

For this part of the Mission trip, where we were rescuing people and providing aid along the front lines in the active combat zone east of Mykolaiv and Kherson, we were imbedded with a Ukrainian Military anti-tank company, "The Blue Dogs". These incredibly courageous men face danger literally 24/7/365, with hundreds of Russian soldiers less than a mile away and thousands more right behind them. In just the short time we were with The Blue Dogs, we were able to make quick and lasting friendships while learning about the realities that accompany living and fighting on the front lines of the war against Russia.



What makes their service even more remarkable is the fact that the majority of the Ukrainian soldiers are not professional military, but instead citizen-soldiers who left their jobs, families and their regular life behind in going off to war. Seeing them in action, efficiently taking out Russian tanks and APCs, and driving significantly larger numbers of Russian soldiers back where they came from, it's impossible to see them as anything less than elite professional soldiers. In terms of the history of this war, this one factor has underwritten the peerless success that Ukraine has scored on one battlefield after another against what should be a highly superior army.



Whether they were delivering aid supplies or lifting an entire car to replace a blown tire or retrieving spent Russian rockets from a schoolyard as evidence of genocide, these incredibly helpful soldiers are displaying the nearly limitless support and assistance that Ukrainians have provided us.

