

GENERAL SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS  
Guidelines for the Wearing and Use of Society Insignia

In response to many requests, the following summary of the official rules and regulations governing the wearing and use of the Society insignia and related items as prescribed by the General Council, is published for the information and guidance of our members. It is earnestly desired that all conform therewith, to the end that the prestige and esprit of our Society be maintained, and the dignity of its proud background be enhanced.

Evening attire (dinner jacket or full evening dress) is customarily worn to all Courts and Banquets of the Society. It is desirable that General Society officers and members officially participating in such occasions wear full evening dress.

Attire for formal day occasions follows the dictates of good taste and social usage.

Uniforms of the armed forces, service or dress, may be worn by those entitled to do so, to any social function of the Society.

The insignia of the Society are worn only as prescribed below in accordance with the regulations of the General Council:

(a) **Rosette:** The rosette, a small bowknot ribbon in the Society colors of scarlet and white, designed to be worn on the left lapel of the suit coat, jacket, or blazer (but never on a topcoat), may be worn during business or social hours. It may be worn with the dinner coat, but not if other decorations are worn.

(b) **The Society Medal:** Miniature or full size. The insigne of the Society consists of a badge pendant from a drape ribbon in the Society colors. It shall be worn with formal attire by members on any occasion when they assemble for a stated purpose or celebration and may be worn on any ceremonial occasion. When worn on formal occasions it is centered on the left lapel or breast of the coat, about four inches below the top of the shoulder. It is never worn on the waistcoat or overcoat. Members who are or have been officers of a State Society, including Gentlemen of the Council, may wear the full size medal pendant from a State Society Officer's neck ribbon in the Society's colors. In such cases the medal is to

be drawn up close below the knot of the tie. When worn on the breast with other Society medals all must be of the same size.

(c) **War Service Cross:** Miniature or full size. Worn on formal occasions on the left breast or lapel of the coat to the left of and on a line with the Society Medal. May be worn when the medal is not worn. Those members who participated in the War in Iraq or Afghanistan, the Gulf War, the Vietnam conflict, the Korean War, or the First or Second World War, are entitled to wear a bronze star on the ribbon of the War Service Cross. This applies even if the individual joined the Society of Colonial Wars subsequent to the termination of these wars. When worn on the breast with other Society medals all must be of the same size.

(d) **State Society Color Guard Medal:** Worn on formal occasions on the left breast of the lapel of the coat to the left of and on a line with the Society Medal and/or War Cross. May be worn when other medals are not worn.

(e) **Governor's Star and other star orders:** Worn by the Governor with formal attire upon occasions of official or formal ceremony. Worn on the left front of the jacket immediately above the waistline. Other order stars (but no more than four) are worn below, however, when attending an occasion when these orders take precedence, the Governor's Star is worn below them. For example, if attending a French government function, one would wear the Légion d'Honneur in pride of place over any other orders, decorations, or medals.

(f) **Governor's Medal:** Worn by the Governor upon official occasions of formal ceremony May also be worn by a special representative of the Governor when in official attendance at functions of other Societies.

(g) **Former Governor's Star:** Worn by ex-Governors of this Society, pursuant to the provisions of (e) above.

(h) **General Officer's Sash:** Worn only by officers and past officers of the General Society on formal occasions. The sash extends over the right shoulder diagonally to the left hip with the Society medal pendant from the bow at the intersection of the ends over the hip. With full evening dress, the sash is worn under the coat. With formal day wear (cutaway coat), the sash is similarly worn. The sash is not worn with dinner jacket or sack coat.

(i) **Chaplain's Cross:** Worn by the Chaplain upon formal occasions. The cross is worn suspended from a neck ribbon in the Society colors.

(j) **Samuel Victor Constant Fellow pin:** A pin worn by those elected to the fellowship named in honor of the founding organizer of the Society of Colonial Wars. The pin may be worn on the left lapel of the coat on informal and formal occasions.

(k) **Society necktie:** A necktie in Society colors in four-in-hand and bow styles may be worn during business or social hours. The bow tie maybe worn with the dinner coat to informal parties and meetings of the Society as well as to formal affairs.

(l) **Cummerbund:** A cummerbund in the Society colors may be worn with the dinner coat to informal parties and meetings of the Society as well as to formal affairs. It may be worn with the dinner coat on any other informal occasion at the member's option.

(m) **Blazer patch:** An embroidered cloth patch with clutch back may be worn with informal dress during business or social hours.

(n) **Other insignia:** When other insignia or medals are worn with the Society's insigne on ceremonial occasions, all should be in one horizontal line on the left lapel or breast of the coat. To assure proper alignment the medals should be mounted on a single bar; this bar should never be longer than the distance between the top of the left lapel of the coat and the left armhole seam; the medals may be overlapped on the left edges on a single bar to conserve space, or multiple rows of medals may be mounted.

The foregoing applies whether the insignia in question are full size or miniature. It should be noted moreover that when more than one medal

is worn, all must be of the same size; miniature and full size insignia are not aligned together. (This restriction does not apply to the neck ribbon insigne, which is always full size.)

(o) **Order of wearing:** Orders, decorations and medals are worn in the following order, from the wearer's right to left

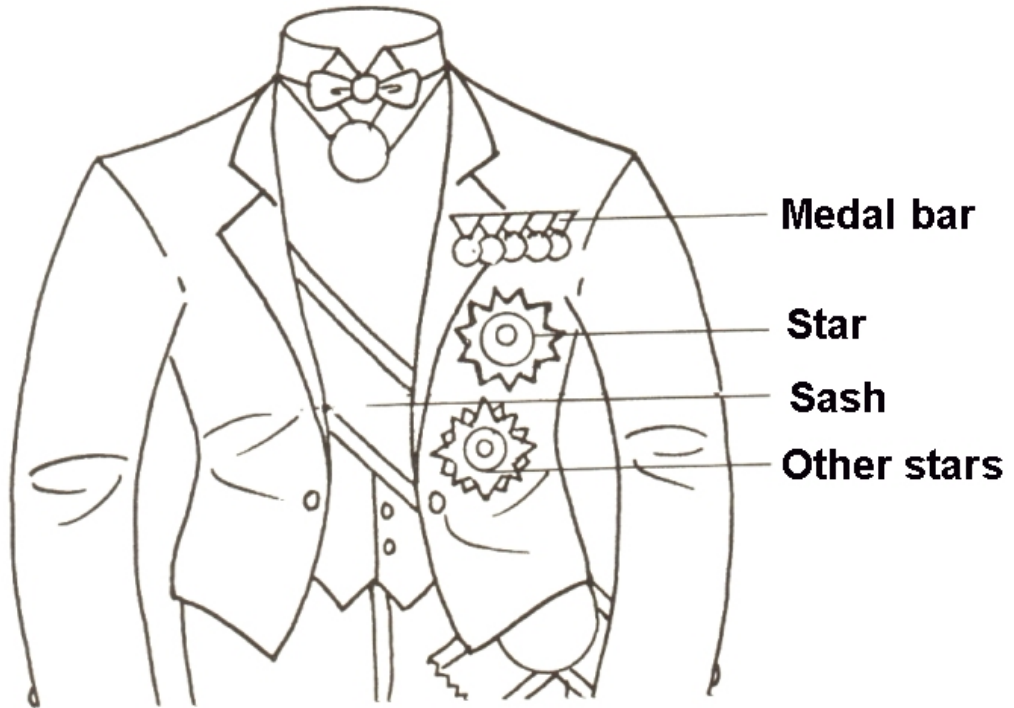
- a. Orders,
- b. Decorations of honor,
- c. Federal decorations of honor or valor in order of precedence,
- d. Federal campaign medals in chronological order,
- e. State decorations,
- f. State campaign medals,
- g. State organizational and long-service medals,
- h. Insignia of patriotic and veteran's societies, in order of precedence

(p) (e), (f), (g), and (h) above are never worn on Federal uniforms except on appropriate occasions of related significance.

(q) Insignia are never worn on the overcoat except when specifically so ordered. Members may obtain all Society insignia upon application to their State Secretaries. The latest information on the availability and prices of Society insignia appears regularly in The Gazette.

All sales of Society insignia are made upon condition that members who resign or are expelled will return their insignia to their State Secretaries. Insignia of deceased members may be so returned upon such terms and conditions as each State Society may elect. Society insignia retained by the family of a former member as keepsakes may not be worn by anyone other than another member in good standing who is entitled to wear such.

A member should report the loss or theft of Society insignia to his State Secretary without delay. Such articles often come into the possession of dealers in second-hand merchandise who offer them for public sale. Any member having knowledge of such offerings should immediately report the circumstances to his State Secretary.



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