


Victory Day



The most important holiday in Russia is anniversary of the Great Victory in World War II.



A photograph of four men standing in a line in front of a memorial. The man on the far left is in a dark green military uniform with a peaked cap and numerous medals. The man next to him is in a dark suit, looking down with his hand to his face. The man in the center is in a dark navy uniform with a white-topped cap and medals. The man on the far right is in a dark suit with medals. In the foreground, there are large bouquets of red and white flowers. The background shows a stone memorial structure.

The Great Patriotic War ended in May 1945. That spring day of May 9 went down in the history of our country as Victory Day.

Usually the centre of the festival is Red Square in Moscow. Red Square is the traditional place for military parades and working people's demonstrations on national holidays.



In every town and village people take part in the meetings and put flowers to the foot of the monuments for soldiers who didn't come back from the battlefields.



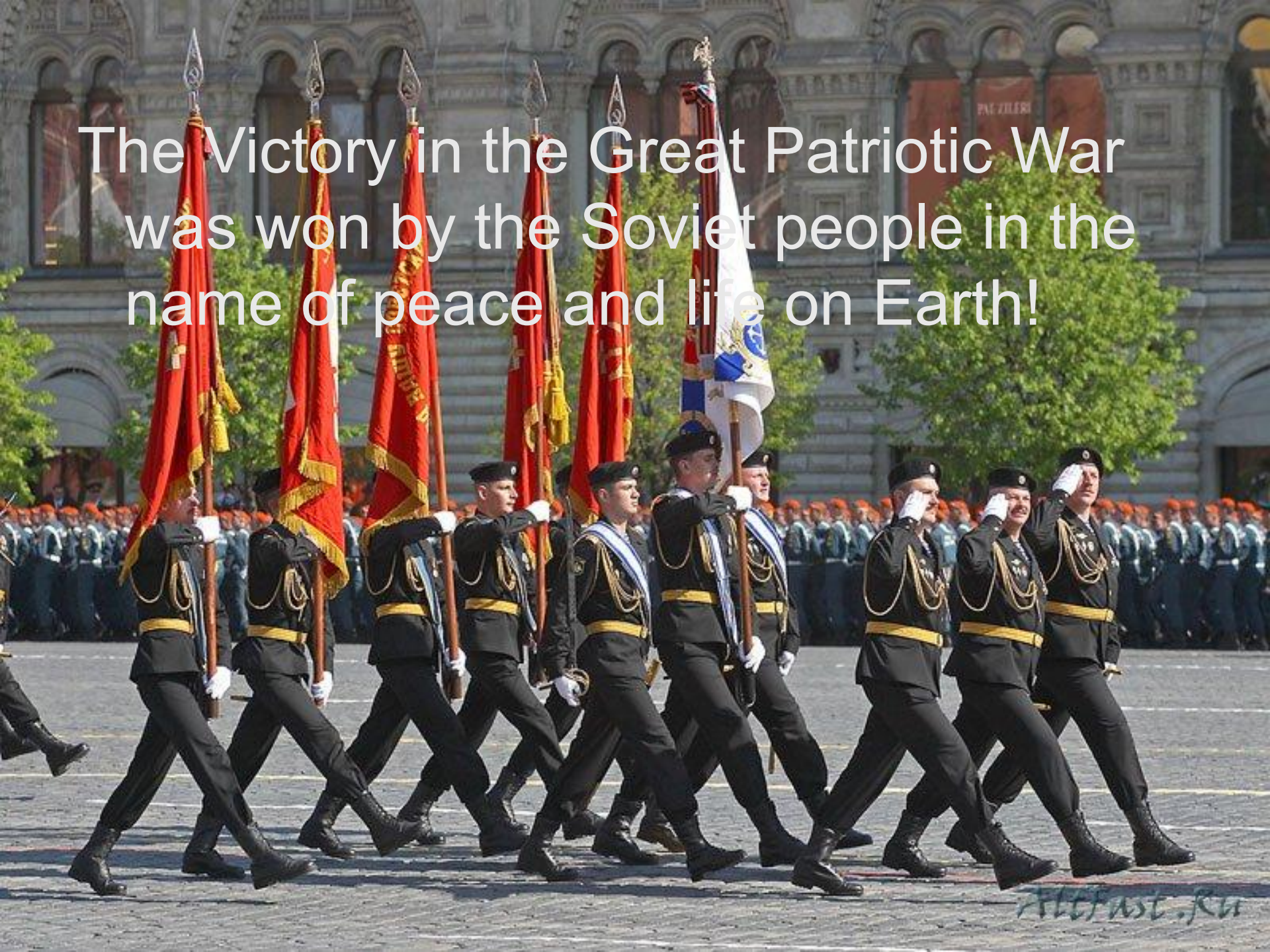
More than 20 million Soviet soldiers and people gave their lives for the sake of the freedom of many foreign countries.



It was a victory won by the Soviet people
who rose to the defence of their
Motherland!



The Victory in the Great Patriotic War
was won by the Soviet people in the
name of peace and life on Earth!



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