶
 14th Separate Battalion (3054, Dnipropetrovsk)²⁴⁷
 16th Public Order Regiment (3036, Dnipropetrovsk)²⁴⁸
 26th Separate Battalion (3059, Kremenchuk)²⁴⁹

Special Police Units of the Patrol Service²⁵⁰

Head of Ukrainian National Police: Khatia Dekanoidze²⁵¹
 Head of the Police Patrol Service: Alexander Fatsyevich²⁵²

Regiment “Dnipro-1” (Dnipropetrovsk)²⁵³
 Regiment “Kyiv” (Kyiv)²⁵⁴

- Company “Sich”²⁵⁵

 Regiment “Mirotvorets” (Kyiv)²⁵⁶
 Battalion “Vinnitska” (Vinnitska)²⁵⁷
 Battalion “Svityaz” (Volyn)²⁵⁸
 Battalion “Sichyaslav” (Dnipropetrovsk)²⁵⁹
 Battalion “Luhansk-1” (Dnipropetrovsk)²⁶⁰
 Battalion “Skif” (Zaporizhiya)²⁶¹
 Battalion “Ivano-Frankivsk” (Ivano-Frankivsk)²⁶²
 Battalion “Lviv” (Lviv, Col. Dmitry Zagariya)²⁶³
 Battalion “Mykolaiv” (Mykolaiv, Vitaly Goncharov)²⁶⁴
 Battalion “Poltava” (Poltava, Oleg Bekh)²⁶⁵
 Regiment “Kremenchuk” (Poltava Obl, Oleg Bekh)²⁶⁶
 Battalion “Suma” (Suma Obl)²⁶⁷

Battalion “Ternopil” (Ternopil Obl)²⁶⁸

Battalion “Kharkiv” (Kharkiv Obl, direct commander Vladimir Provolovskiy)²⁶⁹

Battalion “Kherson” (Kherson Obl)²⁷⁰

Battalion “Eastern Corps” (Kharkiv Obl)²⁷¹

Battalion “Storm” (Odessa Obl, Giorgi Lortkipanidze)²⁷²

Independent Pro-Ukraine Forces:

Right Sector-Andriy Tarsenko²⁷³

- 2nd Reserve Company (Lviv)²⁷⁴
- 3rd Reserve Company (Volyn)²⁷⁵
- 4th Reserve Company (Ivano-Frankivsk)²⁷⁶
- 6th Reserve Company (Ternopil)²⁷⁷
- 7th Reserve Company (Khmeinytsky)²⁷⁸
- 10th Reserve Company (Rivne)²⁷⁹
- 11th Reserve Company (Kyiv)²⁸⁰
- 12th Reserve Company (Kherson)²⁸¹
- 13th Reserve Company (Kyiv)²⁸²
- 14th Reserve Company (Dnipropetrovsk)²⁸³
- 16th Reserve Company (Chernivtsi)²⁸⁴
- 17th Reserve Company (Poltova)²⁸⁵
- 18th Reserve Company (Zaporizhia)²⁸⁶
- 19th Reserve Company (Zhytomyr)²⁸⁷
- 20th Reserve Company (Sumy)²⁸⁸
- 21st Reserve Company (Cherkassy)²⁸⁹
- Front Line Battalion Tactical Group (Donbas)²⁹⁰

Units in the ATO (2016)

Joint Anti-Terrorism Operational Headquarters Ground/Special Forces Commands

- 10th Separate Mountain-Assault Brigade (Marinka-Krasnohorivka, Donetsk)²⁹¹
 - 8th Separate Motor Rifle Battalion, (Krasnohorivka, Donetsk)²⁹²
 - 24th Separate Assault Battalion “Aydar” (Taramchuk, Marinka region, Donetsk)²⁹³
- 14th Separate Mechanized Brigade, (Shastya, Luhansk)²⁹⁴
- 24th Separate Mechanized Brigade, (Novoaydar, Luhansk)²⁹⁵
- 28th Separate Mechanized Brigade, (Stanychno Luhansk)²⁹⁶
- 30th Separate Mechanized Brigade, (Donetsk)²⁹⁷
- 53rd Separate Mechanized Brigade, (Horlivka and Toretsk Donetsk)²⁹⁸
 - 43rd Separate Mechanized Infantry Battalion, (Avdiivka, Donetsk)²⁹⁹
- 54th Separate Mechanized Brigade, (Bakhmut, Popasna, Donetsk)³⁰⁰
 - 25th Separate Battalion “Kyivan Rus”, (Svitlodarsk, Donetsk)³⁰¹
- 56th Separate Motorized Infantry Brigade, (Novoselivki, Shtol’nya, Donetsk)
 - 21st Separate Mechanized Infantry Battalion, (Pavlopil, Volovakha, Donetsk)³⁰²
 - 23rd Separate Mechanized Infantry Battalion, (Pavlopil, Donetsk)³⁰³
 - 37th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion, (Hnutovo, Volovakha, Donetsk)³⁰⁴
- 57th Separate Mechanized Brigade, Zaitsev, (Horlivka, Donetsk)³⁰⁵
 - 42nd Separate Motor Rifle Battalion, Zaitseve, (Horlivka, Donetsk)³⁰⁶
 - 34th Territorial Defense/Battalion “Fatherland,” (Zaitseve, Donetsk)³⁰⁷
 - 17th Separate Mechanized Infantry Battalion (Zaitseve, Donetsk)³⁰⁸
- 58th Separate Motorized Infantry Brigade, (Avdiivka, Donetsk)³⁰⁹
 - 13th Separate Mechanized Infantry Battalion, (Yasinuvatska District, Donetsk)³¹⁰
 - 15th Separate Mechanized Infantry Battalion, (Verhnetoretsk, Donetsk)³¹¹
 - 16th Separate Mechanized Infantry Battalion, (Avdiivka, Donetsk)³¹²
- 59th Separate Mechanized Infantry Brigade, (Marinka, Donetsk)³¹³
 - 9th Separate Mechanized Infantry Battalion, (Popasna, Luhansk)³¹⁴
 - 10th Separate Mechanized Infantry Battalion, (Luhansk?)³¹⁵
 - 11th Separate Mechanized Infantry Battalion (Popasna, Luhansk)³¹⁶
- 72nd Separate Mechanized Brigade, Bogdanovka, (Volnovakha, Novotroitske, Donetsk)³¹⁷
 - 14th Separate Mechanized Infantry Battalion, (Volnovakha, Donetsk)³¹⁸
- 92nd Separate Mechanized Brigade, (Trudov[e], Novoadarskiy region, Luhansk. Shastiya, Luhansk)³¹⁹
- 93rd Separate Mechanized Brigade, Butivka (Avdiivk and Spartak Donetsk)³²⁰
 - 20th Separate Mechanized Infantry Battalion (Pisky, Donetsk)³²¹
 - 39th Separate Mechanized Infantry (Avdiivka, Donetsk)³²²
- 128th Mountain Infantry Brigade, (Avdiivka, Krasnohorivka, Piskiy, Opitne Donetsk)³²³
 - 15th Separate Mountain Infantry Battalion, (Butivka Donetsk)³²⁴
- 1st Separate Tank Brigade, (Krasnoarmiysk and Horlivka, Donetsk)³²⁵
- 17th Separate Tank Brigade, (Location Unknown)³²⁶
- 26th Separate Artillery Brigade, (Location Unknown)³²⁷
- 40th Separate Artillery Brigade, (Volnovokha, Donetsk)³²⁸
- 44th Separate Artillery Brigade, (Severodonetsk, Luhansk)³²⁹
- 55th Separate Artillery Brigade, (Avdiivka, Donetsk)³³⁰
- 3rd Separate Special Forces Regiment, (Location Unknown)³³¹

54th Separate Reconnaissance Battalion, (Location Unknown)³³²
 74th Separate Reconnaissance Battalion, (Location Unknown)³³³
 1129 Air Defense Regiment, (Location Unknown)³³⁴

High Mobility Assault Force:

79th Separate Airmobile Brigade, (Marinka, Donetsk) ³³⁵
 80th Separate Air-Assault Brigade, (Avdiivka, Donetsk)³³⁶
 81st Separate Airborne Brigade, (Avdiivka and Pisky, Donetsk) ³³⁷

- 90th Separate Airmobile Battalion, (Avdiivka, Donetsk)³³⁸
- 122nd Separate Airmobile Battalion, (Novgorodske and Konstantinovka, Donetsk)³³⁹

 199th Training Center, (Avdiivka, Donetsk)³⁴⁰

Air Force:

40th Tactical Aviation Brigade, (Shastya, Luhansk)³⁴¹
 96th Air Defense Brigade, (Artemivsk, Donetsk)³⁴²

Navy:

36th Separate Naval Infantry Brigade, (Shyrokyne, Mariupol, Donetsk)³⁴³

- 501st Separate Battalion of Naval Infantry, (Mariupol, Donetsk)³⁴⁴

 73rd Naval Center of Special Operations, (Dokuchaevsk, Donetsk)³⁴⁵

Operational Support:

12th Separate Engineering Regiment, (Popasna, Luhansk)³⁴⁶
 48th Separate Engineering Brigade, (Pokrovskoe, Bakhmutka, Donetsk)³⁴⁷

National Guard:

Special Police Regiment “Azov” (Mariupol region)³⁴⁸
 Ukrainian National Guard Central, (Zaitseve, Horlivka)³⁴⁹
 Ukrainian National Guard West, (Slavyansk, Donetsk)³⁵⁰

Auxiliary Forces:

Front Line Battalion Tactical Group (Praviy Sektor), (Luhanske, Avdiivka Donetsk)³⁵¹

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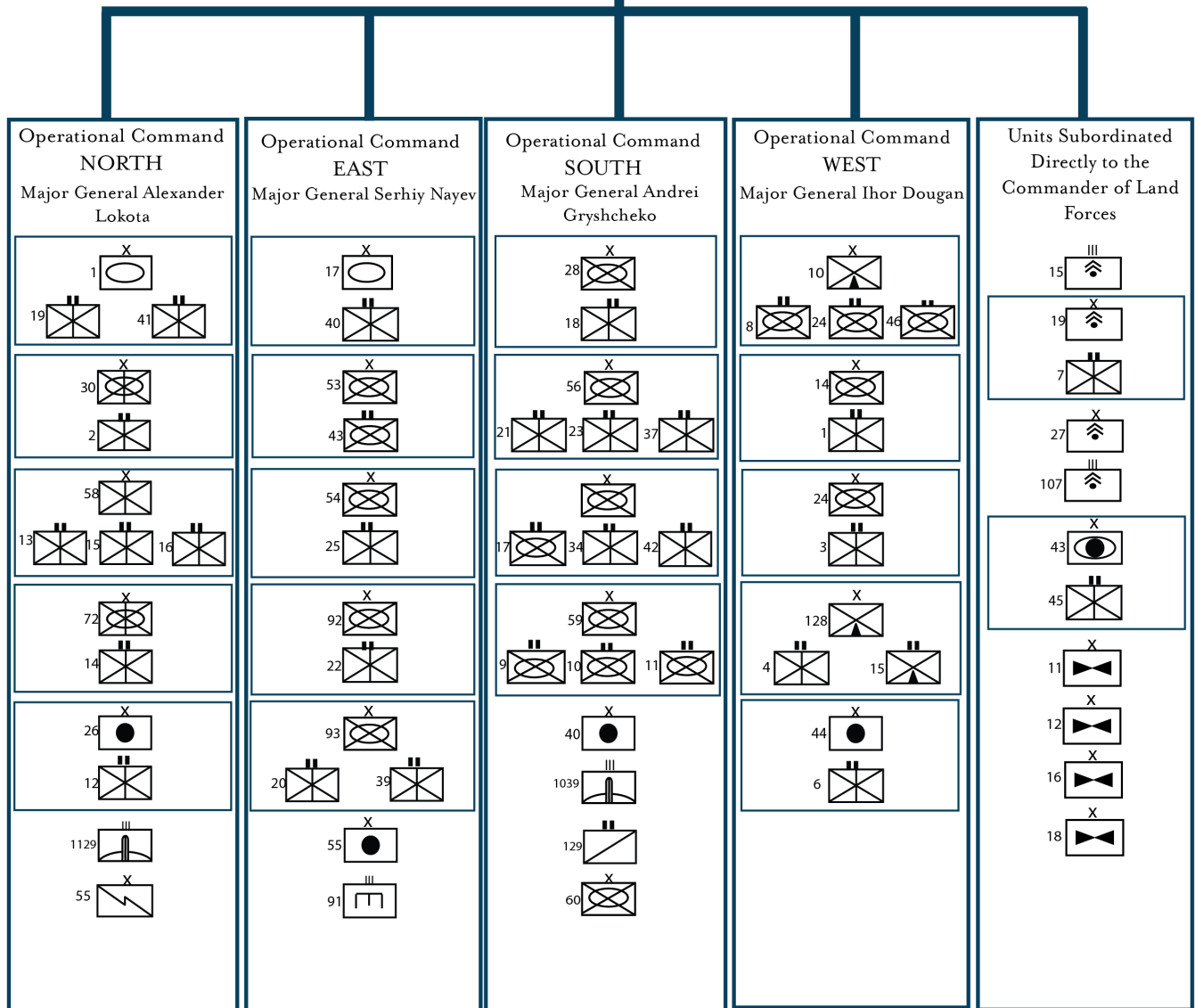
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	Engineer		Repair		Chemical/Biological
	Naval Infantry		Electronic Warfare		Communications
	Rocket Artillery		Command and Control		SAM equipped anti aircraft
	Anti-aircraft		Reconnaissance		Self-propelled artillery
	Special Forces		Basic Towed Artillery		Rotary Wing Aircraft
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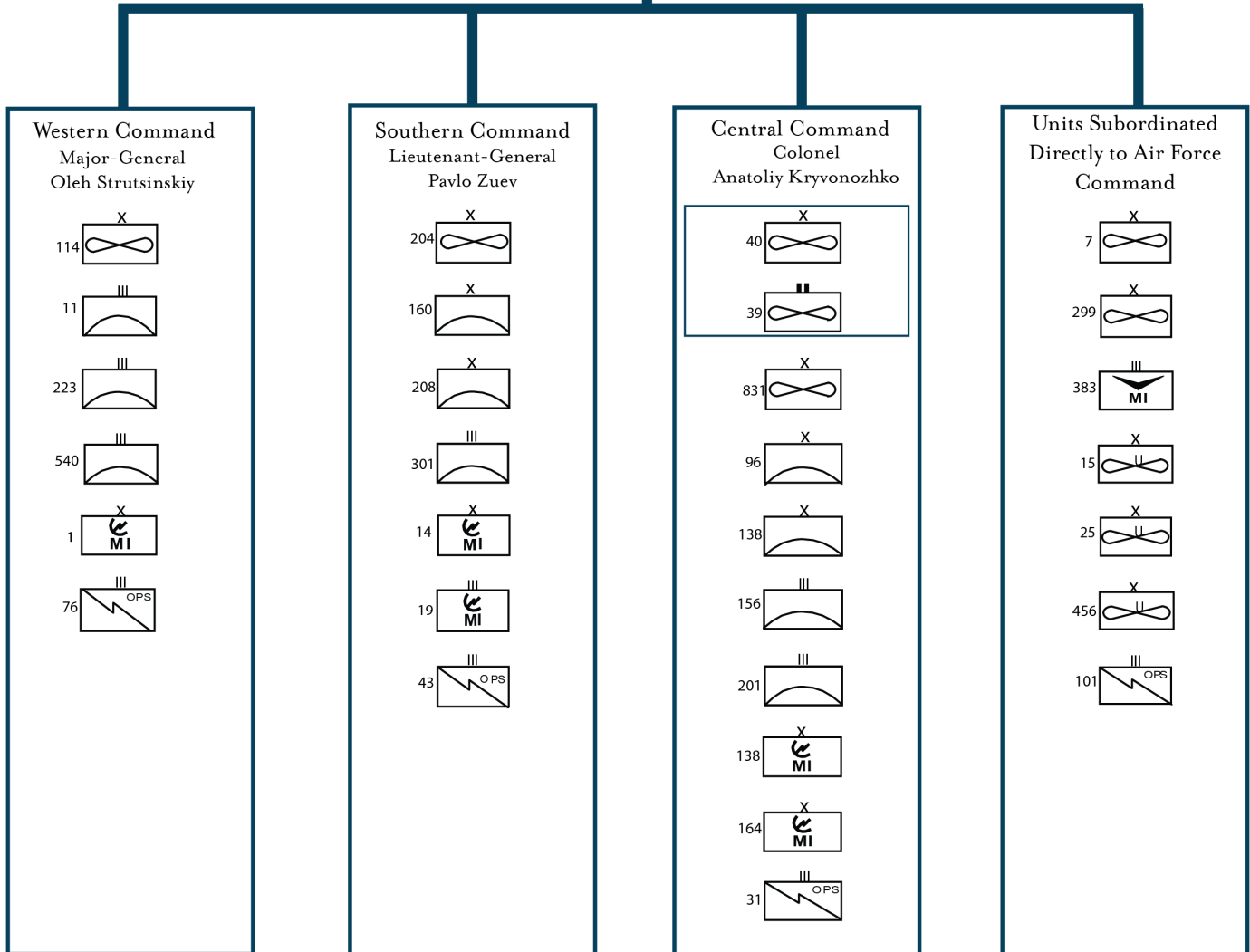
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Air Force Command

Lieutenant-General
Serhiy Drozdov

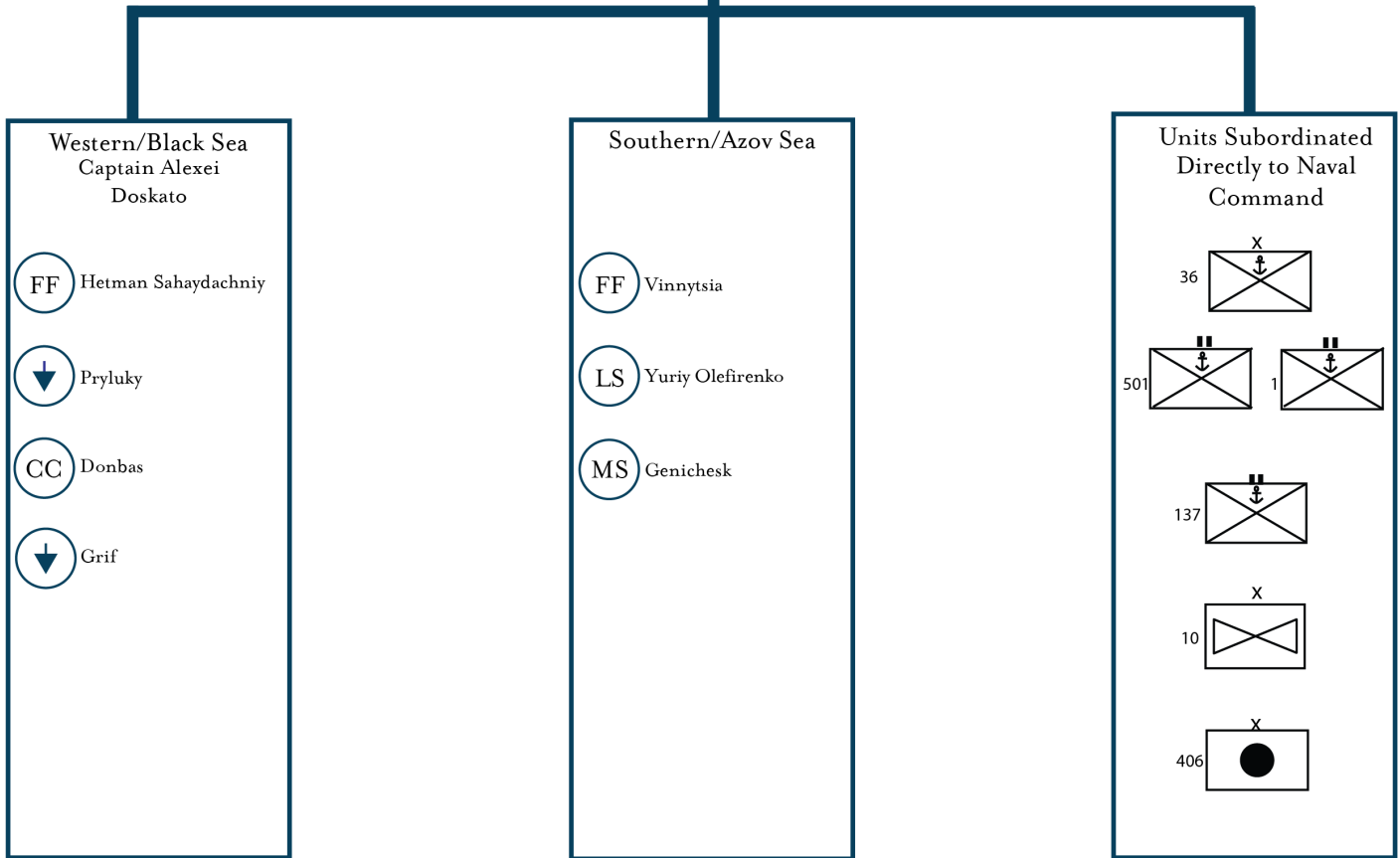




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Naval Command

Vice-Admiral Igor Voronchenko



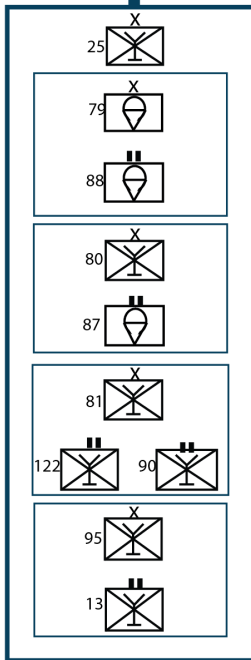


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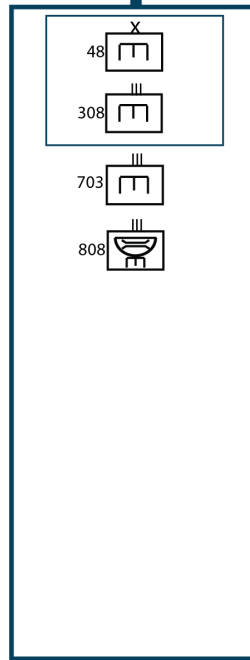
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Major General Mikhail V
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Department of Operational Support

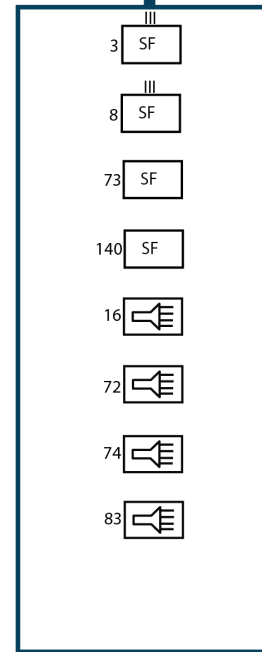
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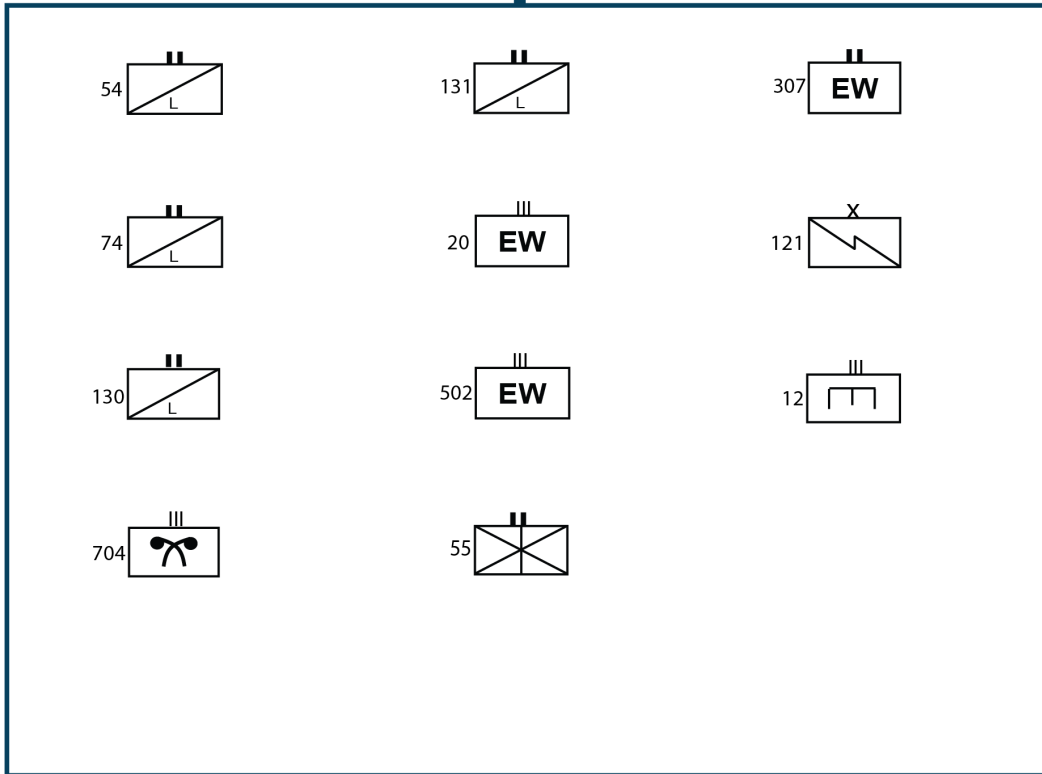
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Major General Igor
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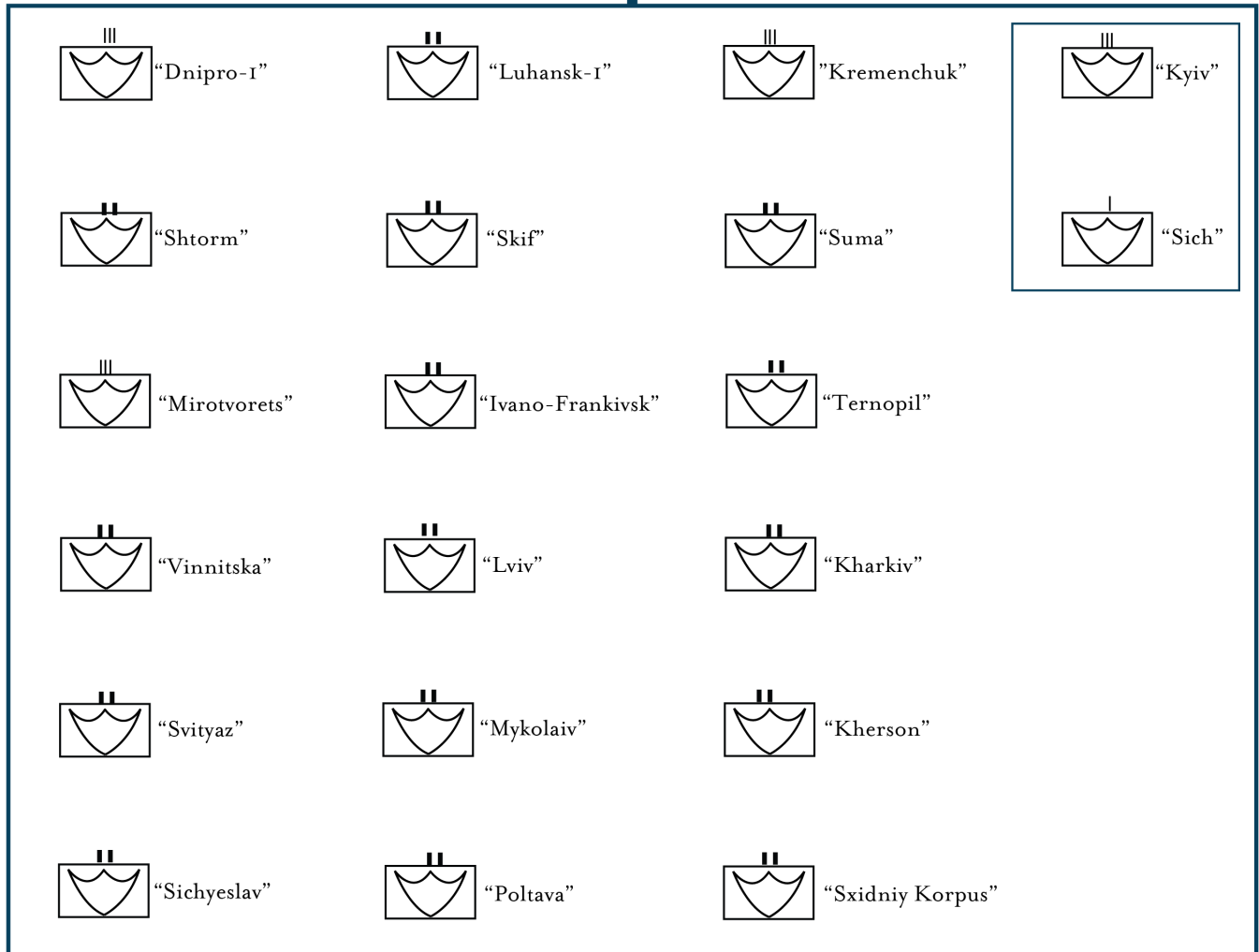
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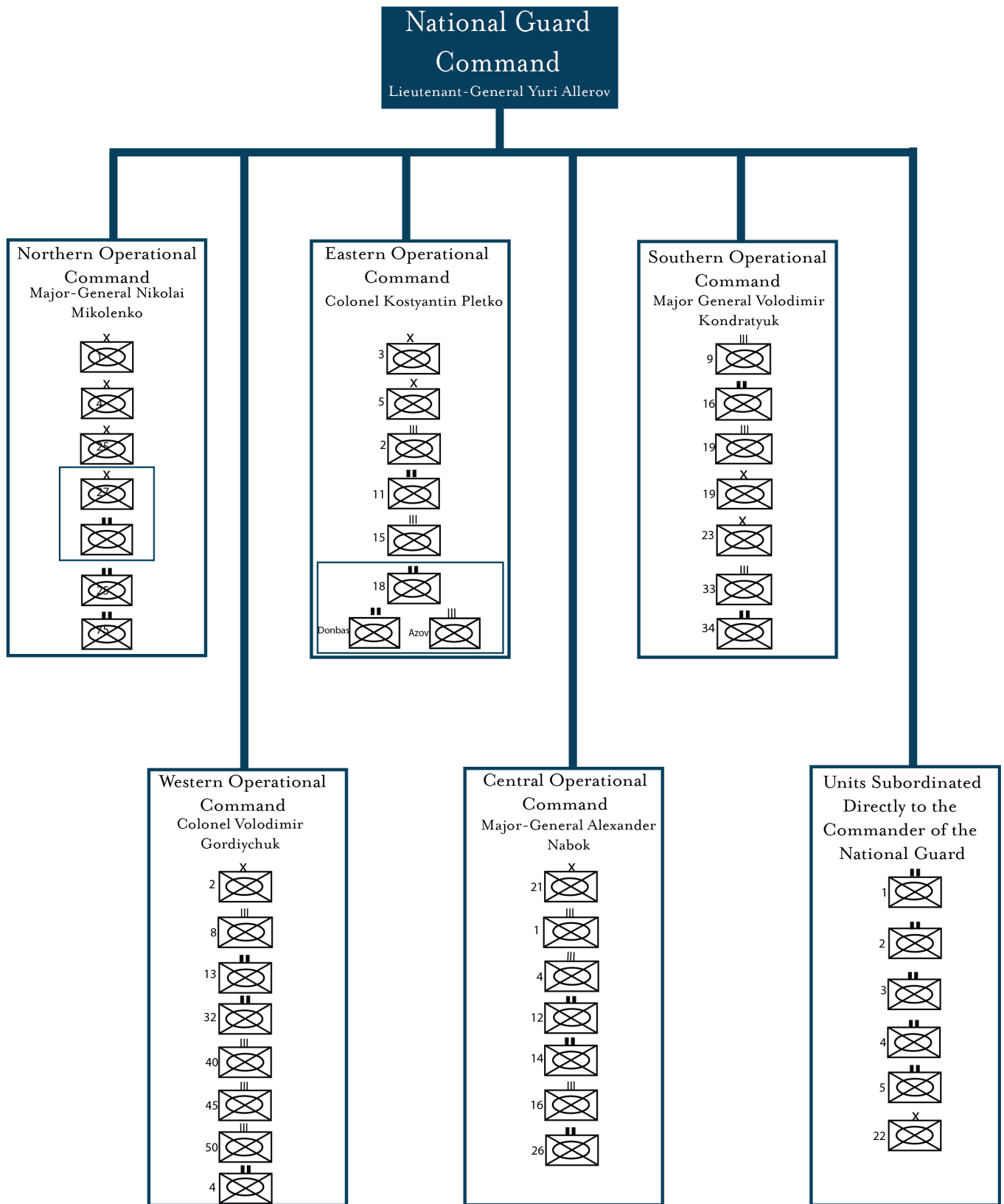
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Special Units of the Patrol Police

Lieutenant-General Serhiy Popko



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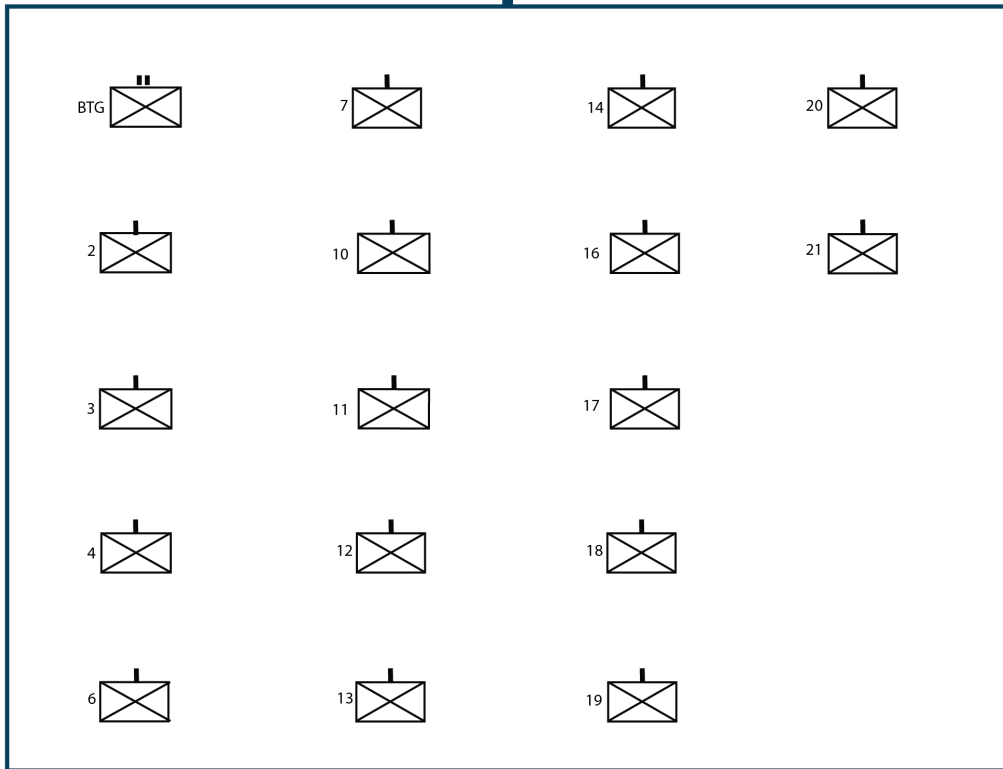


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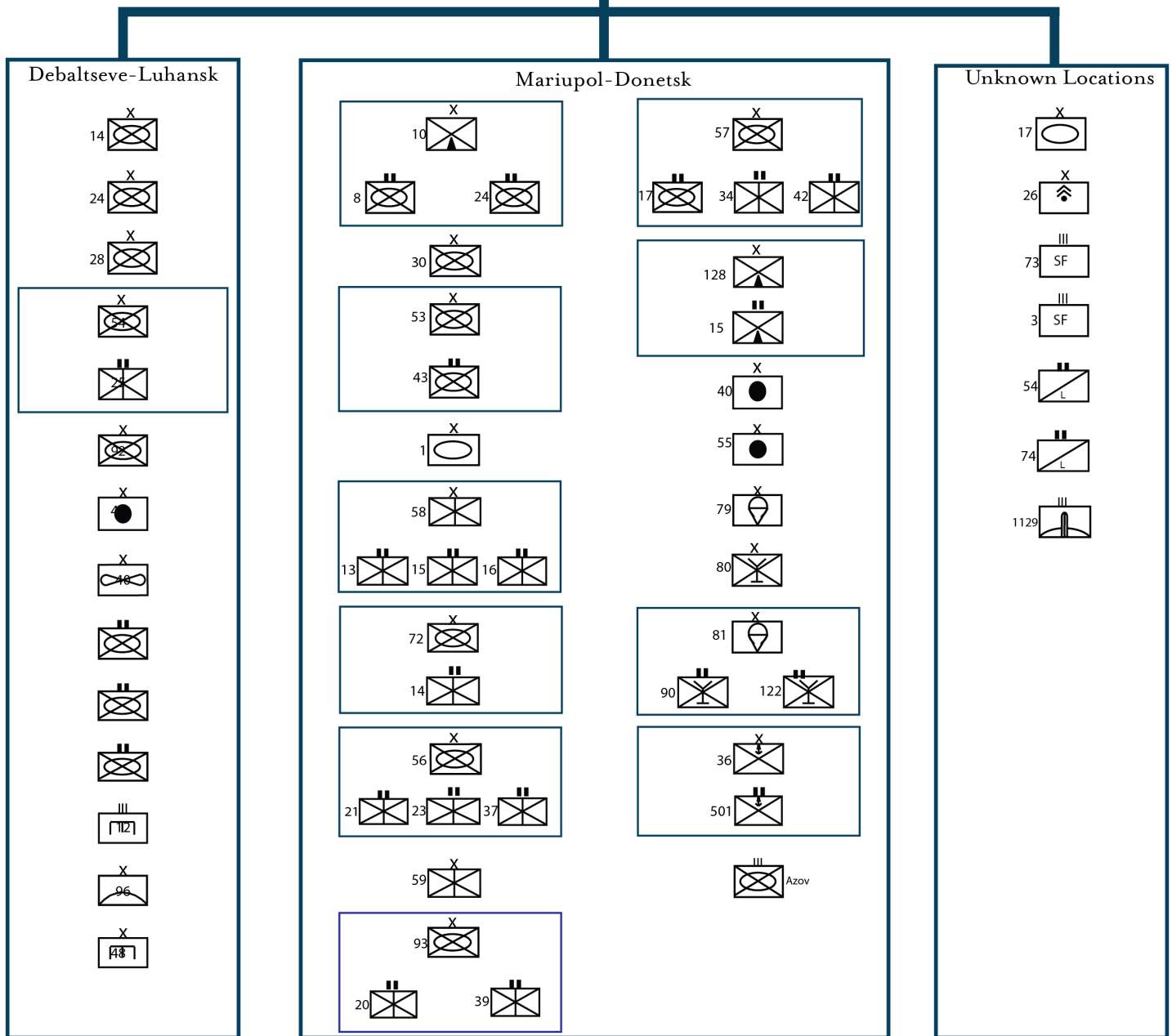
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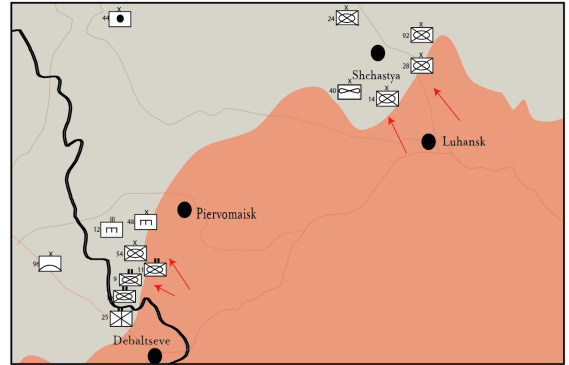
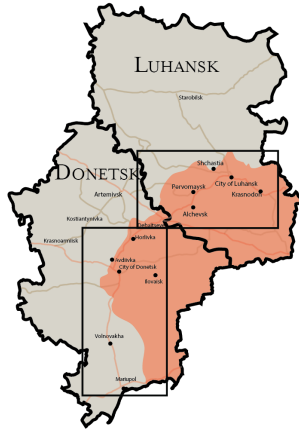
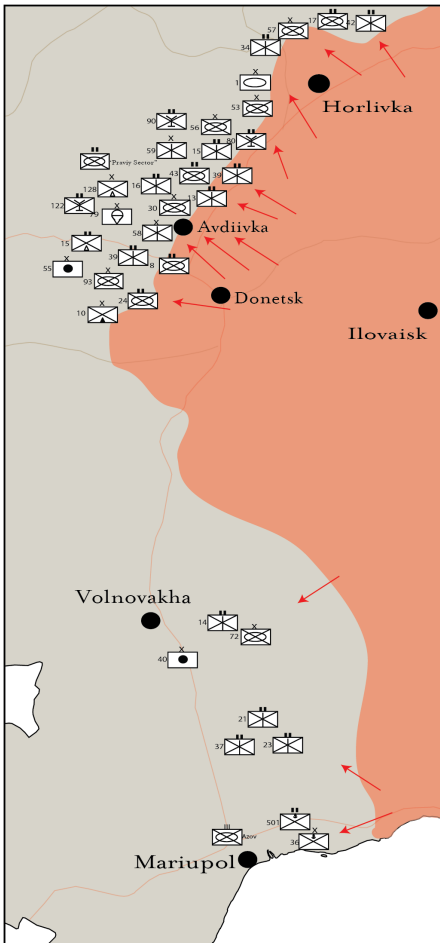
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Ukrainian Forces Deployed in the ATO in 2016





Ukrainian Armed Forces Deployed Along the Frontline in Donbas in 2016



This graphic represents the most recent confirmed locations as of September 01, 2016. The units rotate in and out and within the Antiterrorist Operation (ATO). Units that appear closer to the frontline have not necessarily played a larger role in combat operations than units displayed farther from the frontline. The presence of armored and artillery units does not necessarily indicate Ukrainian deployments of heavy weapon systems in violation of the Minsk II ceasefire, and may instead indicate the rotation of combat effective infantry detachments assigned to those heavy weapons units into the ATO. Ukrainian special police units, who typically man checkpoints and occasionally serve as support for Ukrainian frontline units are not represented.

KEY

	Mechanized Infantry		Towed Artillery
	Motorized Infantry		Armor
	Mountain Infantry		Engineers
	Naval Infantry		Anti-Aircraft
	Air Assault		Tactical Aviation
	Airborne		
	City/Settlement		
	Separatist Controlled Territory		
	Overall Trajectory of Separatist Assaults in 2016		

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