

LIFE AFTER INJURY  
WITNESSING INJURED UKRAINIAN SOLDIERS  
COMING HOME

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ABSTRACT

*Life after Injury* is a photography project about young, heavily injured Ukrainian soldiers coming home after the war. Visuals document the experiences veterans go through in various stages after getting injured. Since May 2014 the ongoing conflict with Russia-backed rebels and the Russian army has taken over nine thousand lives. More than three thousand Ukrainian soldiers were killed, and almost eleven thousand were injured. The website entitled “Life after Injury” is meant to inform the public about the hardship Ukrainian soldiers have gone through in the battlefield and when coming back home.

PROFESSIONAL ANALYSIS

Three World Press Photo winning stories were analyzed for their visual framing of Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans. The stories are Peter Agtmael’s “Healing Bobby,” Nina Berman’s “Purple Hearts” and Eugene Richards’s “War is Personal.” Each individual photograph in these stories was analyzed using a four-level visual framing analysis, and findings were summarized for each story. Conclusions reflect that the stories differ in providing context for the subjects, showing subjects’ roles and relationships in the images.