

George Zhukov
(1896-1974)

Biography

- Georgy Zhukov (1896-1974) – Soviet military commander, Marshal of the Soviet Union, four times Hero of the Soviet Union, the gentleman of numerous Soviet and foreign orders and medals, Soviet defense Minister
- He was born in 1896 in Kaluga region in the village of Strelkovka in a peasant family.
- At age of 18 in 1915 he was drafted into the army. Receiving the rank of a cavalry non-commissioned officer, was sent to the South-Western front. In the First world war has received such awards as the George cross, order of the red banner.

- In 1920-21, he took part in the suppression of the Antonov uprising
- Before the great Patriotic war, continued military career, in 1925 graduated from the Higher cavalry school.
- Since 1926 he taught at the Belarussian state University pre-service training within five years.
- In 1929 he graduated from the higher officers of the red army.
- Since 1939 participated in the resolution of the Russo-Japanese conflict.



- In 1941, shortly before the German attack on the Soviet Union, Zhukov appointed chief of General staff and Deputy Commissar of defense. Seeing the shortcomings of the system, Georgy made every effort to accelerate consolidation in the defence industry and training of the troops to a confrontation with a dangerous opponent. In Oct. 1941 Zhukov appointed commander of the Western front and was responsible for the defense of Moscow through its actions in the defense of Leningrad.



- In Aug. In 1942 he became first Deputy people's Commissar of defense and Deputy Supreme Commander. Besides Zhukov coordinated actions of fronts at Stalingrad, Leningrad, Kursk, in the battle for the Dnieper. Later he headed the command of the 1st Ukrainian and Belorussian fronts.
- In 1945 these two fronts, under the command of Zhukov, went on the offensive and participated in the liberation of territories from occupation.



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- May 9, 1945 it Georgy accepted Nazi Germany unconditional surrender.
- June 24, 1945 Marshal Zhukov participated in the Moscow Victory day Parade on the Red square.

