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**Issued by the
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) in 1985**

USSR 40th ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY MEDAL (MURMANSK MEDAL)

TERMS



Awarded to merchant marine veterans and navy veterans who participated in convoys to Murmansk during WWII. The medal was issued in 1985 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the end of the war. Initially, Canadians could accept the medal but not wear it. The government had a change of heart and by Proclamation on 07 March 1995, Her Majesty, The Queen was graciously pleased to approve the medal be accepted and worn by eligible Canadian citizens.

The proclamation stated: "it is not envisaged that permission will be given for further anniversary medals issued by foreign or Commonwealth governments to be accepted and worn by Canadian citizens."

DESCRIPTION

A circular, bronze medal, 32-mm in diameter.

OBVERSE

Laurel on each side of the bottom; a five pointed star slightly off centre to the right over the laurel and three figures inside the bottom two arms of the star (a women on the left, a soldier with a rifle and arm raised in the centre and a civilian male on the right). A tower with a star on the top of it is in the upper arm and stars with trailing lines representing fireworks in the right and left arms. The dates 1945 1985 are on the top of the right and left arms.

REVERSE

YYACTHNVY BONHBI (in Cyrillic script / Russian Letters) is around the top. Then seven lines with a large 40, small AET, MO6EA61, B BEANKON, OTE4ECTBEHHON, BONHE, 1941-1945 rr, and a sickle below (in Russian, the letters N being reverse N's)

**GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
RUSSIA**

Order of Friendship Medal - Орден Дружбы

TERMS



Established in 1994 to "reward foreign nationals whose work, deeds and efforts were aimed at the betterment of relations with the Russian Federation and its people." (from Wikipedia)

DESCRIPTION

A pentagonal gold star created from diverging golden rays with the opposite tips of the star 44-mm apart.

OBVERSE

In the center, a terrestrial globe in gold with the oceans covered in blue enamel. The globe is surrounded by a green enameled wreath of olive branches.

REVERSE

Peace and Friendship in Russian: Мир и дружба.
Each medal has a serial number etched on the reverse.

MOUNTING

The badge of the order is connected by a ring through the suspension loop to a standard Russian pentagonal mount.

RIBBON

The 36-mm wide green silk moiré ribbon with 6 mm wide light blue stripes along its edges overlapped in the classic Russian mounting.

AWARDED

7 to Canadian

Most recent one to the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, OM, CC

Canada Gazette

23/12/1999	BELOSTOTSKY, Boris D.	Mr	--
22/04/2014	CHRÉTIEN, Jean	Right Honourable	OM CC
28/10/2006	CLARKSON, Adreienne	Right Honourable	CC CMM COM CD
24/01/1998	COHON, George A.	Mr	OC
27/06/2009	DUTKIEWICZ, Piotr	Dr	--
22/12/2007	PRUD'HOMME, Marcel	Honourable	--
21/12/1996	WEBER, Richard	Mr	MSM

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GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Puskin Medal - медаль Пушкина

Terms

The Medal of Pushkin is a state decoration of the Russian Federation awarded to its citizens for achievements in the arts and culture, education, humanities and literature. It is named in honour of Russian author and poet Alexander Sergeyevich Pushkin. The Medal of Pushkin was established on May 9, 1999 by Presidential Decree No. 574, its statute was amended on September 7, 2010 by Presidential Decree No. 1099 which completely revamped the awards and honours system of the Russian Federation.

(details from Wikipedia)



The Medal of Pushkin is awarded to citizens of the Russian Federation with at least 20 years in socio-humanitarian activities for achievements in the arts and culture, education, humanities and literature, for great contributions to the study and preservation of the Russian cultural heritage, in the rapprochement and mutual enrichment of cultures of nations and peoples, for the creation of highly artistic images. The Russian Federation order of precedence dictates the medal is to be worn on the left breast with other medals immediately after the Medal of Nesterov.

Description

A circular 32mm diameter silver medal with raised rims on both the obverse and reverse. The obverse bears a self-portrait (line drawing) of Pushkin's left profile. On the reverse center the horizontal relief signature of Pushkin himself. The signature takes most of the total width of the medal. Under the signature near the lower rim of the medal, the letter "N" in relief and a line reserved for the award serial number.



Ribbon

The medal hangs from a standard Russian pentagonal mount by a ring through the medal suspension loop. The mount is covered by an overlapping 24-mm wide azure silk moiré ribbon with a 2.5mm golden stripe situated 5mm from the ribbon's right edge.

ISSUED

4 to Canadians

In 2011 there were 2 to Canadians out of a total of 44

Canada Gazette	Name	Title
30/07/11	DURRANT, John Stuart	Professor
27/05/17	RUFANOVA, Svetlana	Ms
28/02/15	SEVER, Dimitri	Archpriest
31/12/11	TARYSHKINA, Natalia	Ms



Svetlana Rufanova



Ambassador Darchiev presented the Pushkin Medal to Svetlana Rufanova. 15 years ago Svetlana established a unique Russian library in Toronto.

GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

USHAKOV MEDAL

The Medal of Ushakov was a Soviet military award created on March 3, 1944 by decision of the USSR. It was named in honour of Russian Admiral Fyodor Ushakov who never lost a battle and was proclaimed patron Saint of the Russian Navy. By Presidential Decree № 442 of March 2, 1994, the Soviet Medal of Ushakov was retained in the same basic design by the Russian Federation after the dissolution of the USSR. It was given to Canadian Sailors who served on the Mermansk Run.

ISSUED

70 - all in the Canada Gazette of 22 December 2012

