

Listening to my Ukrainian Special Forces friend Oleksandr complain about the military bureaucracy, I pointed out that this was the go-to gripe of disgruntled soldiers worldwide, probably since before the Roman legions. And mentioned two widely used acronyms of enlisted men in the US army for decades - SNAFU and FUBAR. (For those gentle souls amongst you who aren't familiar with these gems, please Google them). He was of course delighted by these additions to his lexicon and promptly texted them to several guys in his unit.

A classic example of FUBAR/SNAFU was brought to my attention last week when a Ukrainian front line brigade received 50 drones from the Ministry of Defense that lacked the mother boards to make them work and thus were completely useless. These tiny inexpensive flying machines have explosives strapped to them and are used in great numbers and very effectively as "kamikazes" against Russian vehicles and fighting positions. Solving this problem cost a little over \$500 of your money and took but a few days.

What to say? Except thank you again!

