

## Vladimir Tarskiy



This is me at home. I have orders, medals and badges on my jacket. My grandson Misha Kurilenko photographed me in February 2004. On top on the right I have a badge of a mechanic of the Tajik SSR. Then come three orders: two orders of the Great Patriotic War, 1st and 2nd class, and an Order of the Red Star. Then follow badges: there's one for a guard of artillery awarded to the privates and sergeants who had received orders. Then there are badges that are equal to orders for me. There is an honorable badge 'Kalinin partisan' for my communication with partisans on the border of Belarus and Kalinin regions. On the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Belarus I was awarded a badge. Then there are two badges of the armies where I served: Veteran of armies 31 and 39; our divisions were in these armies. Then I have six medals of the all-Union agricultural exhibition and all-Union exhibition of the achievements of public economy; two green badges for

my work in the equipment yard, then silver, gold and bronze medals for the achievements in the foundry industry. On the left side is a medal for valorous labor and medals for combat merits. One medal I was awarded for battles in the Kalinin region, when we imitated attacks to break the accumulation of German troops near Leningrad. Another medal was awarded to me in Belarus for the liberation of Vitebsk for capturing a prisoner for interrogation. There is a medal for valorous labor and for labor merits. Then there are a medal for the liberation of Koenigsberg, a medal for the victory over Japan and jubilee medals for victory over Germany. Besides, I have medals for development of virgin lands and a medal of veteran of labor. And finally, a medal of 850 years of Moscow. Below all Soviet medals foreign awards follow. I have a Mongolian award for the defeat of Japanese imperialists since I participated in those actions.