



The Arctic Emblem.

The first Arctic Emblems were presented to Veterans on 10 October 2006 as a mark of the Nation's gratitude for the heroism they displayed in the face of terrible hardship on the Arctic Convoys of World War Two.

The Arctic Emblem was specially commissioned to commemorate the service of Merchant Seamen and members of the Armed Forces in the icy waters of the Arctic Region between 3 September 1939 and 8 May 1945.

Those who served in the Arctic regions were often subjected to especially dangerous circumstances including extreme weather conditions and determined resistance from German forces.

The Arctic Emblem consists of a small white enamelled star with a red dot in the centre representing the fields of the flags of Russia and Norway. It has an arc with the words "The Arctic" above the centre.

Since 2006 over 9,500 Arctic Emblems have been issued.