

## Army / Air Force officer full dress belt with dagger hangers, dated 1982.

Brass hardware and buckle, silk tress. The buckle is an Army / Air Force model with the star in a wreath; the suspensions have open frame buckles unlike the lion head buckles of the contemporary Navy officer's dress belt. The liner shows a Soviet factory stamp with 1982 date of manufacture, faint but legible. When fully extended to the maximum allowed by the grommets, the belt will fit up to 50-inch waist, but it is easily adjustable to almost any smaller size.

In excellent condition. There is almost no wear to the fabric. Both the exterior and liner are very clean. The brass hardware is free of tarnish.

Changes in uniform regulations in 1958 made daggers virtually obsolete for both Army and Air Force officers. Afterwards, they would carry daggers only on very special occasions such as military oath ceremonies or major parades on the Red Square in Moscow (or in the capital cities of Soviet republics). Unlike naval officers, Army and Air Force personnel usually wouldn't keep a dagger in their personal possession, but would instead be issued one to carry just for a day or two when needed. Therefore, most military officers outside the Navy would have no need for a parade belt with hangers, and such belts are consequently far more scarce than their naval counterparts.

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