

Order of Friendship of Nations, #7513, with award document (order booklet), awarded on 19 March 1981 to Grigoriy Bekh.

Silver gilt, enamels; measures 51.1 mm in height (incl. the eyelet), 47.1 mm in width; weighs 42.0 g not including the suspension and connecting link. Superb quality decoration featuring riveted multi-piece construction. Note the extremely low serial number.

In outstanding, excellent condition. The enamel is literally flawless, free of any traces of wear that could be detected even under a 10x magnification. The details of the artwork and starburst are likewise perfect. The original fire gilt finish on the rays and USSR state seal is completely intact and bright. The reverse shows a slightly irregular patina, but its surface is otherwise practically pristine.

The order includes the original suspension device, a two-layer model in aluminum with old but immaculately clean ribbon. The connecting link between the badge and suspension appears to be original and its ends are still joined with solder. To summarize, this is a superb example through and through - literally impossible to upgrade.

The order booklet #563694 was issued on 14 April 1981. It features hard textured leatherette binding with the emblem of the USSR and inscription impressed in gold. Unlike the order booklets of earlier and later styles, it contains a provision for several decorations - with only a single entry for the Order of Friendship of Nations filled-in - as well as the date of the award decree.

The document is in near mint condition. Both the cover and internal pages are practically pristine. The gold inscription and emblem on the cover are perfect and bright. The binding is tight.

Overall, a superb documented piece - practically impossible to upgrade for one in better condition, especially with as low a serial number as on this example.

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