

AK, Issue #1 (September- November 2009), 8 1/2" x 11" format, 72 pp, Russian text.

Includes in depth articles on Dutch bayonets of late XIX C. through modern days; advice on collecting b/w photos of WW1 and WW2 era; Soviet Order of Personal Courage (history of its design); Nazi awards for "Eastern People"; Soviet Badge for Excellence in Health Care (aka Excellent Health Care Professional, covering the early versions, first in the series of superb articles about this award); Prussian Medal in Commemoration of the Russian 5th Kaluga Infantry Regiment (and thorough analysis of its modern reproductions); common "watermarks" (idiosyncrasies of the die) on the Mondvor types of the Order of Lenin; complete classification of the Soviet commemorative badge for 25th Anniversary of Victory (all makers and issues); Belt buckles of the Third Reich.

Additionally there are short articles with excellent photos of Yugoslav Order of the Star 1st cl.; "black" Order of St. Vladimir 2nd cl.; WW1 Iron Cross 1st cl., a WW1 Reenactment event in Russia.

Highly recommended periodical, both for the amount and the quality of information it provides. The article on the Order of Lenin for example practically eliminates uncertainty in the purchase of the early types of this rare and valuable award. The in-depth articles on the Excellence in Health Care and 25th Anniversary badges are also invaluable for collectors of Soviet badges in general. All in all, this magazine is outstanding new resource for Russian speaking medal collectors and militaria buffs.

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