

Badge for Selfless Combat Effort, Turkestan Military District, 1980s.

Brass, "cold" enamel, lacquer; measures 29.4 mm tall, 41.9 mm wide. Very well-made badge showing a Soviet Army soldier with an AK-47, an Order of the Red Banner - the decoration awarded to the Turkestan Military District in 1968 - and the abbreviation "TurkVO". Inscription in the lower portion reads "For Selfless Combat Effort". Raised logo of the Moscow Mint to the reverse.

Excellent condition. The enamel is perfect; the protective lacquer finish on the obverse is extremely well preserved. Attractive even patina to the reverse.

The Turkestan District included troops stationed in Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, as well as the 40th Army deployed in Afghanistan. The badge was awarded to its veteran servicemen. This is one of the very few Soviet-period decorations directly associated with service in Afghanistan, even though not overtly mentioning it.

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