

Red Star

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RED STAR. The code name used by Russian Army Colonel Anatoly Fyodorovich Krimov. Red Star was born in Odessa, Ukraine in Russia, back in the days of the Soviet Union. Anatoly was an exceptional child, becoming the youngest chess master in Odessa at eleven years old. Later in life, he became a published Pushkin scholar, his monograph on "Boris Godonov" being considered the definitive work on the subject. Red Star also coaches the pistol team at the Dynamo Sports Club in Moscow. After joining the Soviet Navy, Red Star became a member of the elite Black Sea Regiment of the Soviet Naval infantry. Among his many campaigns was the Soviets' fight against rebels in Afghanistan during the 1980s.

Red Star was assigned to take command of the October Guard, but did so just as the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991. The October Guard was soon disbanded, but its former members occasionally worked together. Under Colonel Red Star's command, the former members of the Guard headed off into space on a mission with the Joes, to stop a mad Russian scientist's robot drones from causing an asteroid to collide with the Earth. On that mission, the Joes learned that Red Star -- for a reason that he refused to disclose and remains a mystery today -- looked exactly like the Guard's first commander, the late Colonel Brekhov, right down to his habit of smoking cigars. The mission was a success, and proved again that the Joes and their former rivals had become allies. Red Star continued to serve with the Soviet Navy for many years. His current status is unknown.

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