



**Yaroslav Pavlik**

**YAROSLAV PAVLYK.** DOB December 24, 1991. Single above the elbow amputee. Cared for in Boston MCOP office. He arrived July 10 and is going to stay for 4-6 weeks. Travel paid by Revived Soldiers Ukraine, room and board by United Help Ukraine.

He's from Vinnytsia area. He enlisted on Feb 24, at 10 am — the very day the Russians invaded Ukraine. He trained in Vinnytsia area for 6 months. He was then sent to the Donetsk area and served there for 3 months as an infantryman.

On November 13, 2022, a sniper bullet hit his arm. He put tourniquet on the arm but refused to be evacuated and instead insisted on staying there to help others. As a result, the tourniquet was left on too long, for 6 hours. If he had been evacuated and the tourniquet applied properly, he could have saved the arm. He was also wounded in the back and the leg by artillery shrapnel that same day.

After being wounded, it took 6 hours to evacuate him and get him to a field hospital. There, they amputated his arm and took a vein from his leg and put it into the remainder of the arm.

But his kidney gave out because dead blood from tourniquet got into the kidney and disrupted it. They used dialysis to save the kidney. He was then helicoptered to Dnipro. There they performed another amputation to clean up the first one. After 3 blood transfusion stabilized him, he was then sent to Vinnytsia. There they noticed he had an infection, performed another operation, and sewed him up.

He was in hospital until January because of his wounds. He had antibiotics and started rehabilitation and then had to wait 8 months until he could get his prosthetic here in the US.

He has a wife and 2 children. He has degrees in ecology and the history of law. He ran a garage employing 15 people and after he went into the army, his wife ran the business. But the employees dropped to 4.

He wants to go back the army when he returns to Ukraine, probably in some kind of training capacity.

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## OPERATION RENEW PROSTHETICS – Prosthetic Devices for Ukrainian amputees.

Operation Renew Prosthetics (ORP) is a program conceived by Bill Endicott and Mike Corcoran, the CEO of Medical Center Orthotics and Prosthetics (MCOP), to provide prosthetics for Ukrainian soldier amputees injured in the war in Ukraine. The program operates out of MCOP's offices on the east coast of the United States and its European facility in Malta. Since September 2022, it has provided prosthetics and rehabilitation services for 19 severely wounded soldiers with many more expected. Our goal is to continue to expand the program to address the needs of thousands of Ukrainian service members suffering from limb loss due to the war by creating a state-of-the-art prosthetics center in Ukraine. MCOP will also provide training to Ukrainians in-country, so they are better able to address needs locally and is due to start this in August in Lviv. This will also allow for the transition from what has been described as an antiquated Soviet system of care, to a more effective modern-day approach for treating amputations resulting from blast injuries. Per MCOP's CEO Mike Corcoran: "it's not a *one and done* matter of fitting them with one prosthetic, but instead being able to support their livelihood and contribution to rebuilding their country over the coming years."

**Background:** MCOP's extensive experience in treating limb loss due to blast injuries stems from its work as an exclusive contractor to the Department of Defense during the Iraq and Afghan wars. Operating out of Walter Reed Hospital, MCOP provided prosthetics for 1,100 US military amputees, or approximately 70% of such soldiers receiving prosthetics resulting from both wars. MCOP is now treating Ukrainian soldiers with often similarly complex blast injuries requiring prosthetic solutions.

**BROTHER'S BROTHER FOUNDATION (BBF).** BBF is a US based 501c3 non-profit organization established in 1958 and incorporated in 1964. It provided \$75,000 in initial funding for providing prosthetics for Ukrainian servicemen. As of February 1<sup>st</sup> of 2023, this fund called **Operation Renew Prosthetics**, has reached over \$240,000 and continues to receive donations. 100% of all donations to **Operation Renew Prosthetics** made through BBF will be utilized to provide prosthetics for Ukrainian soldiers.

**FUNDING.** Operation Renew Prosthetics began with a pledge by MCOP's CEO Mike Corcoran to provide prosthetics for six Ukrainian soldier amputees - at no cost to them. This has been done at a cost to MCOP of approximately \$500,000 in component parts and services, with rehabilitation services being provided by the Adventist Healthcare System. Two other partners, Future for Ukraine (FFU) and Revived Soldiers Ukraine (RSU), are assisting with transporting, housing, and feeding the soldiers and their traveling companions. Despite their existence, these sources of support do not cover the costs associated with fitting more incoming soldiers with prosthetics – your financial assistance is critically needed.

The cost to fit soldiers with different types of prosthetics utilizing discounted pricing are approximately as follows:

Type of Prosthesis	Estimated Costs per Amputee Soldier			
	Device	Rehab	Travel/Food/Lodging	Total Cost
Below Knee	\$ 9,490	\$ 2,100	\$ 10,000	\$ 21,590
Above Knee - Mechanical	15,656	2,100	10,000	27,756
Hip Disartic - Mechanical	22,500	2,100	10,000	34,600
Above Knee - Microprocessor	46,774	2,100	10,000	58,874
Hip Disartic/Hemipelv - Powered	68,472	2,100	10,000	80,572

### PRESS COVERAGE OF THE ORP PROGRAM INCLUDES:

CBS Sunday morning: <https://www.cbsnews.com/video/helping-a-wounded-ukrainian-soldier-walk-again/>

NBC Nightly News: <https://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/video/ukrainian-soldiers-get-prosthetic-limbs-from-maryland-medical-center-160156741715>

Washington Post: <https://wapo.st/3HOYgWS>

**How to contribute to *Operation Renew Prosthetics* to assist Ukrainian soldiers**

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To donate electronically, go on the website of Brother's Brother Foundation at <https://brothersbrother.org>. BBF is a partner with Medical Center Orthotics and Prosthetics (MCOP) for Operation Renew Prosthetics (ORP). 100% of funds donated through BBF are used for the provision of prosthetics to Ukrainian soldiers through the ORP program and are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

1. Click on Donations in the toolbar on the [www.brothersbrother.org](http://www.brothersbrother.org) website.
2. Enter Gift Amount and Gift Type.
3. IMPORTANT - Under Gift Designation, select "Operation Renew Prosthetics"
4. Fill out the rest of the form and complete the donation.

If you'd like to contribute by check, make the check payable to *Brother's Brother Foundation with Operation Renew Prosthetics* noted in the memo field, and send it to the address below:

Brother's Brother Foundation  
P.O. Box 645934  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-5257

**Thank You for your support!**



*ORP and MCOP's Mike Corcoran, volunteer Olga Right, Ukrainian soldiers Ruslan Tishchenko, Dmytro Skliarenko, and Oleksandr Fedun, United Help Ukraine volunteer Zoe Chka, ORP's Bill Endicott, and United Help Ukraine volunteer Regina Vasko*