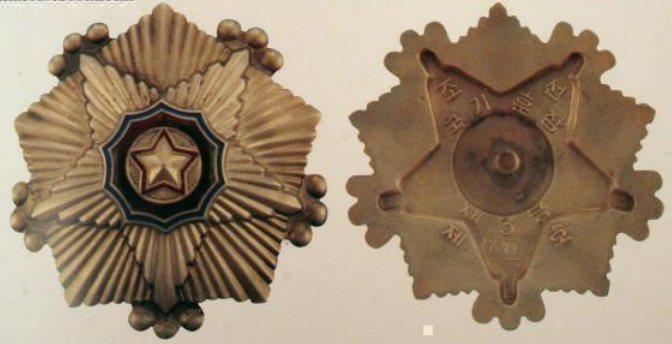




serial number observed is 47,071. Weight: 26g Height: 49mm Width: 47.5mm. RARITY RATING: R5



Order of the National Flag, 3rd Class, Type 3, Variation 4



Title "Hero of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" and the Gold Star Medal



Hero of the DPRK, Type 1, Variation 1

Collecting the Medal

During the Korean Conflict, 481 were awarded to North Koreans and 10 were awarded to Chinese. The Medal consists of a rayed, ten-pointed star, with a center medallion that contains a five-pointed raised star on a white enameled background. There is an inscription on the reverse, which varies by Type/Variation. The suspension has a red ribbon, with two vertical white stripes. The ribbon is fastened to suspension by a suspension plate and nut or a horizontal pin.

Jong Il are known recipients of the collar chain variation.

Screwbacks

Type 1, Variation 1. Soviet-made, gold-plated silver with screwback suspension and connecting ring. The screwpost on the reverse is 4mm in width (large). On the reverse are the words "Korean People's Republic, Hero" in raised letters. The ribbon is fastened to the suspension by a suspension plate and nut. Weight: 15g Height: 37mm Width: 33.5mm (all measurements are for medal only, not suspension). RARITY RATING: R4

Awards to foreigners and high-ranking North Koreans.

When foreigners are awarded the title Hero of the DPRK they are given a cased set, with the Medal, and an Order of the National Flag, 1st Class on a collar chain. Of the North Koreans who have received the award, Kim Il Sung's first wife, Kim Il Suk and Kim

No verifiable, authentic serial-numbered pieces have been observed. Several have been observed with large serial numbers (3,5mm in height) neatly hand-engraved into them (469, 497, 503, 547), but these are unlike the small, authentic serial numbers stamped into the Labor Hero of the Democratic

