

**Military and Civil Awards of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), Warren Sessler and Paul McDaniel, C 2009.**

ENGLISH text, 406 pages, large 12 x 9 x 1 6/8" thick hardcover format with dust jacket.

This is destined to become the standard reference work for collectors of North Korean orders and medals in much the same way that McDaniel and Schmitt's "The Comprehensive Guide to Soviet Orders and Medals" became the Bible for collectors of Soviet medals and decorations. And not just collectors but military historians will find this book an invaluable resource - finally there is a reference book in English that enables us to decipher the profusion of mysterious awards appearing in newsreels and press photos coming out of North Korea.

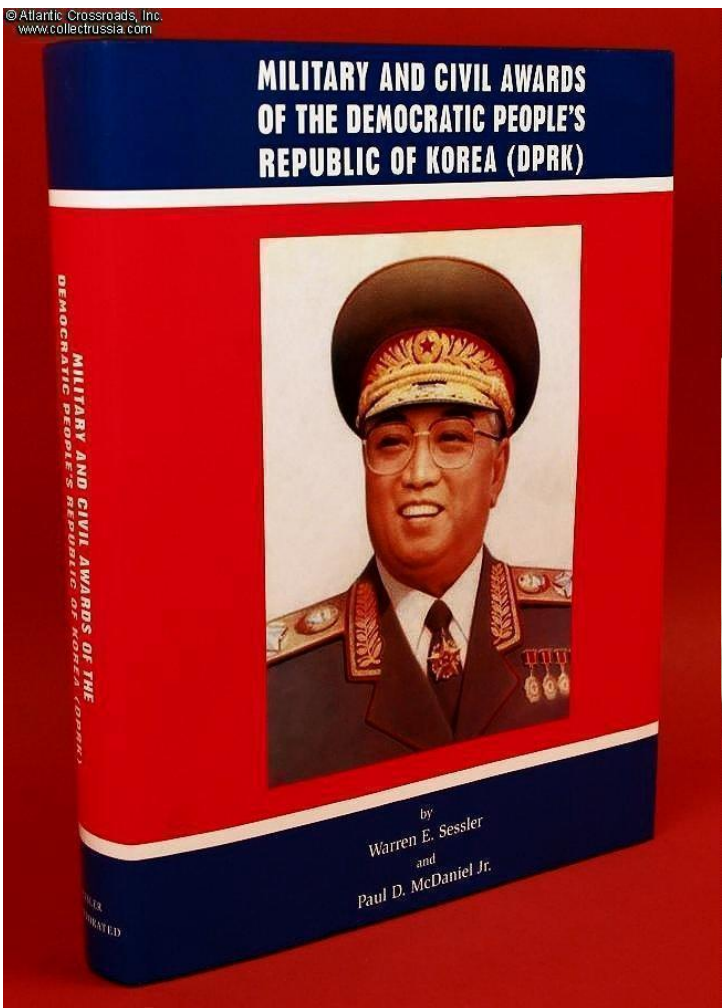
Over 1000 high resolution close-up color photos of the obverses and reverses of North Korean medals, orders and award documents plus some 60+ black-&-white and color photos of recipients wearing their decorations. The book contains a trove of factual information and details including: award qualifications, all types and variations of inscriptions and mint marks, serial number styles and ranges, rivets, suspensions and pin back devices, etc. There is also a very handy full color ribbon chart.

Of utmost importance to collectors, the authors also explain in great detail how to detect fakes. We highly recommend this book as a tremendous value and indispensable resource for any collector or student of the awards of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

If you've been struggling in the dark trying to collect North Korean medals, rest assured that the depth and reliability of the information contained in this volume will pay for itself many times over.

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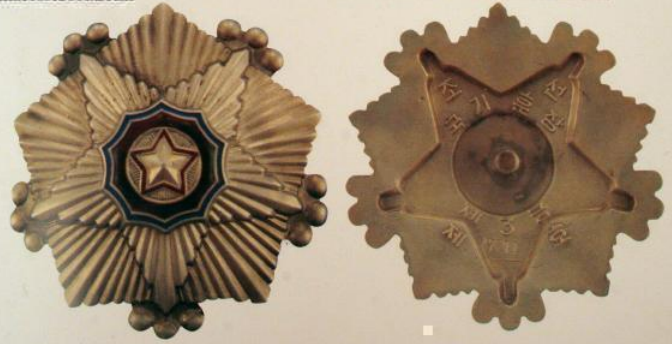
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serial number observed is 47,071. Weight: 26g Height: 49mm Width: 47.5mm. RARITY RATING: R5



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.

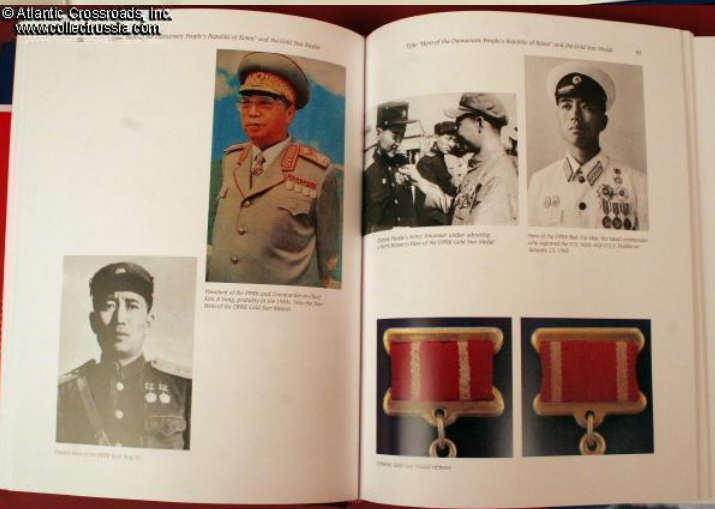
**Screwbacks**

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 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





**Liberation Fighters' Commemorative Medal**  
Established October 10, 1948

**Collecting the Medal**

The medal has been retained for the Republic. The only confusion that has occurred is that the medal was introduced by the DPRK sometime between 1949 and 1950. It is possible that the medal was changed from silver to gold and awarded from the Military Service on Manchurian front lines.



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**Chosun (Korean) Liberation Commemoration Medal**

Established October 10, 1948

Issued by the Chosun Central Soviet.

Issued by Supreme People's Assembly Standing Committee Government Order.

For the contribution of the Chosun Liberation Commemoration Medal, the Chosun Supreme People's Assembly Standing Committee decided the following:

1. To establish the Chosun Liberation Commemoration Medal to commemorate the Chosun people's outstanding struggle in the great heroic history who liberated Chosun from the Japanese aggression.



2. The Chosun Liberation Commemoration Medal is awarded to all the members of the Korean Military who participated in the liberation of the Chosun people.

Chosun Democratic People's Republic Supreme People's Assembly Standing Committee Chairman Kim Il-sung  
Chosun Democratic People's Republic Supreme People's Assembly Standing Committee Secretary King Benguk  
October 10, 1948  
Pyongyang City

**Description of the Chosun Liberation Commemoration Medal**

The medal is circular-shaped. There is diameter, and made of silver. The Liberation Commemoration Medal is established made the same surrounding the lower and upper bars, and under that, under a ribbon, in the word "Liberation" written in two characters.

Illustrations of the Chosun Liberation Commemoration Medal, silver and gold versions.

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*Ribbon Chart for Awards of the DPRK*

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	ORDER OF SOLDIER'S HONOR 1ST CLASS		ORDER OF FRIENDSHIP 1ST CLASS
	ORDER OF SOLDIER'S HONOR 2ND CLASS		ORDER OF FRIENDSHIP 2ND CLASS
	ORDER OF LI SUN SHIN 1ST CLASS		ORDER OF FRIENDSHIP MEDAL
	ORDER OF LI SUN SHIN 2ND CLASS		ORDER OF MARINE INDUSTRY SERVICE HONOR 1ST CLASS
	ORDER OF LABOR		ORDER OF MARINE INDUSTRY SERVICE HONOR 2ND CLASS
	ORDER OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY FOUNDATION COMMEMORATION		ORDER OF THE MARCH 5 COMMEMORATION
	ORDER OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA		ORDER OF THE THREE GREAT REVOLUTIONS RED FLAG
	ORDER OF COAL AND MINING INDUSTRY SERVICE HONOR 1ST CLASS		ORDER OF RAILROAD SERVICE HONOR 1ST CLASS

