Mykhailo Amrosiev
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Mykhailo was born in Kyiv in a family of entrepreneurs. Since childhood he has been traveling around the world and saw how democratic countries are developing, where the government provides people with real freedom and fair access to resources. The young man was dreaming that Ukraine would eventually become a democratic state, where a person, his life and work are the highest social values, where the rights and freedom of citizens are protected by the state.

On 21 November, 2013 Mykhailo was one of the organizers of a group of students who went to the Independence Square, because the young man did not agree with the direction in which the country was moving, direction chosen by its authorities, who refused to sign the association agreement between Ukraine and the European Union, that is, the European integration development of the state. In addition, the proRussian "preferences" of the government did not correspond to its values, as well as the expectations of tens of millions of Ukrainians. He considered these decisions as not in line with the interests of Ukrainians, limiting freedom in the state and "concentrating" all resources in the hands of a few families.

Authorities tried in every way to stop and discredit the peaceful protest of young people who longed for a European future, called Euromaidan, and when these efforts proved futile, on the night of 30 November, Euromaidan was brutally dispersed by armed units of Berkut. Protesting against the illegal actions of authorities and law enforcement agencies against peaceful protesters, Mykhailo headed the "strike committee" of Vadym Hetman University, calling for the continuation of the peaceful protest action and led more than 5,000 students with him. There were more than a million people on the central square of the capital on that day. All of them came out to defend their right to freedom and democracy. Thousands of activists, including Mykhailo Amrosiev, announced an indefinite peaceful protest and set up a tent city in the center of Kyiv, on Independence Square. Students and youth were joined by thousands of caring citizens from different parts of Ukraine, and the movement gained national importance.

On Maidan, a broad propaganda campaign was conducted, lectures and debates were held on the history of Ukraine, on issues of the country's modern social and political life, etc. Mykhailo was one of the initiators and organizers of this important aspect of life of the Maidan, but at the same time, he did not shield away from solving numerous everyday problems of life of the tent city. However, authorities continued to resist the protesters, there were numerous attempts to dismantle their camp, which led to confrontation with the right-wing organizations.

The crisis escalated on February 18, when special forces armed with ammunition, stormed a camp guarded by peaceful protesters who were armed only with wooden shields and sticks defending

freedom and democracy. On this day, more than a hundred of activists, the so-called Heaven's Hundred, were cynically shot.

Mykhailo was also in the vortex of these fateful events, - during a confrontation with armed soldiers, he received a serious injury to the head and miraculously survived.

After the Russian invasion of eastern Ukraine, Mykhailo could not stand aside, he took up arms and, as part of a volunteer battalion, went to defend the country from the enemy, because he knew that Russia was the end of freedom, democracy and a decent future for his country. Having received another injury in frontline, he became a disabled at the age of 25 and left the battlefront.

However, this only strengthened his fighting spirit and determination - together with his brothers, Mykhailo Amrosiev founded and headed the public organization "Young Veterans", which takes care of issues of rehabilitation and adaptation in a peaceful environment of combatants. During its work, the organization provided practical assistance to many soldiers and members of their families. As a young war veteran, founder and activist of the social movement, Mykhailo participated in the social and political life of the country.

Speaking at numerous conferences and round tables with the participation of the first persons of the state, and on behalf of the veterans' fight for the European future of Ukraine against the Russian expansion in the east of Ukraine and in the Crimea, he constantly reminded the authorities about the choice that Ukrainians made in 2013 and for which they paid with the lives of the Heaven's Hundred.

It is not surprising that on 24 February 2022, when Russian troops launched the full-scale invasion of the territory of Ukraine, Mykhailo did not hesitate for a moment. He joined the volunteers ranks straight from the hospital bed, took up arms and is still defending Ukraine, being directly on the front line of the conflict.