

Druzhinnik armband, circa 1980s.

The Druzhinnik Armband is made in smooth fabric with printed white inscription and olive drab soft canvas backing, measures 4" x 9 ½ ". There are four attachment with ties. Attached on the back is a paper tag of a factory in the Uzhgorod Region of Soviet Ukraine showing a 1980s date of manufacture. In mint unissued condition, completely free of mildew smell or stains.

These armbands were worn by civilian "volunteers" who helped the uniformed police, mostly for nighttime patrolling of public places, picking up drunks from the streets, and raiding "speculators" at flea markets. Although ostensibly a volunteer activity, many workers and college students were required to do occasional stints as Druzhinnik by their respective trade union and Communist Youth organizations. Armbands were usually issued temporarily, to be returned after the assignment and reused the next day by a different Druzhinnik. Original unissued pieces in mint condition are hard to find.

Please note: the white shirt and "Druzhinnik" Voluntary Police Badge in our photo is not included with the armband.

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\$15.00



