

CONNECTICUT AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE

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UNIFORM AND REGALIA

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The Legion cap, uniform or regalia should be worn by its members only when

- a. in attendance at official Legion meetings or ceremonies
- b. as official guests at patriotic or other civil functions
- c. by individuals when officially representing The American Legion on public occasions.

For all Ceremonies, the uniforms adopted by a department are recommended. However, an official American Legion cap, dark blue or black civilian coat, dark trousers, white shirt, black four-in-hand tie, black shoes and socks, make a very attractive uniform. A Legionnaire is considered to be in uniform if wearing an official American Legion cap. Therefore, it is not proper to wear an American Legion cap while eating a meal at an official American Legion or civic luncheon or dinner.



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The cap should be worn in a place of worship only by the guard of honor, color guard and commander of same while in marching order or standing guard. When returned to and seated in pews, the cap should be removed.

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Legion posts marching in formation into a place of worship should uncover, at the door, hold the cap with the right hand over the heart until the arrival in the pews and commanded to take seats, remaining uncovered during the entire service. At the close of the service, upon command, the post shall arise, the members holding the cap with the right hand over the heart will march out of the place of worship and recover after marching through the door.

Note: The hat should be held over the heart as one approaches the casket, and is not at any time worn in a place of worship except by the guard of honor, color guard or commander of same while in marching order or standing guard.

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Legionnaires not in formation will uncover upon entering the place of worship and remain uncovered during the entire service and will re-cover after leaving the place of worship.

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At the graveside the cap should be held in the right hand over the heart during the entire service. In cold and inclement weather, the cap should not be doffed.

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In Legion meetings the cap should be worn except during moments of the —Pledge of Allegiance, prayer, and when standing in silent reverence in memory of departed comrades (including the POW/MIA service, when the cap should be held with the right hand over the heart.

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A Legionnaire wearing the cap should behave in proper accordance as to salutes, etc., the same as if the member was wearing the military uniform. If not wearing the Legion cap, the ordinary rules of etiquette for civilian dress should be observed.

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Female members of The American Legion should wear their caps in the manner prescribed for female personnel of the armed services. This is suitable for most situations, but...taste and common sense should prevail. By American Legion tradition, a female Legionnaire is afforded the opportunity to leave her cap on during the Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, prayer and during meals. No national authority can be found which mandates the removal of the cap by female Legionnaires during such occasions.

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Legionnaires wishing to attach decorations and/or other official insignia to their caps are advised of the following excerpts of a National Executive Committee resolution on this subject.

POST CAPS

Members and Officers

All blue, piped in gold and lettered in gold with optional basic lettering (Style 1 or Style 2), additional lettering and restrictions as indicated below:

Style 1 - Post numerals at right front between piping and front crease. Department name in full on left side beneath emblem. Lettering on emblem side to be in straight line. Example: 20 (at right front)—Illinois (on left side beneath emblem).

Style 2 - Post numerals at right front between piping and front crease. Town name in full and department abbreviated on left side beneath emblem. Lettering on emblem side to be in straight line. Example: 20 (at right front)—Minneapolis, Minn. (on left side beneath emblem).

Style 2 - Shall not be used when the post town is not physically located within the recognized geographic and/or postal boundaries of the department of which the post is a member. Example: Stuttgart, Germany, a part of the Department of France. Such a post may place its location and country on the right side of the cap, if desired. Example: 8 (at right front) France (on left side beneath emblem) if desired, —Munich, Germany (on right side).

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Where any additional lettering is desired, this must be on the right side of cap. This lettering is restricted to name of post, such as —J.S. Jones, or officer title, such as Commander or Past Adjutant. Where present or past officer cap insignia or badges are used in place of embroidered titles, these must be on right side of cap.

Consecutive membership insignia, membership stars, and/or decorations (authorized American Legion or military services) must be attached to the right side of cap. Fraternal or civil organization insignia cannot be used on American Legion caps.

Names or nicknames of individual members cannot be used on caps.

An individual member placing an order direct with National Emblem Sales must provide the member I.D. number.

POST



COUNTY



DISTRICT



DEPARTMENT



NATIONAL



Regular Crown
Traditional Legion style



Fort Knox crown
Often worn with crown pushed down in the center, leaving cap pointing up at front and back ends



Women's crown
Modified for Lady Legionnaires



RESTRICTIONS

The left side (emblem side) of any American Legion cap cannot contain other than the official American Legion emblem, and lettering as set forth previously in this resolution for post, county, district, department or national caps.

No member of any organization, such as drum and bugle corps, bands, and so forth, sponsored by any post or intermediate organizations between the department and post levels, or by any department, shall wear the overseas caps having the color, or combination of colors, authorized for the sole use of county, district, department or national officers, when the members of uniformed groups are not appearing in the full uniform of their group.

OFFICIAL BADGES

Campaign ribbons, medals, and official American Legion badges shall be worn three inches below the point of the shoulder and above the left breast pocket, centered; provided, however, that medals and ribbons are not to be worn together.

Badges of other fraternal organizations are not to be worn on uniforms except when attending functions of such organizations. No other badges or insignia are to be worn.

Commander: The American Legion emblem suspended by The American Legion ribbon from a bar on which there shall be the word Commander.

Past Commander: The American Legion emblem suspended by The American Legion ribbon from a bar on which there shall be the words Past Commander.

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The metal ornaments for the ribbons should be made with pin back so they can be passed from officer to officer at the time of the new installation.

Each member of each individual post should be encouraged to possess the official American Legion overseas cap with The American Legion emblem, the department, and the number of the post on same.