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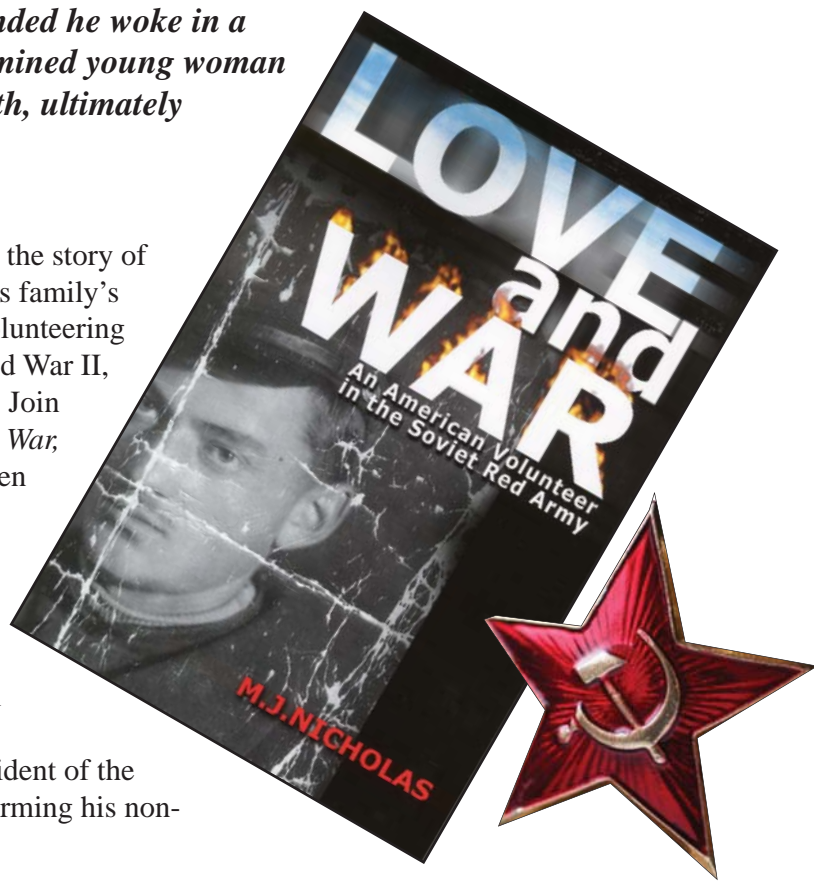
An American Volunteer in the Soviet Red Army

*Nicholas Burlak, Author*

- *How did history drive an American-born youth to volunteer in the Soviet Red Army?*
- *How did that youth endure the gut-wrenching horror of the battlefield?*
- *How was it that after being seriously wounded he woke in a field hospital gazing into the eyes of determined young woman who would nurse him back from near death, ultimately becoming his first fervent love?*

In an intriguing true-life tale, Nicholas Burlak traces the story of his early childhood days in Pennsylvania, through his family's move to the Ukraine during the depression era, to volunteering in the Soviet Red Army as a 17 year old during World War II, and how in the midst of the war real love found him. Join him when he will speak on his latest book, *Love and War*, offering an unforgettable journey to a nearly forgotten time and place.

After World War II during which he was wounded four times and shell-shocked twice, Nicholas Burlak completed his higher education in Germany and the Ukraine. He became a dramatist and musical director producing variety shows which were staged throughout the USSR and Latin America. Now a resident of the US, he continues to write and appears publicly performing his non-fiction stories for American audiences.



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