



Service Uniform of a Major General of Medical, Military Justice or Administrative Branch of the Navy, circa late 1970s; includes tunic and trousers in black wool gabardine.

The tunic is double-breasted, with black shoulder boards in admiral-style silk tress but with general's stars in gold embroidery and unlike the admiral shoulder boards, piped in magenta. The overall style of the tunic is the same as used by Naval admirals but lacking the admiral insignia on the cuffs. The buttons with anchors and Soviet state emblem are of an early style in anodized aluminum with brass backing; all have a matching Moschtamp factory stamp with a 1976 date of manufacture, indicating that the uniform was probably made during the same or the following few years.

The tunic is in Extra Large size: the chest measures approximately 46", the sleeves (from cuff to shoulder seam) are 23.5" long; the length from top of collar to bottom hem is 29.5".

There is a set of sewn-in medal ribbons on the right breast. The top row includes ribbons for the Orders of the Patriotic War, 2nd cl.; Red Star; and Service to Homeland, 3rd cl.; as well as the Medal for Combat Service. The second row includes the Lenin Centenary Medal and medals for the Defense of Leningrad, Defense of Stalingrad and Victory over Germany. The rest of the ribbons are for jubilee medals; Medal for Irreproachable Service in the Armed Forces, 1st cl; and what appears to be the Bulgarian Medal in Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Bulgarian People's Army (1974.) Judging by the ribbons, the original owner of the uniform enlisted in the Soviet military no later than in 1938 and was still on active duty in as late as the early 70s. It is interesting to see that he participated in both the defense of Leningrad and the Battle of Stalingrad, two key WW2 campaigns fought in the areas geographically separated by about a thousand miles. Chronologically the last decoration represented in the ribbon set is the Soviet Medal in Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of Victory over Germany.

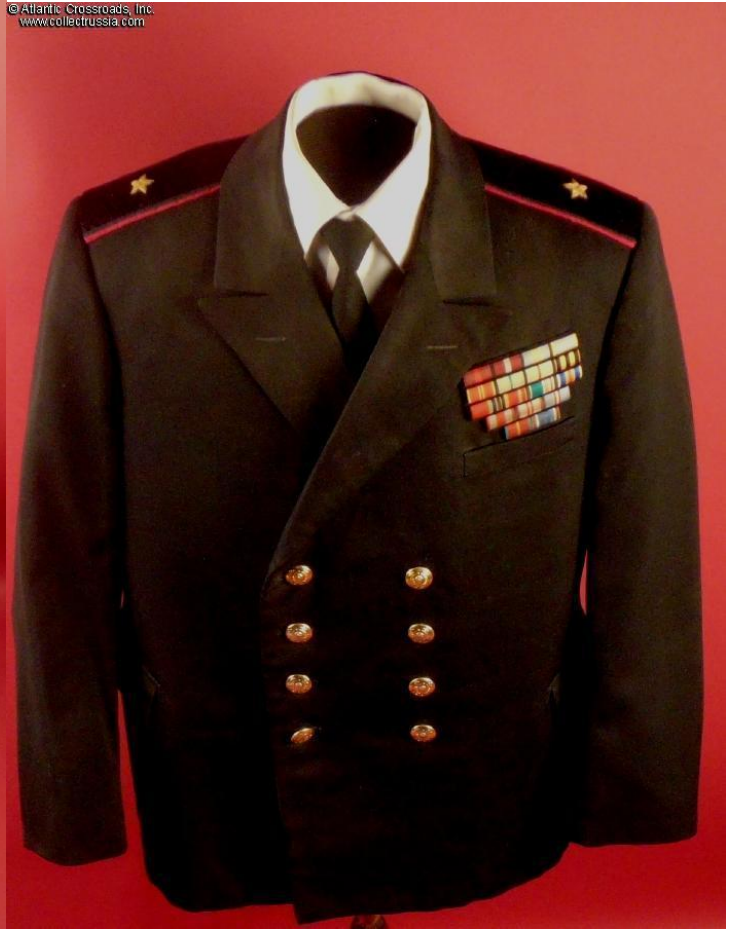
The straight-leg trousers are in matching black wool fabric with general-style stripes in magenta wool. The wide legs in characteristically early fashion. The size is XL, about 40" waist, 27 " inseam.

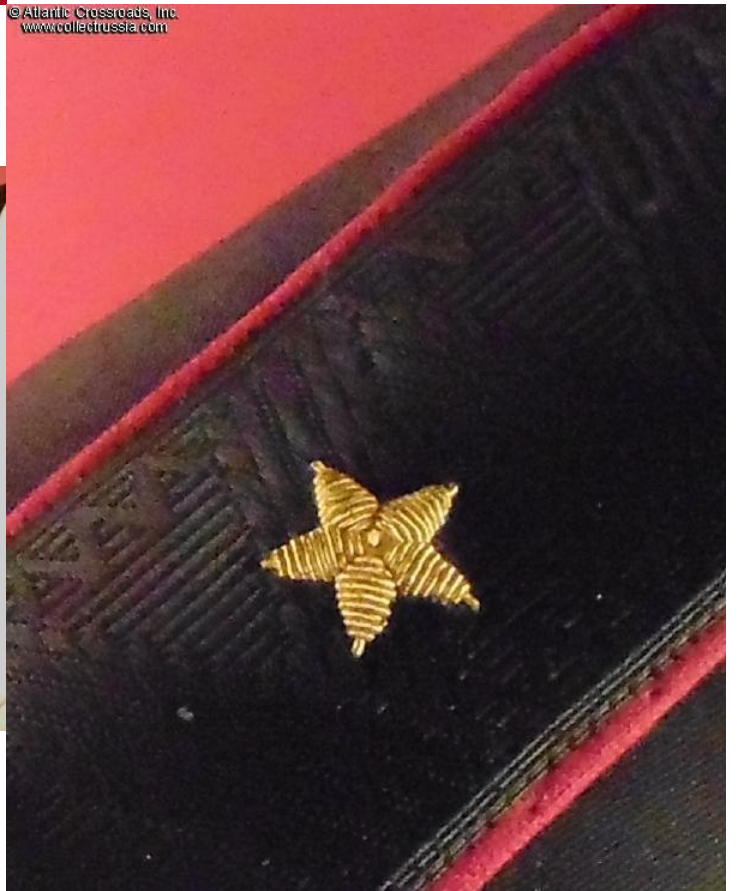
Very good overall condition. Unlike many contemporary Soviet uniforms made of wool, there is no moth damage anywhere; nor are there any tears. The tunic has some faint stains on the front, mostly on and around the lapel, that are visible under a bright light but not too noticeable under normal indoor lighting; they may come off after dry cleaning (we haven't attempted to do it and will leave it up to the next owner.) The liner is sound and clean. There is a US quarter coin-size threadbare area on the back of the left sleeve below the elbow; again, it is unnoticeable from the front when the uniform is displayed. There are also other worn areas, albeit to a much lesser degree, around the left pocket of the trousers and at the bottom hem of the left leg. To reiterate, all the condition issues are not very prominent or detractive at a normal viewing distance and with indoor lighting.

This is an extremely rare uniform few generals of relatively small Medical, Judicial or Administrative branches served in the Soviet Navy compared with the number of admirals. It is certainly the first uniform of its kind we have handled in at least the past 20-25 years, if not ever. This set represents a singular opportunity for the serious collector of Cold War-era Soviet uniforms.

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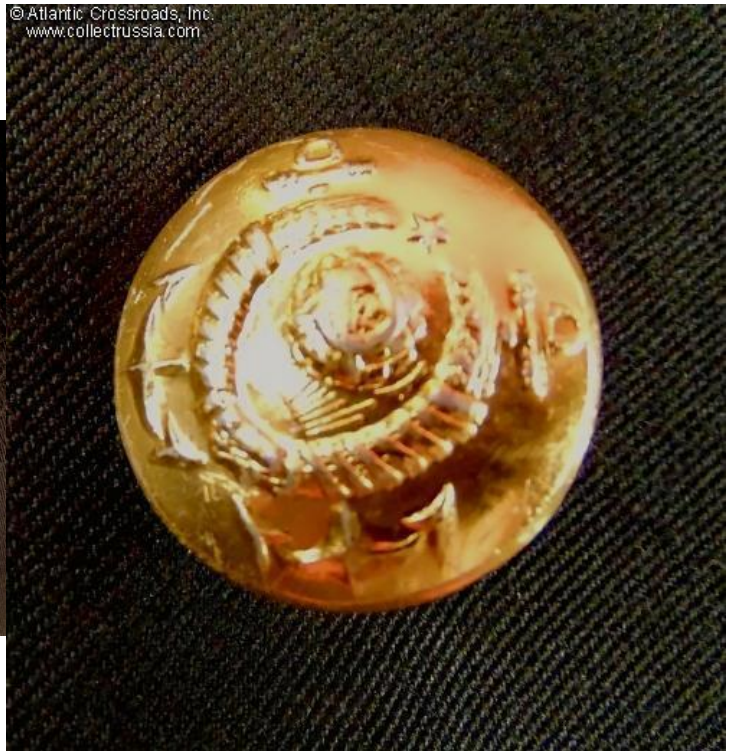




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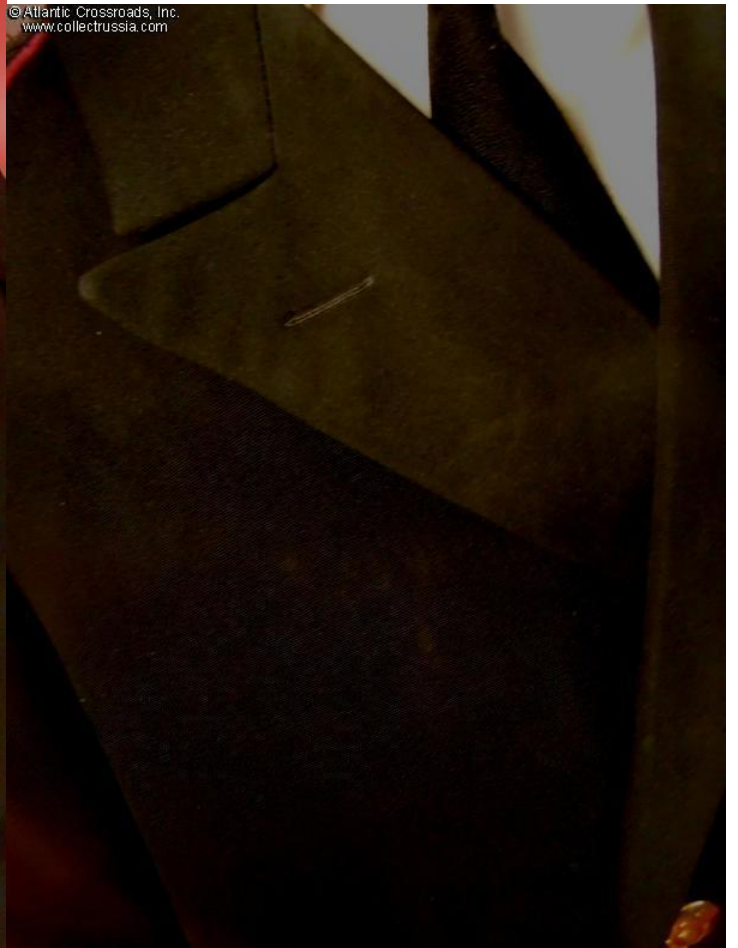
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