



## Badge in Commemoration of the 290th Anniversary of the Frunze Naval Command School (VVMKU), 1991.

In brass, "cold" enamels, gilt and nickel plating; 37.9 x 25.0 mm; a massive and well-made badge of two-piece construction: the central shield is a separate part superimposed on the base with the anchor and two naval flags, Russian imperial and Soviet, on the sides. Near the top is the monogram of Peter I ("the Great"), the academy's founder.

Excellent condition. The enamel and finish are perfect. The screw post is full length and includes a period screw plate with the Leningrad Mint logo, probably original to the badge.

A very prestigious naval academy, the Frunze Naval School had its roots in the naval School for Mathematical and Navigational Sciences founded in 1701 by Peter the Great. Initially located in Moscow, it soon moved to the newly-built capital of St. Petersburg and remains there to this day. Throughout the imperial and Soviet eras, it underwent many transformations but always remained an elite establishment for naval officer cadres. It is still in operation, currently under the name of St. Petersburg Naval Institute. The badge was probably issued exclusively to the school's faculty, staff and VIP graduates. An uncommon piece from the final year of the Soviet Union.

Please note, the penny in our photo is for size reference.

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