

**Award Banner of the Military Council of the KGB Northwestern Border Guard District to Foremost Construction Unit, Winner of Socialist Competition, circa 1970s-80s.**

In burgundy velvet with gold fringe. Measures approx. 5.5' x 4'. Comes with original tassels. On the obverse, the "umbrella" Soviet military slogan "For Our Soviet Motherland!" soars over the embroidered profile of Lenin. The embroidered lettering under the portrait states that this is a transferable banner of the Military Council of the Northwestern Military Border Guards District. (The territory of the KGB Northwestern Border Guard District covered a long stretch of the Northwestern border of the USSR including Leningrad Region and city.) The reverse features an inscription specifying the award, "To the Foremost Construction Unit, Winner of Socialist Competition, from the Military Council".

In excellent, outstanding condition. With difficulty, we found a small scuff and an equally small dark stain on the velvet. The banner was, at one time, nailed to a backing wall. Little holes left by the nails remain. However, none of this wear and damage is actually noticeable on the large area of the banner and the moiré sheen of the velvet. The tassels are in perfect condition. All the embroidery, the fringe, and the tassels have retained their full original golden luster. Lenin's portrait is also in excellent condition, showing zero wear or damage of any kind.

Unlike myriads of award banners issued by and to civilian organizations, factories, collective farms, higher education institutions etc., it is a rare occurrence to come across a similar military award banner, even if it is "just" Army, Navy or Air Force. To encounter a KGB award banner, in excellent condition at that, is a find of a whole other order of magnitude!

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