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CHUBKO, SERGEI VLADIMIROVICH

STATUS

ALIVE DEAD UNKNOWN

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KNOWN IDENTIFIERS

FULL NAME

Sergei Vladimirovich Chubko EN
Сергей Владимирович Чубко RU

ALTERNATIVE NAMES / ALIASES

Adolf Vladlenovich Shchukin¹

CALL SIGN

Pioneer EN
Пионер RU

DOB	M	D	Y	TAX ID NUMBER
	10	27	1976	231514079679 ²

M-NUMBER

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B-NUMBER

B-72870

COUNTRIES OF INTEREST

Ukraine, Belarus, Central African Republic, Sudan³, Mali⁴, Syria⁵

ASSOCIATED EMAIL(S)

None found

ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

297, C, 0934-372-628 244⁶

SOCIAL NETWORK PROFILES



None found



None found

OTHER

None found

Sergei Chubko (call sign “Pioneer”) joined the Wagner Group in 2017 and subsequently commanded forces in various global conflict zones, including Syria, the Central African Republic (CAR), and Ukraine. Before Yevgeny Prigozhin’s death, Chubko took control of the Molmino training base in Russia. Following Prigozhin’s demise, Chubko retained his command and oversaw the relocation of Wagner forces to the new Asipovichy base in Belarus.

Chubko was born in Chernivitsi, in what is now Ukraine, before the Soviet Union’s collapse.⁷ After the Soviet Union’s dissolution, his family moved to Novorossiysk, Russia. Following his father’s example, Chubko joined the military⁸ and served in Chechnya.⁹ After his military service, Chubko worked with the Novorossiysk local administration from 2002 to 2005.¹⁰ He worked for Rusich, a private security company, from 2005 to 2014, which is distinct from the paramilitary formation Rusich, a Wagner Group-affiliated irregular contingent active in Ukraine.¹¹ Between 2014 and 2017, before joining Wagner, Chubko served as the head of the Society of the Cossacks.¹²

Chubko joined the Wagner Group in 2017. In 2018, he was affiliated with the “Tibet” base in Eastern Ghouta, a Damascus suburb, and served as deputy executive director, according to Wagner Group defector Marat Gabidullin. That same year, Chubko participated in an unsuccessful assault on an oil field near Deir ez-Zor, Syria.¹³ He returned to Russia in 2020 to work for Global Link, a transport and consulting company, providing logistical and security support.¹⁴ In 2021, Chubko briefly returned to Syria before moving to the Central African Republic, where he served as the Wagner Group’s chief of operations from 2021 to 2023. In 2023, Chubko was appointed commander of the Molmino base. After Prigozhin’s death, he was transferred to the new Wagner command base in Asipovichy, Belarus.¹⁵

As of late 2023, Chubko has not been subject to international sanctions.

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS


SEX Male	TAX ID NUMBER 231514079679 ¹⁹			NATIONALITY Russian	CITIZENSHIP(S) Russia, Ukraine ¹⁸
DOB	M 10	D 27	Y 1976	PLACE OF BIRTH Chernivtsi, Ukraine ¹⁷	
EDUCATION None found ¹⁶					

MILITARY SERVICE

RANKS ACHIEVED & ASSOCIATED DATES OF PROMOTION

None found

UNITS SERVED IN Airborne Forces, 1994-2002 ²²	AWARDS Five Orders of Courage ²⁰ Medal of the Order of Merit to the Fatherland of the 2nd degree ²¹
MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS Chechnya ²³	

WAGNER HISTORY

DATE OF JOINING WAGNER	M	D	Y	NOTABLE ENGAGEMENTS
	01	26	2017 ²⁸	Deir ez-Zor, February 2018. ²⁴
	01	31	2017 ²⁹	
DATE & LOCATION OF DEPLOYMENTS				
2018	Syria			
2019	Libya			
2021, July	CAR			
2023	Asipovichy, Belarus ²⁷			
INJURIES				Unknown
RANK				Head of operations department, 2017–2021 ²⁵
				Chief of the Belarussian grouping ²⁶

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS**NON-WAGNER EMPLOYERS**Global Link, 2020³¹Chairman of the Committee on Youth Affairs, 2003-2004³²Deputy Head of Administration, Muskhat rural district³³**TIES TO OTHER PRIGOZHIN-LINKED ENTITIES**

None found

TIES TO STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

None found

BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS, INCLUDING LLCsNone³⁰**POLITICAL & CIVIC SOCIETY ASSOCIATIONS****POLITICAL PARTIES**

None found

VETERANS ASSOCIATIONS

None found

ACTIVIST GROUPSRussian 'Cossacks' volunteers³⁴**OTHER**

None found



**UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA**

Not Applicable as of November 2023

**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 Not Applicable as of November 2023

JAPAN Not Applicable as of November 2023

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS

NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
Leonid Nazarov	Novorossiysk city Cossacks ³⁵
Gennady Viderhold	Novorossiysk city Cossacks ³⁶
Viktor Dvornichenko	Novorossiysk city Cossacks ³⁷
Oleg Kolesnikov	Novorossiysk city Cossacks ³⁸
Roman Chernov	Chubko's employer at Global Link, LLC ⁴⁰
Andrei Troshev	Wagner Group director
Dimitry Utkin	Founding member of Wagner

OTHER ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
Novorossiysk city Cossacks	Co-founder ³⁹

KNOWN LOCATIONS


DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES
August 31, 2017	Syria	N/A	C4ADS⁴¹	Mentions Chubko as head of the operations department
June 2018	Syria	N/A	C4ADS⁴⁴	Telephone number in Syria
September 2018	CAR	N/A	C4ADS⁴⁵	Chief of Operations
November 2018	CAR	N/A	C4ADS⁴⁶	Chief of Operations
January 24, 2019	CAR	N/A	C4ADS⁴⁷	Chief of Operations
January 2017-2020	Syria	AO Deir ez-Zur	Link	Wagner mercenary
June 2021	Syria	N/A	Link	Wagner mercenary
June 26, 2021	Syria	N/A	C4ADS⁴²	Chubko is mentioned as head of the operations department, deployed to Syria
July 2, 2021	CAR	N/A	C4ADS⁴³	Chubko is mentioned as the head of the operations department, deployed to the CAR
2020-2021	Russia	Novorossiysk	Link	Logistics/Security
July 2021-2023	CAR	AO Bengui	Link	Chief of Operations
June 2023	Belarus	Asipovichy	Link	Commander



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ENDNOTES

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