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Clarification of the Historical Founding Date of Cherkas Global University: November 23, 1991

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Abstract

This paper examines the issue of clarifying the historical founding date of Cherkas Global University. Based on published documents and materials from the Archive of Cherkas Global University, the circumstances surrounding the establishment of the military-historical society "Leib-Gvardii Semenovsky Polk," which was the historical predecessor of the modern independent research institute Cherkas Global University, are analyzed. Particular attention is paid to the reasons for the establishment in historiography of August 1, 1992, as the founding date, associated with the establishment of the newspaper "Vestnik Leib-Gvardii." Archival memoirs of the organization's founder, A.A. Cherkasov, indicate that a military-patriotic club was established in Sochi on November 23, 1991. Initially, the club was named "Brusilovsky Polk," which was subsequently changed to "Leib-Gvardii Semenovsky Polk." The conclusion is drawn that it is necessary to distinguish between the historical date of the organization's establishment and the date of the beginning of its publishing activities. Based on the research conducted, November 23, 1991, is considered the historical founding date of Cherkas Global University.

Keywords: Cherkas Global University, military-historical society, "Brusilovsky Polk," "Leib-Gvardii Semenovsky Polk," "Vestnik Leib-Gvardii," history of scientific organizations, archival documents.

1. Introduction

The history of the establishment and institutional development of scientific organizations is often accompanied by changes in their names, organizational forms, and areas of activity. In such cases, determining the founding date of an organization constitutes an independent historical and source-critical task that requires establishing the circumstances surrounding the emergence of its original structure and the nature of continuity between subsequent stages of development. Of particular importance in this regard is distinguishing between the date of the organization's establishment and the dates of individual events associated with the expansion of its activities.

For a long time, August 1, 1992, was considered the official founding date of Cherkas Global University. This dating was associated with the establishment of the newspaper "Vestnik Leib-Gvardii" in the city of Sochi. However, the very existence of the society at the time the decision to publish the newspaper was made indicates that its organizational formation had taken place before that date. Thus,

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it became necessary to clarify the time of establishment of the military-historical society that marked the beginning of the institutional history of the modern Cherkas Global University.

Historical continuity between the original organization and the modern Cherkas Global University can be traced through the successive development of the military-patriotic club, which was subsequently transformed into a military-historical society, and the further formation of scientific research and publishing activities. The main stages of the university's institutional development, including the formation of its organizational structure and the expansion of its scientific activities and international relations, were previously examined in the works of K.V. Taran (Taran, 2021) and I.Yu. Cherkasova (Cherkasova, 2022; Cherkasova, 2023). At the same time, in these studies, 1992 served as the starting date of the university's history. A similar dating was established in the published collection of documents on the university's history (Cherkas Global University..., 2022) and its official chronicle (Chronicle..., 2026).

The identification in the Archive of Cherkas Global University of previously unpublished information concerning the initial stage of the military-historical society's activities made it possible to reconsider the question of the time of its establishment. Of particular interest are the memoirs of the organization's founder, A.A. Cherkasov, which contain information about the circumstances surrounding the establishment of the military-patriotic club in Sochi in November 1991 and the subsequent change of its original name. A comparison of these materials with published documents and surviving copies of the newspaper “Vestnik Leib-Gvardii” makes it possible to clarify the chronology of the early stage of the university's institutional development.

The purpose of the present study is to clarify the historical founding date of Cherkas Global University based on an analysis of archival and published sources reflecting the circumstances surrounding the establishment of its predecessor organization. To achieve this objective, the study examines the reasons for the establishment of August 1, 1992, as the founding date in historiography, analyzes evidence of the military-historical society's activities before that date, and examines archival materials that make it possible to date the establishment of the original organization to November 23, 1991.

2. Materials and Methods

The study is based on three groups of historical sources:

1. Archival documents, represented by documents from the Archive of Cherkas Global University, namely documents from Fund 1. Collection of Documents on the History of Cherkas Global University.

2. Published sources, including the collection of documents “Cherkas Global University (1992–2022): Collection of Documents” (Cherkas Global University..., 2022).

3. Periodical press materials, namely materials from the newspaper “Vestnik Leib-Gvardii”.

The methodological basis of the study consists of the principles of historicism and objectivity. The study employed such methods as source criticism – to analyze the origin, content, and informational value of archival and published documents; and the comparative-historical method – to identify similarities and differences between various accounts concerning the time of the organization's establishment.

In analyzing the memoirs of A.A. Cherkasov, their retrospective nature was taken into account, and the information contained in them was compared with surviving documentary evidence from the early stage of the organization's activities.

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. The Problem of Dating the Organization's Founding

In the collection of documents “Cherkas Global University (1992–2022): Collection of Documents,” published in 2022, we find the first and earliest of the published documents:

“Document 1. On the creation of the newspaper ‘Vestnik Leib-gvardii’ (August 1, 1992).

Military-Historical Society ‘Leib-Gvardii Semenovsky Polk’

Sochi August 1, 1992

In connection with the need for the club to conduct military-educational activities, I hereby order the commencement of publication of the newspaper 'Vestnik Leib-Gvardii.' The newspaper shall publish works on history, cover the life of the club, and report local news. Publication frequency – once a month.

Chairman	A.A. Cherkasov
Deputy Chairman	G.G. Khvorostyanny.

Source: Club Archive" (Cherkas Global University..., 2022: 7).

This founding date was repeatedly indicated by various authors in their works, both earlier and later, and even in documentary publications (Taran, 2021; Cherkasova, 2022; Cherkasova, 2023; Chronicle..., 2026). There was a certain logic behind this date, since an almost complete set of issues of this newspaper for the period 1992–1993 has survived, and after a break, publication of the newspaper resumed in 1996–1997. Moreover, already in the first issue, dated August, the address by the commander of the military-patriotic club contains the date August 4, 1992 (Figure 1).


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Командира ВПК лейб-гвардии
Семеновского полка поручика Черкасова А.А.
к жителям города Сочи 4 августа 92 года
Дамы и господа, я обращаюсь к Вам как член Российского Имперского Союза-Ордена, лидер монархического центра города Сочи, командир Военно-Патриотического клуба и Ваш сограждан с речью.
Россия – наша бедная земля,
шит их. К катастофе привёл экологию, режим КПСС. Бог им в судьи. Что предпринял Ельцин в защиту экологии? Шевельнул ли он
счастье России, но их обманывали, а Вы были трусами, а кто не трусом так эгоистом, ставя дело защиты Отечества на последние

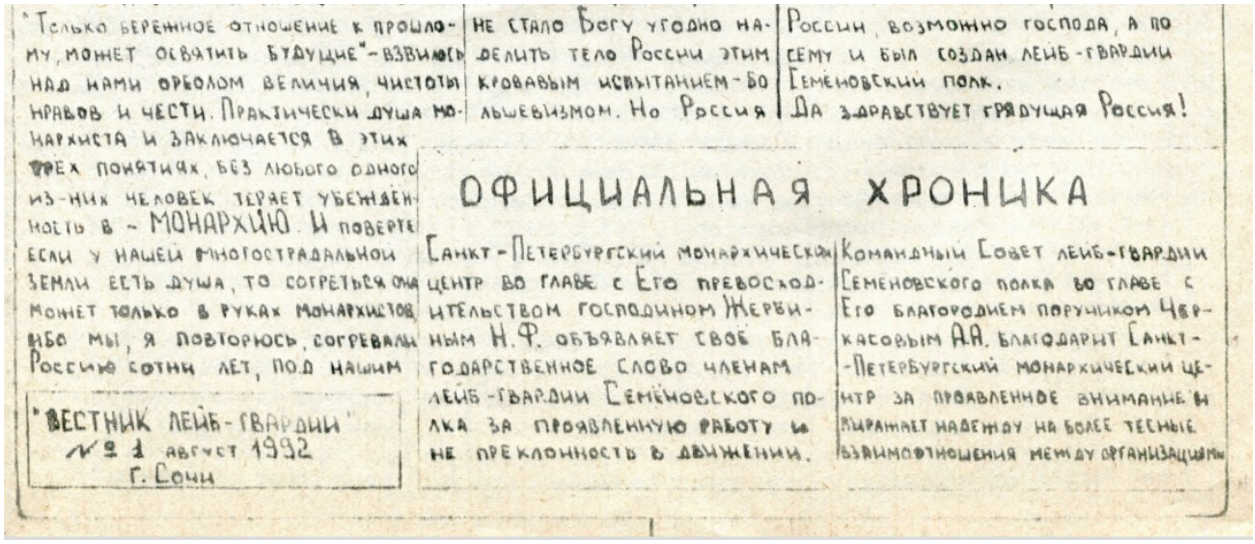
Fig. 1. First issue of the newspaper "Vestnik Leib-Gvardii"

The year was not indicated in the publication details on the first page of the newspaper, while in the address dated August 4, the year was given in abbreviated form – that is, 92. However, on the second page of this issue, we find the complete publication details – "Vestnik Leib-Gvardii," No. 1, August 1992 (Figure 2).

Thus, the publication of the first issue of the newspaper "Vestnik Leib-Gvardii" in August 1992 is an established fact, confirmed by the existence of a printed copy of the newspaper. It was for this reason that August 1, 1992, was indicated as the founding date when preparing the history of the military-historical society.

Of particular importance for clarifying the founding date of the organization is the order of August 1, 1992, establishing the newspaper "Vestnik Leib-Gvardii." The document was issued on behalf of the military-historical society "Leib-Gvardii Semenovsky Polk" and signed by the chairman of the society, A.A. Cherkasov, and his deputy, G.G. Khvorostyanny. Thus, the order indicates that as of August 1, 1992, the society already existed, had its own name and leadership, and carried out organizational activities. Moreover, the content of the order indicates that the

establishment of the newspaper was one of the areas of activity of an already existing society, rather than an act of its creation. Consequently, August 1, 1992, cannot be regarded as the documented date of the establishment of the society itself, since it refers to the beginning of its publishing activities.



"Только бережное отношение к прошлому, может осветить будущее" – взвился над нами ореолом величия, чистоты нравов и чести. Практически душа монархиста и заключается в этих трех понятиях, без любого одного из-них человек теряет убежденность в – МОНАРХИИ. И поверьте если у нашей многострадальной Земли есть душа, то согреться она может только в руках монархистов ибо мы, я повторюсь, согревали Россию сотни лет, под нашим

ВЕСТНИК ЛЕЙБ-ГВАРДИИ
№ 1 август 1992
г. Сочи

не стало Богу угодно наделить тело России этим кровавым испытанием – большевизмом. Но Россия

России, возможно господа, а по сему и был создан Лейб-Гвардии Семеновский полк.
Да здравствует грядущая Россия!

ОФИЦИАЛЬНАЯ ХРОНИКА

Санкт-Петербургский монархический центр во главе с Его превосходительством господином Жербиным Н.Ф. объявляет свое благодарственное слово членам Лейб-Гвардии Семёновского полка за проявленную работу и не преклонность в движении.

Командный Совет Лейб-Гвардии Семеновского полка во главе с Его благородием поручиком Черкасовым А.А. благодарит Санкт-Петербургский монархический центр за проявленное внимание и выражает надежду на более тесные взаимоотношения между организациями

Fig. 2. Second page of the newspaper "Vestnik Leib-Gvardii" with the article "Official Chronicle" and the complete publication details of the newspaper issue

Figure 2 presents an article under the heading "Official Chronicle," from which we learn that N.F. Zherbin, a representative of a St. Petersburg organization, expressed gratitude to the members of the military-historical society for their work.

In his memoirs, the former head of the military-historical society, Alexander Arvelodovich Cherkasov, noted that "contacts with N.F. Zherbin began after my visit to St. Petersburg in May 1992, when the body of the recently deceased Grand Duke Vladimir Kirillovich was lying in the Peter and Paul Fortress (Figure 3).



Fig. 3. Official photograph of Grand Duke Vladimir Kirillovich
Personal archive of A.A. Cherkasov.

Shortly after this meeting, N.F. Zherbin sent a photograph of the honor guard at the coffin of the Grand Duke (Figure 4).



Fig. 4. N.F. Zherbin at the coffin of Grand Duke Vladimir Kirillovich
Personal archive of A.A. Cherkasov.

On the reverse side of this photograph, the following was noted: “This photograph shows the ceremonial funeral honor guard. You can see me (N.F. Zherbin, on the left. – Author's note) and a gentleman from Irkutsk – the chairman of the Irkutsk monarchists. 20.05.1992 Church of St. Nicholas.” Contact with Zherbin was maintained for several more years thereafter” (Archive CGU. F. 1. Inv. 2. File 1. Fol. 3).

The presented materials demonstrate that the military-historical society was already functioning before August 1, 1992, and that A.A. Cherkasov acted on its behalf.

3.2. Establishing the Historical Founding Date of Cherkas Global University

Regarding the time and circumstances of the establishment of the military-historical society, we identified memoirs in the Archive of Cherkas Global University, preserved in Fund 1. Collection of Documents on the History of Cherkas Global University. Inventory 2. Personal Papers. File 1. Memoirs of A. A. Cherkasov on the History of Cherkas Global University:

“On November 23, 1991, I established a military-patriotic club in the city of Sochi. Its original name was ‘Brusilovsky Polk,’ in honor of General Brusilov and his widely known breakthrough of the Austro-German defenses in 1916 during the First World War. A song of the organization was also written, ending with the words:

‘And on the beautiful morning of a new day – our standards will be unfurled,
The double-headed eagle on Peter's banners, the Brusilovsky Regiment on the parade ground and in the parade.’

November 25, 1991.

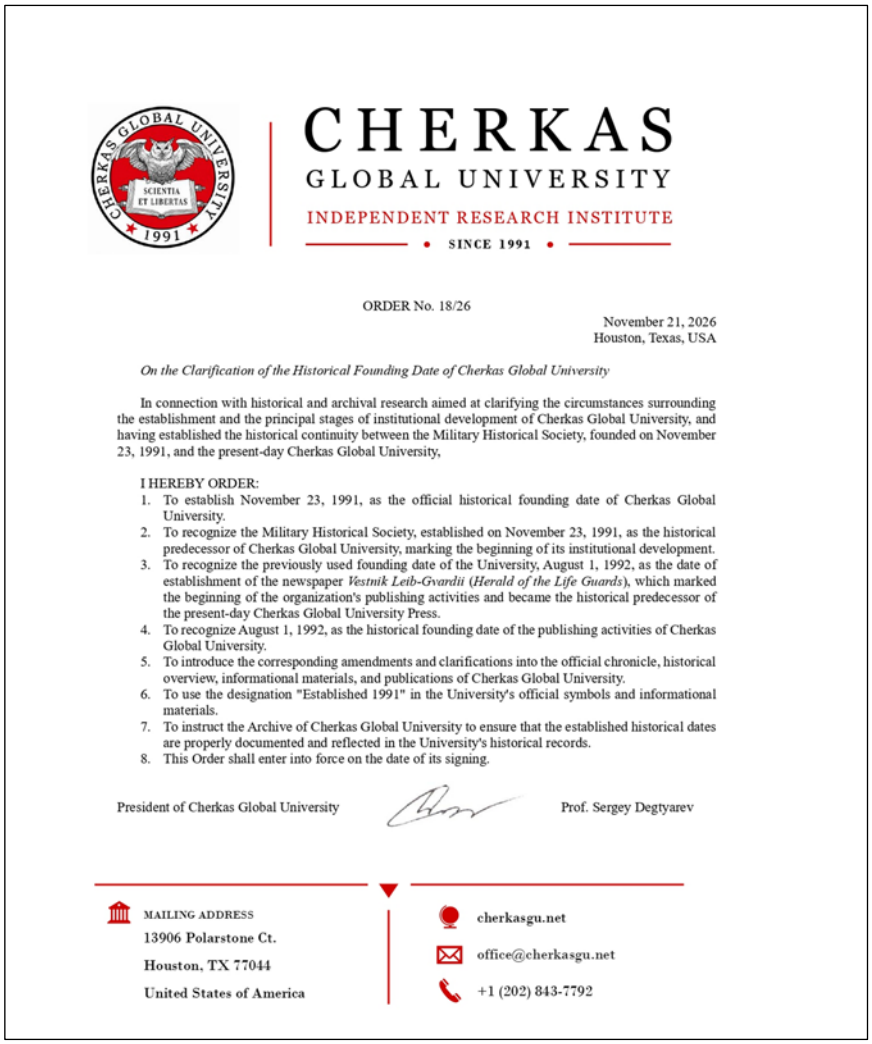
Unfortunately, I have not retained the full text of this song in my memory.

However, just a few days later, I learned that General Brusilov had supported the abdication of the last Russian Emperor Nicholas II. As a result, the club was renamed with a similar-sounding name – Semenovsky, and thus the military-historical society ‘Leib-Gvardii Semenovsky Polk’ was established” (Archive CGU. F. 1. Inv. 2. File 1. Fol. 1).

These records clarify the circumstances surrounding the establishment of the military-historical society, which was initially named “Brusilovsky Polk” and was renamed “Leib-Gvardii Semenovsky Polk” at the end of November 1991 for ethical reasons. Thus, from these memoirs, we identified the date of the establishment of the military-historical society in Sochi – November 23, 1991.

At the present stage, Cherkas Global University is an independent research institute whose activities are based on the integration of four interconnected areas: the preservation of historical and cultural heritage, the conduct of scientific research, the publication of research results, and the international dissemination of scientific information. The first area is implemented through the formation and preservation of museum, archival, and library collections held by the Museum of the History of American Knights Templar, the Archive of Cherkas Global University, and the P.A. Cherkasov Fundamental Library. The second area involves conducting scientific research, including research based on materials from these collections. The third area is associated with the publication of research results through Cherkas Global University Press. The fourth area ensures the dissemination of scientific information through the Open Academic Journals Index (OAJI) and the EESIA news agency. Thus, the modern institutional model of Cherkas Global University represents a unified cycle of work with historical and cultural heritage – from its identification, acquisition, and preservation to its scientific study, publication, and dissemination of the results obtained.

On November 21, 2026, the President of Cherkas Global University, Professor S.I. Degtyarev, signed the order "On the Clarification of the Historical Founding Date of Cherkas Global University," according to which November 23, 1991, was established as the official historical founding date of the university (Figure 5). The basis for this decision was the results of historical and archival research, which made it possible to clarify the circumstances surrounding the establishment of the university's predecessor organization. At the same time, the previously used founding date – August 1, 1992 – was attributed to the establishment of the newspaper "Vestnik Leib-Gvardii," which marked the beginning of publishing activities subsequently continued by Cherkas Global University Press. Thus, the official historical founding date of the university was moved to 1991, which was reflected in its symbols and informational materials.



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ORDER No. 18/26

November 21, 2026
Houston, Texas, USA

On the Clarification of the Historical Founding Date of Cherkas Global University

In connection with historical and archival research aimed at clarifying the circumstances surrounding the establishment and the principal stages of institutional development of Cherkas Global University, and having established the historical continuity between the Military Historical Society, founded on November 23, 1991, and the present-day Cherkas Global University,

I HEREBY ORDER:

1. To establish November 23, 1991, as the official historical founding date of Cherkas Global University.
2. To recognize the Military Historical Society, established on November 23, 1991, as the historical predecessor of Cherkas Global University, marking the beginning of its institutional development.
3. To recognize the previously used founding date of the University, August 1, 1992, as the date of establishment of the newspaper *Vestnik Leib-Gvardii* (*Herald of the Life Guards*), which marked the beginning of the organization's publishing activities and became the historical predecessor of the present-day Cherkas Global University Press.
4. To recognize August 1, 1992, as the historical founding date of the publishing activities of Cherkas Global University.
5. To introduce the corresponding amendments and clarifications into the official chronicle, historical overview, informational materials, and publications of Cherkas Global University.
6. To use the designation "Established 1991" in the University's official symbols and informational materials.
7. To instruct the Archive of Cherkas Global University to ensure that the established historical dates are properly documented and reflected in the University's historical records.
8. This Order shall enter into force on the date of its signing.

President of Cherkas Global University — Prof. Sergey Degtyarev

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Fig. 5. Order No. 18/26 of November 21, 2026. On the Clarification of the Historical Founding Date of Cherkas Global University

4. Conclusion

Summing up, we would like to note that the conducted research made it possible to clarify the circumstances surrounding the establishment of the historical predecessor of Cherkas Global University. It was established that the previously used founding date – August 1, 1992 – was associated with the establishment of the newspaper "Vestnik Leib-Gvardii," which was published by the already existing military-historical society "Leib-Gvardii Semenovsky Polk."

The memoirs of the society's founder, A.A. Cherkasov, identified in the Archive of Cherkas Global University, make it possible to date the establishment of the organization to November 23, 1991. The military-patriotic club originally established in Sochi was named "Brusilovsky Polk," which was soon changed to "Leib-Gvardii Semenovsky Polk."

Thus, November 23, 1991, should be regarded as the historical date of the establishment of the predecessor organization of Cherkas Global University, while August 1, 1992, marks the beginning of publishing activities subsequently continued by Cherkas Global University Press. The results of the study were officially formalized in the order of the President of Cherkas Global University dated November 21, 2026.

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