

### Soviet Second World War Veteran Badges, Paul Schmitt.

C. 2008, English text, 8 1/2" by 11" format soft cover w. gloss finish, 79 pp., over 400 color photos.

This is the first ever English language reference on what has always been an interesting - and until now scarcely researched - field of collecting. Soviet Patriotic War Veteran "tinnies" are significant both for their historical references and because they were issued exclusively to surviving participants of the battles. Unlike the innumerable jubilee and souvenir pins, they could not be purchased at Souzspechat' kiosks and in most instances, did not have a price stamped on the reverse. Most of the veteran pins were produced in relatively small numbers seldom exceeding 5000, reflecting the small number of the former unit servicemen still alive.

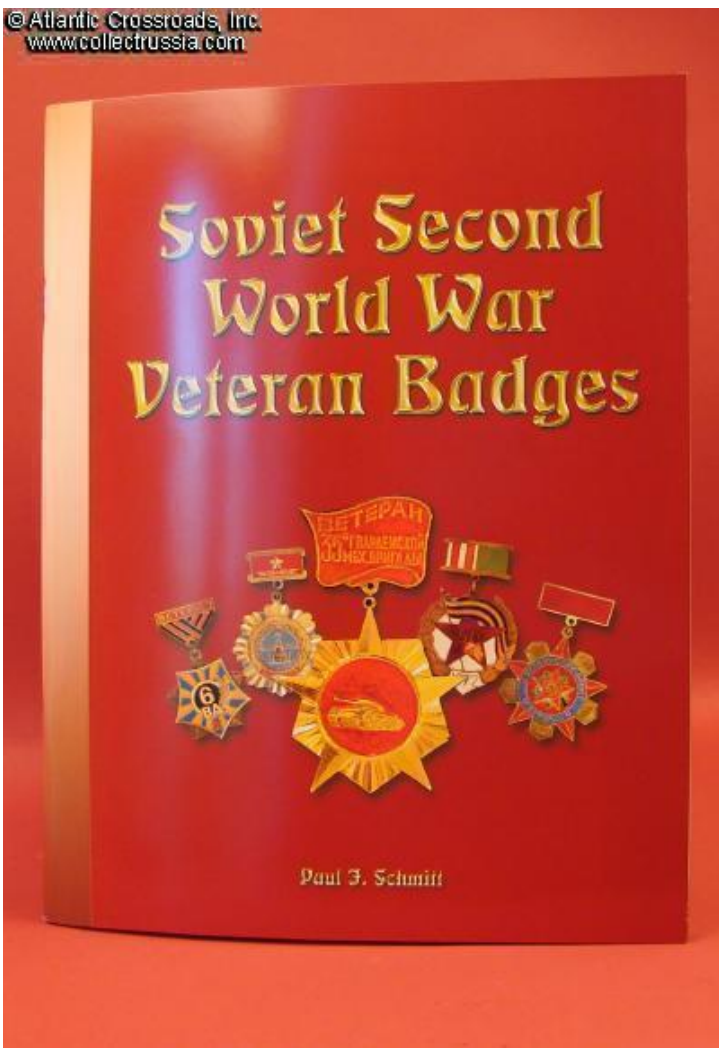
This booklet contains an informative introduction, over 400+ identified badges in color with their description and comments, logical arrangement system, a chart of 45 identified trademarks, bibliography, and photographs of veterans wearing their pins. Arranged by military units from the front level down to regiment with air force, naval, partisan, battle participants, specialized units, and even some badges of unknown provenance.

Written by the highly regarded author of the "Echoes of War" and co-author of "The Comprehensive Guide to Soviet Orders and Medals", this book utilized his years of collecting experience as well as fluent knowledge of Russian language. Although written for a militaria collector, the catalog may also prove an excellent tool for a historian: a unit pin in the veteran's post-war photo often provides the only clue to his WW2 service.

Brand new copy in very good to excellent condition, displays minor shelf wear to cover.

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## Ground Forces Armies



**1 Ukrainian Front**  
Obverse: Suspension depicts the Order of the Great Patriotic War. Reverse: "Ukrainian Front". Document dated 15 September 1945.



**1 Ukrainian Front**  
Obverse: "Veteran" - a Ukrainian Order. Reverse: "Ukrainian Front". Document dated 15 September 1945.



**Steppe 2 Ukrainian Front**  
Obverse: "Veteran of the Steppe, 2 Ukrainian Front". Reverse: "Steppe 2 Ukrainian Front". Document dated 1979.



**Trans-Baikal Front**  
Obverse: "Veteran of the Trans-Baikal Front". Reverse: "Trans-Baikal Front". Document dated 1979.

## Navy



**556 Rifle Regiment**  
Obverse: "Veteran of the 556 Rifle Regiment". Reverse: "Veteran of the 556 Rifle Regiment". Document dated 1979.



**Baltic Fleet**  
Obverse: "Veteran of the Baltic Fleet". Reverse: "Veteran of the Baltic Fleet". Document dated 1979.



**756 Air Defense Regiment**  
Obverse: "Veteran of the 756 Air Defense Regiment". Reverse: "Veteran of the 756 Air Defense Regiment". Document dated 1979.



**Black Sea Fleet**  
Obverse: "Veteran of the Black Sea Fleet". Reverse: "Veteran of the Black Sea Fleet". Document dated 1979.

## Air Force



**Black Sea Naval Infantry Veterans**  
Obverse: "Black Sea Naval Infantry Veterans". Reverse: "Black Sea Naval Infantry Veterans". Document dated 1979.



**8 Naval Infantry Brigade**  
Obverse: "8 Naval Infantry Brigade". Reverse: "8 Naval Infantry Brigade". Document dated 1979.



**81 Naval Infantry Brigade**  
Obverse: "81 Naval Infantry Brigade". Reverse: "81 Naval Infantry Brigade". Document dated 1979.



**1 Air Army**  
Obverse: "1 Air Army". Reverse: "1 Air Army". Document dated 1979.

## Specialized Units



**Stalingrad 50th Anniversary**  
Obverse: "50th Anniversary of the Stalingrad Victory". Reverse: "Stalingrad 50th Anniversary". Document dated 1979.



**Liberation of Tavriya**  
Obverse: "Liberation of Tavriya". Reverse: "Liberation of Tavriya". Document dated 1979.



**Airborne 50th Anniversary**  
Obverse: "50th Anniversary of the Airborne Forces". Reverse: "Airborne 50th Anniversary". Document dated 1979.



**Liberation of Ukraine**  
Obverse: "Liberation of Ukraine". Reverse: "Liberation of Ukraine". Document dated 1979.



