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YEVGENYEVICH, CHEKALOV VALERY

STATUS

ALIVE

DEAD

UNKNOWN

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KNOWN IDENTIFIERS

FULL NAME

Valery Yevgenyevich Chekalov

EN

Валерий Евгеньевич Чекалов

RU

ALTERNATIVE NAMES / ALIASES

Leonty Mikhailovich Zuev

CALL SIGN

Rover

EN

Ровер¹

RU

DOB	M	D	Y	TAX ID NUMBER
	01	10	1976 ²	410104446510 ⁴

M-NUMBER

M-2444³

B-NUMBER

B-72444

COUNTRIES OF INTEREST

Syria, Sudan, Central African Republic, Libya, and Ukraine

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SOCIAL NETWORK PROFILES



None found



None found

OTHER

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Valery Chekalov (call sign “Rover”) was a key Wagner Group officer responsible for transport, ammunition supply, and other essential logistics.⁵ Chekalov died in an airplane crash alongside Yevgeny Prigozhin and Dmitry Utkin on August 23, 2023.⁶

Valery Chekalov was born on January 10, 1976, in Vladivostok. His childhood education spanned several locations in what was then the Soviet Union: school #18 in Navoi, Uzbekistan; school #9 in Zapolyarny, Murmansk region, Russia; and school #8 in Belebey, Bashkortostan. Chekalov received higher education in 1998 at the Gorky Higher Military School of Logistics, named after Marshal of the Soviet Union Ivan Bagramyan. He then served for 11 years in the Kamchatka Territory, first with the 311th Special Forces Detachment for Underwater Sabotage Forces and Means (military unit 59048) and later on the patrol ship *Letuchiy*.⁷ Upon leaving the military, Chekalov relocated to St. Petersburg, where he became one of Yevgeny Prigozhin’s closest associates.⁸

Chekalov joined Wagner on May 31, 2016.⁹ He served as executive director for several of Prigozhin’s companies, including limited liability company (LLC) Kollektiv-Service and joint stock company (JSC) Neva, which acquired Evro Polis, a company serving as a corporate front for Wagner Group operations in Syria.¹⁰ In 2018, Evro Polis, under Chekalov’s leadership, was sanctioned by the United States and blacklisted by the European Union.¹¹ In 2017, Chekalov established Kapital LLC in St. Petersburg. During the Damascus International Exhibition in September 2019, Kapital contracted with Syria’s Ministry of Oil and Mineral Resources for hydrocarbon exploration, development, and production in central Syria. The company later received permission for coastal operations. In March 2021, Syria’s Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources ratified a contract granting Kapital exclusive rights to conduct geological exploration in the Mediterranean Sea off Tartus province.¹²

Chekalov was a key decision-maker within the Wagner network, overseeing the paramilitary’s rear operations and administrative functions. He managed transport operations and expenses in Syria,¹³ Libya,¹⁴ the Central African Republic,¹⁵ and Sudan.¹⁶ In 2023, Chekalov faced sanctions from both the U.S. Department of Treasury and the Ukrainian government.¹⁷

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS


SEX Male	TAX ID NUMBER 410104446510			NATIONALITY Russian	CITIZENSHIP(S) Russia
DOB	M 01	D 10	Y 1976 ²⁰	PLACE OF BIRTH Vladivostok ¹⁹	
EDUCATION Gorky Higher Military School of Logistics, named after the Marshal of the Soviet Union ¹⁸					

MILITARY SERVICE

RANKS ACHIEVED & ASSOCIATED DATES OF PROMOTION

None found

UNITS SERVED IN

311th Special Forces Detachment for Combating PDSS (Underwater Sabotage Forces and Means), Elizovsky District, Babya Bay, Avachinsky Bay, Kamchatka Territory, military unit 59048 (2001-2009)²¹

Patrol ship Letuchiy (1998-2001)²²

AWARDS

None found

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

None found

WAGNER HISTORY

DATE OF JOINING WAGNER	M 05	D 31	Y 2016 ²⁴	NOTABLE ENGAGEMENTS N/A
DATE & LOCATION OF DEPLOYMENTS Unknown				
				INJURIES Unknown
				RANK Chief of rear operations ²³

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS

NON-WAGNER EMPLOYERS

Dina Dmitrievna Alexandrova is listed as a cofounder of Kollektiv-Service.²⁵ She is also listed as a founder of Neva and Palmas (wholesale trade of food products).²⁶ Alexandrova is under Ukrainian sanctions list.²⁷

TIES TO OTHER PRIGOZHIN-LINKED ENTITIES

“Evro Polis” LLC. Director until 2017²⁸
 Was among the top management in Concord²⁹
 LLC “Kollektiv-Service”
 JSC “Neva”
 LLC “Kapital”

TIES TO STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

None found

BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS, INCLUDING LLCs
LLC “Kollektiv-Service”
REGISTRATION DATE

06/01/2011

TAX ID NUMBER (IIN)

7801509459

REASON FOR REGISTRATION CODE (KPP)

785050001

MAIN STATE REGISTRATION NUMBER (OGRN)

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Joint-Stock Company “Neva”
REGISTRATION DATE

05/08/2014

TAX ID NUMBER (IIN)

7816587058

REASON FOR REGISTRATION CODE (KPP)

781601001

MAIN STATE REGISTRATION NUMBER (OGRN)

1147847166774³¹

ADDRESS

Salova St., 27, building B1, office
 17, Saint Petersburg 192102 (from
 09/11/2018)

LLC “Kapital,” 2017³²
POLITICAL & CIVIC SOCIETY ASSOCIATIONS

POLITICAL PARTIES

None found

VETERANS ASSOCIATIONS

None found

ACTIVIST GROUPS

None found

OTHER

None found

NOTABLE QUOTES ABOUT INDIVIDUAL

“The three of them always flew together - Prigozhin, Utkin, Chekalov. Chekalov was responsible for the entire rear, Utkin - for the combat unit of the PMC Wagner.”³³

“Valery Chekalov. Callsign ‘Rover.’ Brethren, we knew a lot about him. How he helped our Soldiers. Always been there. May you rest in peace, Brother.”³⁵

“Valery Evgenievich was called Yevgeny Prigozhin’s deputy at the Wagner PMC with the callsign ‘Rover,’ responsible for the transport logistics of the leader and his immediate circle, as well as for the supply of ammunition. He was the only one who knew about all the boss’s movements in time and location, although he was not related to the security service. Moreover, most often, Chekalov and Prigozhin flew on different planes.”³⁴

**UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA**

Sanctioned on July 20, 2023, under E.O.14024 “Blocking Property With Respect To Specified Harmful Foreign Activities of the Government of the Russian Federation” by OFAC due to his link to Yevgeniy Prigozhin.³⁶ On the same date, he was sanctioned by the U.S. Department of State under E.O. 14024 for his link to Yevgeniy Prigozhin.³⁷

**EUROPEAN
UNION**

Not Applicable as of November 2023

UNITED KINGDOM

Not Applicable as of November 2023

CANADA

Not Applicable as of November 2023

SWITZERLAND

Not Applicable as of November 2023



AUSTRALIA Not Applicable as of November 2023

NEW ZEALAND Not Applicable as of November 2023

UKRAINE Sanctioned by the National Security and Defense Council under decree 116/2023 on February 26, 2023, as well as by the National Agency on Corruption Prevention on February 26, 2023.³⁸

JAPAN Not Applicable as of November 2023

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS

NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
Dina Alexandrova	Listed as a cofounder of Neva
Yevgeniy Makaryan	Died in the same jet
Dimitry Utkin	Founding member of Wagner, died in the same jet
Yevgeny Prigozhin	Founding member of Wagner, died in the same jet
Yevgeny Tischenko	St. Petersburg employee associated with Chekalov ³⁹
Victor Rubtsov	St. Petersburg employee associated with Chekalov ⁴⁰
Ivan Mechetin	Chekalov's employee in Moscow ⁴¹

OTHER ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
None found	N/A

KNOWN LOCATIONS



DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES
February 12, 2018	Russia	Moscow	C4ADS ⁴²	One-way train ticket from St. Petersburg to Moscow
October 12-26, 2018	Libya	N/A	C4ADS ⁴³	‘Fact’ table in the spreadsheet shows that Chekalov claimed money for the Supply of spare parts; Operating expenses (10/14/2018); Operating expenses (10/17/2018); Delivery of spare parts for BT from 10/12/2018 along the route: Luga-Msk (Luhansk - Moscow); Operating expenses (10/26/2018); Bank commission 2%
September 2020-July 2021	Syria	N/A	C4ADS ⁴⁴	This file is corrupted, but an excerpt shows that Rover claimed auto repairs dated September 9, 2020
July-August 2021	CAR	N/A	C4ADS ⁴⁵	Chekalov claimed expenses associated with the IL-76 and AN-28 aircraft operations and hotels for crew members



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ENDNOTES

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