

Stasi Decorations and Memorabilia subtitled "A Collector's Guide", VOLUME 2, Ralph Pickard.

C. 2012, English language text, 599 pp pages, fully illustrated in color, BIG 11" x 8.5" format. Hardcover with dust jacket.

This is the second volume of the extremely popular Stasi collector's guide by Pickard is even bigger and better illustrated than the first! The book delves ever further into the fascinating subject of DDR notorious secret police and its memorabilia. One of the main subjects of Volume 2 is foreign awards and award certificates - including a number of Soviet orders and badges - to Stasi operatives and top leadership.

Among the other topics covered in this volume: Uniforms and insignia of Wachregiment F. Dzierzynski and other uniformed units within the Stasi; Awards and membership badges of the German FDJ Communist Youth organization (Free German Youth); Rank structure, badges and memorabilia of MfS (DDR State Security) School; Comprehensive guide to MfS State Security wax seals and ink stamps; History and memorabilia of SV Dynamo Sports Club (which included Police, Ministry of Interior and State Security members and copied the concept of the Soviet Dinamo Sports club - down to its name);

Additionally, there is an entire chapter on Soviet KGB badges and various memorabilia - statuettes, commemorative porcelain plates, honorary certificates etc - presented to Stasi officers.

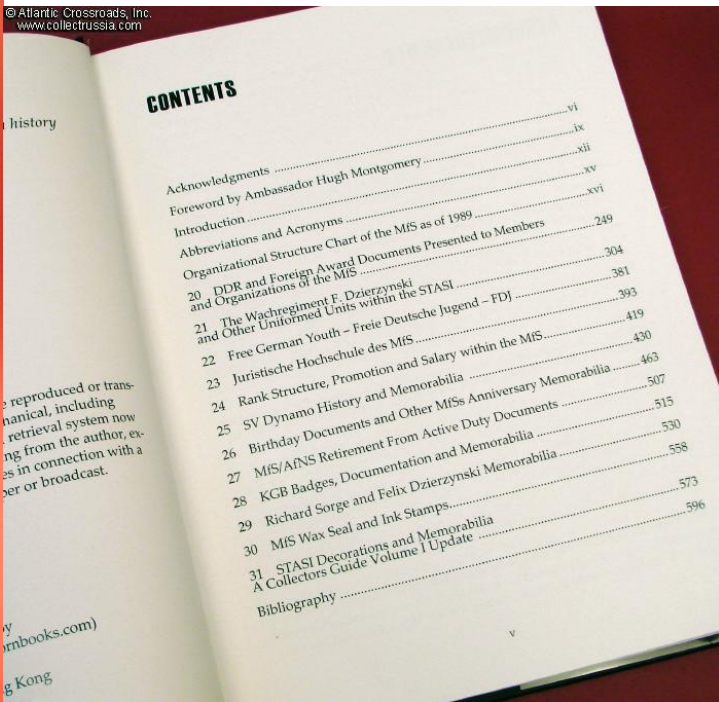
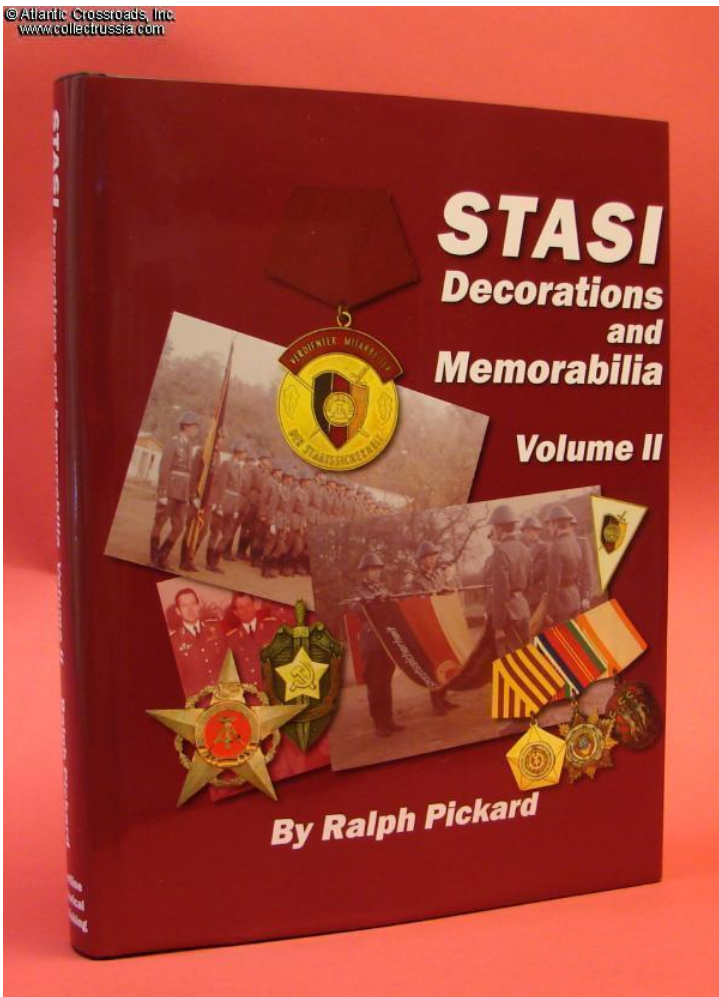
Last but not least, there is a very interesting chapter on Felix Dzerzhinsky related memorabilia - paintings, posters, table medals etc - produced in both Soviet Union and East Germany. Highly detailed text includes both historical and collector data. Crisp clear color photography throughout. Provides useful time charts, identification data and measurements to aid the collector. Author works for a US Government intelligence agency and his methodical, fact-finding approach is evident in this work.

Only 750 copies in print, each copy is individually numbered. This book may soon become an out of print collectible in its own right!

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Figure 263 Example of two awarded Honor Medals of the People's Police on a medal bar. These medals were awarded and worn by a Deputy Minister of the MfS.

Figure 264 An earlier example of a ribbon of the Honor Medal of the People's Police awarded to a senior MfS officer in 1954. This ribbon bar was worn by a senior MfS officer from the very late 1950's through to the very early 1960's.



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The Verdienter Mitarbeiter im Ausenpolitischen Dienst der DDR - Honored employees in the Foreign Policy Service of the GDR - These medals and documents were established on 1 March 1979 and only awarded in one grade (gold).

Figure 270 These medals were awarded to members of the MfS in recognition of many years of service in the accomplishment of foreign missions for the MfS and the DDR State.

Figure 271 MfS employees were awarded this medal in recognition of excellent service and for strengthening and advancing foreign relations with the MfS, the DDR state and other countries.



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Der Stern der Völkerfreundschaft - The Star of International Friendship - The medal and document were established on 20 August 1959, and the medal was awarded in silver and gold. The grand star was established on 28 July 1978 and awarded in gold. There were six members of the MfS known to have received the Star of International Friendship. Five had already been awarded the Star when they were presented with the medal during the late 1980's. This list of names may not be complete.

- Oberst Wilhelm Gaida - retired from the MfS 1965; awarded the SIF 1987
- Oberst Alexander Schalk-Golodkowski - retired from the MfS 1990; awarded the SIF 1984
- Generalmajor Gerhard Heidenreich - retired from the MfS 1979; awarded the SIF 1986
- Generalleutnant Karl Kleinjung - retired from the MfS 1985; awarded the SIF 1987
- Generalmajor Gustav Szinda - retired from the MfS 1982; awarded the SIF 1987
- Generalleutnant Martin Weikert - retired from the MfS 1989; awarded the SIF 1989

The medal and award document illustrated here were not awarded to a member of the MfS but are shown as reference material for the collectors, researchers and academic communities. This medal and award document were presented to a senior officer of the East German government who was the 1st Deputy Minister of International Friendship award documents.



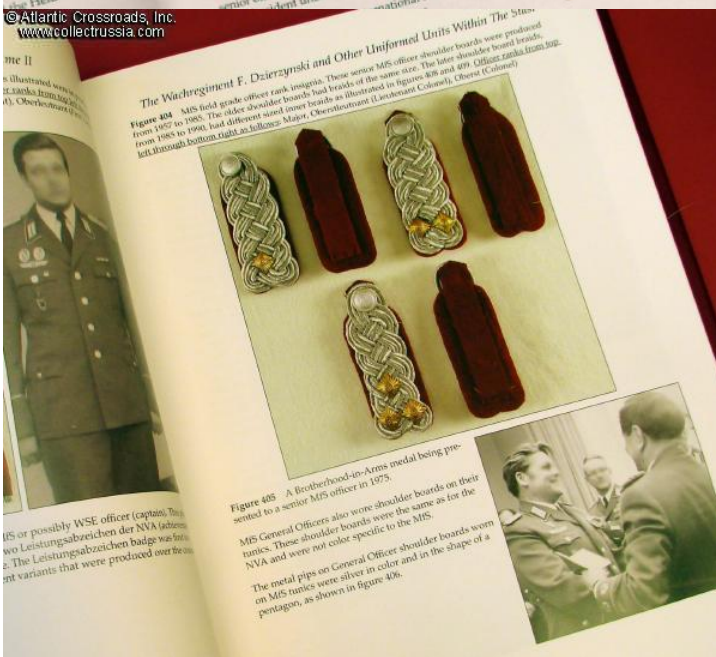
Decorations and Memorabilia Volume II

The Wachregiment F. Dzierzynski and Other Uniformed Units

Decorations and Memorabilia Volume II - This book, which is printed in white, made during the fourth quarter of 1979 and is bound in a black cover. It has one inner pocket on the left side and one on the right side. The inner pocket on the left side contains a list of names and ranks of officers and is on a black background.

Figure 304 An MfS officer's tunic with a black collar. It was made during the first quarter of 1979 and is made of light material. The name tag on the collar is made of metal and has the name and rank of the officer on it. There is one inner pocket on the right side and one on the left side. The data stamped on the inner pocket reads: MfS 93 52 - 1950 - 02.

The MfS officer who wore this tunic was active in the MfS from the late 1960's through the end of the Cold War. This tunic was phased out by the end of 1979 and was in use in the MfS until the late 1980's.



The Wachregiment F. Dzierzynski and Other Uniformed Units Within The Stasi

Figure 304 MfS field grade officer rank insignia. These senior MfS officer shoulder boards were produced from 1967 to 1985. The silver shoulder boards had braids in the same size. The later shoulder board braids, from 1985 to 1990, had different sized inner braids as illustrated in figures 305 and 306. Officer rank insignia, left through bottom right as follows: Major, Oberleutnant (Lieutenant Colonel), Oberst (Colonel).



Figure 305 A Brotherhood-in-Arms medal being presented to a senior MfS officer in 1975. MfS General Officers also wore shoulder boards on their tunics. These shoulder boards were the same as for the NVA and were not color specific to the MfS. The metal pips on General Officer shoulder boards worn on MfS tunics were silver in color and in the shape of a pentagon, as shown in figure 306.

