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**Best Selling-Author, M.G. Crisci, receives Defense Attaché Medal at the US Embassy, Moscow, for American-Russian cross cultural accomplishments**



*Two-sided United States Defense Attaché Medal.*

(MOSCOW, October) How does the son of Italian American immigrants wind up receiving the Defense Attaché Medal of accomplishment at the United States Embassy in Moscow?

First, he addresses a number of influential Russian-American groups in Washington D.C., at the United Nations and in New York City about his transformation from a successful businessman to the passionate best-selling author of two critically-acclaimed books about the hopes, dreams and wishes of ordinary Russians during the dark days of the Great Patriotic War, and within today's brighter post-perestroika social democracy.

He then travels to Moscow to discuss his journey of self-discovery first at the United States Embassy, and then repeats this discussion a day later at the American Center of Democracy on the other side of Moscow.

"As an American citizen, it was an honor to speak at both venues, and we were extremely pleased by the positive reaction from both groups during the presentation, and at the subsequent Q & A sessions," said the author.

According to American Center Director, Kore Gleason, "I've lived in Moscow for 13 years, and I can say unequivocally our members were totally engaged by M.G. passion to enhance non-political communications between our two countries, and admired his grasp of the key issues in human terms."

In separate meetings, according to the author, senior military officials at the Embassy praised the author's desire to turn his first book, the best-selling *Call Sign, White Lily*, into a major general audience co-produced by Americans and Russians that could touch the world. "Lilia, despite her tender age and against all logic, became the most successful female pilot in the history of the world. Tragically her life has been lost in time for over 60 years to all but a few military buffs," said Crisci. "Our goal is simple: to somehow, somehow to transform Lilia's bittersweet story of patriotism, love and legendary accomplishment into a part of Russia's 70<sup>th</sup> Victory Day celebration in 2015. As one official termed it, the movie, jointly produced, would be like "Russia and America catching lightning in a bottle."

### ***About M.G. Crisci***

Self-described as a New York City "Street Kid," Crisci was an award-winning journalist before becoming an accomplished business executive with Fortune 500 companies. He is an internationally recognized expert and lecturer on consumer motivation and behavior. He is also the Amazon.com best-selling author of seven books ranging from historical fiction to novels and non-fiction. His latest book, *7 Days in Russia—The Adventures of One American in Today's Federation*, has been hailed "a must read" by the *San Francisco Book Review* and the Radio Free Europe Foundation. Crisci is dedicated to developing greater understanding between Russians and Americans. He speaks worldwide on East-West relations and also serves on several cross-cultural groups. Please visit [mgcrisci.com](http://mgcrisci.com) for more information on *Call Sign, White Lily, Seven Days*, or M.G. Crisci.