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Soviet And Mujahideen Uniforms, Clothing, And Equipment In The Soviet-Afghan War, 1979-1989



Synopsis

This book is the first detailed, illustrated guide to the military uniforms, civilian clothing, and equipment worn and used by Soviet soldiers and Mujahideen warriors in Afghanistan from December 1979 to February 1989. With over 500 images, this book presents front-line soldiers, NCOs, and officers in the main combat branches of the Soviet armed forces as well as Mujahideen warriors, actually ordinary Afghans, who were thrust by fate into the midst of a relentless guerrilla war against one of the largest regular armies in the world. Uniforms presented in this book are assembled in configurations confirmed by wartime photos. All photographs taken for this book are genuine service-issue or private-purchase Soviet and Afghan Mujahideen items.

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Zammis Schein worked in Afghanistan as an escort interpreter, an English teacher and a field interpreter trainer on several assignments. He fell in love with the country. He was enchanted by the people, the languages, the rich culture, and the colorful history of Afghanistan. He started his collection of Soviet and Mujahideen militaria while he was working in Afghanistan.

this book is fantastic - kudos to both the author & publisher for having the foresight guts to develop a product for what probably appeared initially to be a pretty tiny niche market. glad ya did it and thank you!!

A good reference tool for that era.

Very well put together book! Perfect pictures and well documented additional information.

Purely for specialists and aficionados, this book is a unique documentation of a time long gone, although freshly relevant due to our recent history. The ironies of this history are implicit on every page: we examine the Soviet war fighter's kit and reflect on its similarities (and differences) to our own soldier's uniforms and equipment — and then remember that Reagan called these men soldiers of the Evil Empire, and the muj he dubbed 'freedom fighters'. What a strange and amazing prelude to our own struggle against Islamic terrorism.

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