



Just two percent of adult Ukrainians owned guns prior to the Russian invasion in 2022. Unfortunately, regulations in Ukraine did not allow for private ownership of guns except for sport and hunting uses. In no small measure, this reality allowed Russian forces to quickly capture parts of Ukraine, subjecting its defenseless people to the mayhem seen worldwide.

Cities like Irpin and Bucha became scenes of horrible massacres. More than 90% of civilians were killed face-to-face with bullets rather than artillery or bombs, and Ukrainians are now overwhelmingly in favor of the Natural Right of every individual to bear arms. Ukrainians are now allowed to make private gun purchases and Territorial defense units were formed by local communities and issued firearms by the military. New legislation is being developed by the Ukrainian parliament to make gun ownership permanent.

The aim of the Ukrainian Arsenal of Liberty program is to procure guns for Ukrainians to make the country safer. We believe that every Ukrainian owning a firearm is the best form of protection from foreign invasion. We want to arm private citizens, and train them in firearms use.

We are searching for donations in-kind of guns from US gun owners. We admire US gun culture, and with number of guns in the US being 25 times the size of Ukraine's adult population, we believe we can find many willing Americans to share their guns with Ukrainians. We will first share donated guns with city leaders in Irpin and also victims of abuse and rape.

Our planned scope of activities includes the following:

1. Accept donations in-kind from US gun owners: We plan to ask for guns directly by cooperating with gun owner and veteran organizations. We also plan to have the Ukrainian Arsenal of Liberty kiosk at every US gun show asking for guns and ammo.
2. Fundraise at US gun stores: We will be asking US gun store owners to help fundraise via roundups, donation boxes, sale of merchandise, etc.. All the raised money will be spent at gun stores on firearms and ammo.
3. Utilize unused guns from the States' police (i.e. confiscated guns, older models etc.). We want to link American states with Ukrainian cities and communities so the latter can accept direct donations of guns for their territorial defense force.
4. Help develop relationships between Ukrainian local community police units and territorial defense forces with their US counterparts so they can share arms and other equipment.
5. Develop and adopt legislation in Ukraine that will guarantee gun rights to every Ukrainian.

We strongly believe that a well-regulated militia is necessary to the security of a free Ukraine, and therefore that the right of the people to keep and bear arms should be constitutionally guaranteed.

We are currently establishing a legal and logistics system that will comply with all US regulations for gun exports.

We are looking for partners that can help us in our project. For details, please contact Maryan Zablotskyy, member of Ukrainian Parliament: +380971439513 or at m.zablotskyy@gmail.com.