

MY FAMILY PRIDE – KOVALIOV KONSTANTIN FEDOTOVICH, HERO OF THE SOVIET UNION

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The Great Patriotic War has left a significant imprint on the fate of the Soviet people. It was a war of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics against Nazi Germany and its allies. Our ancestors fought courageously against fascism and now everyone can proudly share their family history of the wartime period.

Objective of the work: to nurture love for the motherland, patriotism of modern youth on the heroic examples of bravery and courage of our forefathers.

In 1941-45 my great-grandfather Kovaliov Konstantin Fedotovitch was a marine pilot, fighter, captain, flew in the sky of the Baltic. During 4 years of the War my great-grandfather flew about 500 sorties. On his battle account were 31 downed aircrafts, 12 of which he destroyed personally, and the rest were in group battles.

One of the most memorable events in the biography of K. Kovaliov was his acquaintance with the famous seer Wolf Grigorevich Messing.

In 1939, after the Second World War broke out, Wolf Messing fled to the Soviet Union where he performed with the "mind-reading ", first in the agitation brigades, and then with the individual performances of State Concert.

The Soviet patriot, an honorary member of many academies and universities in the world, wishing a speedy defeat of the fascism, Messing purchased on his personal savings a combat aircraft and decided to give it to an honoured pilot. The choice fell on Kovaliov, a native of Kuban.

On the fuselage of the donated aircraft there was the inscription: "A gift to the Hero of the Soviet Union, the Baltic pilot K. F. Kovaliov from the Soviet patriot W. Messing".

My great-grandfather shot down four enemy aircrafts on this fighter.

After the war, Wolf Messing came to visit my great-grandfather's house in the Krasnodar region, stanitsa Mingrelskaya. The friends lived in the same hotel, performed in front of factory workers, they met the pioneers.

The name of my great-grandfather is among the names of Heroes of the Soviet Union on the stele of the in Moscow Museum of the Great Patriotic War.