GENERAL SOCIETY SONS OF THE REVOLUTION
INSIGNIA

GSSR Constitution, Article XIV

The Insignia (Society Medal) of the Society **shall** be worn by the members on **all** occasions when they assemble as such for **any** stated purpose or celebration, and **may** be worn on **any** occasion of ceremony; it shall be carried conspicuously on the left breast, **but…** (All Society members)

members who are or have been officers of the Society **may** wear the Insignia suspended from the ribbon around the neck. (All Society officers)

Members who are or have been General Officers **may** wear the badge, **with formal attire** suspended from a broad sash approximately four inches in width. (General Society officers)

General observations

1. On occasion, all members of the Society identify themselves by wearing a form of the Insignia of the Society.
2. The degree of formality of the occasion determines what form of Insignia the Society member wears.
3. The office a Society member holds or has held determines what form of Insignia he wears

Different variations of insignia

1. The embroidered pocket patch is an insignia and can be worn with or without the Rosette
2. The Rosette is an "undress" Insignia. There are different variations of Rosette
3. The Society Medal described in **GSSR Constitution**, **Article XIII and XIV** is an Insignia. When combined with a ribbon and worn on the left breast it is called a Society Badge. When combined with a ribbon and worn around the neck it is called a Society Medal pendant.
4. The Society Medal may be worn for **any** stated purpose or celebration, and **may** be worn on **any** occasion of ceremony. *Per Society Constitution*
5. The Former President's Star worn by current and past presidents is an insignia
6. The General President's Star worn by the current General Society President is an insignia

Formality and how it applies to the wearing of the Insignia

****This is not all inclusive; the occasion and the membership determine what Insignia is most appropriate for an event****

1. **Informal Blazer with Society Tie**
   Insignia options:

a. Pocket Patch (left breast) *All Society members*
b. Rosette (varying types) (left lapel buttonhole) *All Society members*
c. Pocket Patch and Rosette (see above for placement) *All Society members*

2. **Semi-Formal Dress Coat** (dinner coat and/or black coat and tie)
   Insignia options:
   a. Society Badge (left breast) *All Society members*
   b. Society Medal pendant (with neck ribbon if wearer is/was Society officer) *Society Officers*
   c. Former President's Star (left breast)
   d. Former President's Star pendant (with neck ribbon if wearer is/was Society Officer)
   e. General President Star (left breast)

3. **Formal Dress Coat** (short coat/white tie)
   a. Society Badge (left breast) *All Society Members*
   b. Society Medal pendant (with neck ribbon if wearer is/was State Society officer) *State Society Officers*
   c. Society Medal (attached to four-inch sash) *General Society Officers*
   d. Color Guard (?)
   e. Former President's Star (left breast)
   f. Former President's Star pendant (with neck ribbon if wearer is/was Past President)
   g. General President Star with four-inch sash (left breast)

The General Society
Sons of the Revolution

REGULATIONS
for wearing
INSIGNIA

Dress Code Committee
Of the
General Society
Sons of the Revolution

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This summary of the official regulations and recommendations governing the wearing of the Insignia of the Society supplements the provisions of Article XIII (and XIV[1]) of the constitution of the General society of the Sons of the Revolution, and is published for the information and guidance of all concerned.

Officers and members are enjoined to comply with the official regulations at all times, to the end that uniformity may be observed in the use of Insignia and the dignity of our Society maintained.

Insignia

The various regular Insignia of the General Society of the Sons of the Revolution are worn only as prescribed herein, in accordance with regulations established by the General Society. All Insignia should be clean, in good repair, and present a neat and orderly appearance at all times. Disorder, disarray, or soiled ribbons are considered incompatible with the dignity of the Society.

The Rosette (standard or miniature size) is worn only on informal occasions, and is displayed in the left lapel of the sack coat or dinner coat—never on a topcoat. It may be worn daily during business or social hours.

When the Rosette is worn at informal meetings of the Society or other groups, no insignia of any other organization may be worn at the same time. If a member appears in dinner coat at a formal "white or black tie" function at which "decorations" are indicated, he may not wear the Rosette, whether or not he wears other decorations.

[1] GSSR Constitution, Article XIII describes the Insignia and its components; Article XIV describes how the Insignia is worn.

Society Badge – The Badge of the Society consists of the Society Medal pendant from a ribbon in the Society colors. It is worn on the left breast of the coat (off lapel, if possible), about four inches below the top of the shoulder. The Society Badge is worn only with formal day attire (cutaway or braided short day coat), full evening dress, or dinner coat (including the summer dinner coat).

The Society Badge is not worn with the sack coat, nor is the Society Medal ever worn pendant from the Neck Ribbon or otherwise with a sack coat except on occasion when members assemble as such for any stated purpose or celebration and may be worn on any occasion of ceremony.

State Officer's Neck Ribbon – Members who are or have been Officers of a State Society wear the Society Medal pendant from a Neck Ribbon in the Society colors on formal occasions.

The neck ribbon should fit snugly, with the Medal drawn up close below the knot of the tie. When the Neck Ribbon is worn with formal day attire, a black bow tie is worn.

General Officer's Sash – The Sash is worn only by Officers or former Officers of the General Society on formal occasions. It extends from the right shoulder diagonally to left hip, with the Society Medal pendant from the prescribed bow at the intersection of the ends of the Sash over the hip.

The Sash is worn *under* the coat and *over* the waistcoat with formal day wear (cutaway only) or full evening dress. It is never worn with the braided short day coat or any form of sack coat, nor is it ever worn with the dinner coat.

The Sash may *not* be worn when the President Star is worn, except by the General President.

Generally speaking, it is recommended that at all General Society functions, or when the General President or other General Officers are entertained as Honor Guests at State Society functions, those Members entitled to wear the General Officer's Sash should do so, with the exception of the State President who should wear his Star. otherwise, at State Society functions, it is recommended that such Members wear the State decorations to which they are entitled.

For the convenience of those who may have occasion to display the Society Medal in more than one of its three forms of suspension, all Badge Ribbons, Neck Ribbons, and the General Officers' Sashes should be furnished with hooks or catches to facilitate the shifting of the Society Medal from one ribbon to another. It is to be noted, however, that the hook or catch should remain with its ribbon, and the Medal alone should be shifted.

President's Star – The President's Star is the distinctive Insignia of the General President and Presidents of State Societies. It is worn with formal attire upon occasions of official or formal ceremony, and it is *invariably* displayed on the left front of the coat immediately above the waistline. No other device, emblem or

decorations may be worn as indicative of the General President or the President of a State Society.

When appropriate in the judgment of a President, the President's Star may be worn with the braided short day coat or the dinner coat (including the summer dinner coat), but *always* in the prescribed position.

When the Star is worn with the black cutaway, the braided short day coat, full evening dress, or the dinner coat, by a State President, the Neck Ribbon with the Society Medal pendant is worn. However, on those occasions when decorations are not generally indicated, but the President is functioning in an official capacity, celebration, or presiding, the President's Star may be worn alone, without any other Insignia.

The President's Star is *never* worn with the General Officer's Sash, except by the General President.

Former President's Star – This specially designed miniature Star is worn by former Presidents of State Societies. The same regulations apply as those for wearing the President's Star, except that this Star may be worn with the General Officer's Sash.

Honorary General President's Star – This specially designed miniature Star is worn By Honorary General Presidents. The same regulations apply as those for wearing the President's Star, except that this Star may be worn by an Honorary President General with the General Officer's Sash.

General Presidents and Honorary General Presidents who have previously served as Presidents of their State Societies may also wear the appropriate State Star of such office immediately beneath the General Society Star.

Color Guard Badge – This Badge is worn by Members or past Members of State Color Guard on formal and ceremonious occasions, under conditions of service as prescribed by each State Society. On formal occasions a one and one half inch wide ribbon on colors of the Society may be suspended under the vest diagonally across the shirt front.

Miniature Insignia - The Society Badge in miniature size may be worn only on the left breast. These Miniature Insignia are worn under the same conditions, with respect to functions and attire, as the regular Society Badge.

When more than one medal are worn, all must be of the same size; miniature and full size insignia are not worn on the breast at the same time. However, Sash and Neck Ribbon Insignia of the Society are always full size, and are worn independently of other Insignia.

Other Insignia

When other decorations and medals are worn with the Society's Insignia on ceremonial occasions, all should be in proper order from right to left in one horizontal line across the upper left breast and/or lapel of the coat. To assure proper alignment the Insignia should be mounted on a single metal bar fastened to the coat; this bar should never be longer than the distance between the inner edge of the left lapel of the coat and the left armhole seam. Medals may be overlapped on the right edges to conserve space if necessary.

The number of insignia that may be worn simultaneously is largely a matter of taste, but in conformity with the best official standards of ceremonial practice it is suggested that no more than one row of insignia be so displayed. The foregoing applies irrespective of whether the insignia in question are full size or miniature. However, when multiple Federal Decorations are worn, together with multiple Society Insignia, the former may be worn in a row above the latter.

Decorations and medals are worn in the following orders of precedence from the wearer's right to left:

Federal Decorations of Honor or Valor - Medal of Honor (on Neck Ribbon only); Distinguished Service Cross; Distinguished Service Medal; Silver Star; Legion of Merit; Distinguished Flying Cross; Soldier's Medal; Bronze Star; Air Medal; Commendation Medal; Purple Heart; Gold Life Saving Medal; Medal for Merit; Silver Life Saving Medal; National Security Medal; Medal of Freedom; Distinguished Civilian Service Medal; Outstanding Civilian Service Medal; Good conduct Medal.

Federal Campaign Medals – Mexican Service; Mexican Border Service; Victory Medal (WWI); Occupation of Germany (WWI); American Defense Service; U.S. Theatre, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre, European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre (in order in which earned). Victory Medal (WWII); Occupation of Germany or Japan (WWII); Medal for Humane Action; National Defense Service; Korean Service; Dominican Republic Service; Viet Nam Service; Armed Forces Expeditionary; Armed Forces Reserve; United Nations Service; United Nations Medal.

State Decorations

State Campaign Medals

State organization and Long-service Medals

Insignia of Hereditary Patriotic and Veterans Societies, in chronological order of precedence; St. Andrew's Society; St. George's Society; Order of the Cincinnati; Veteran Crops of Artillery; War of 1812; New England Society; St. Nicholas Society; St. David's Society; Loyal Legion; Sons of the Revolution; Huguenot Society; Holland Society; Sons of the American Revolution; Society of Colonial Wars; Society of Mayflower Descendants; Military Order of Foreign Wars; Colonial Society of Pennsylvania; Founders and Patriots; Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence; Colonial Lords of the Manor; Military Order of World Wars.

(Note — State Decorations, State Medals and/or Insignia of Societies are never worn on Federal uniforms except on appropriate occasion of related significance.)

Foreign Decorations – Foreign decorations take precedence immediately following all U.S. decorations, and service medals. Order of precedence of foreign decorations will be the order in which they were awarded.

Insignia are never worn on the topcoat or overcoat except when specifically so ordered.

Special Insignia

In addition to the prescribed Insignia for general use by all members of the Society, several State Societies have established special insignia in the form of appropriate badges, fourrageres, etc., for their Stewards and Color Guards, it is suggested that the following general rules be observed:

Special and Chapter Badge – Worn on formal occasions exclusively, on the left breast of the coat, to the left of and on a line with the Society Medal. May be worn when other medals are not worn.

Fourragere – Worn on formal occasions, over the left shoulder. The knot of the cord is pinned to the coat at the point of intersection of the left shoulder seam of the coat and the outer edge of the coat collar. The braided portion of the cord passes down and under the left arm; the two single cords hang over the outside of the upper left arm; the Ferrule is pendant over the left breast. The Fourragere may be worn on the overcoat at official functions in the open air.

In addition to the Rosette, the General Society has approved special insignia for optional use by Members on informal occasions. The following Insignia may be worn, with or without the Rosette at informal meetings of the Society or other groups:

Society Necktie – A necktie of special design in the Society colors has been approved by the General Society and is available through State Society Secretaries in four-in-hand and bow styles. These ties may be worn informally by all members at their option during business or social hours.

The bow tie may be worn with the dinner coat to informal parties and meetings of the Society, as well as to formal affairs.

Society Blazer Patch – A special design blazer patch of the Society Insignia is available through State Society Secretaries in a clutch back which may be moved from one jacket to another. The blazer patch may be worn informally by all members at their option during business or social hours, and at informal parties and meetings of the Society, but never with sack suit, dinner coat or formal attire.

General Regulations

The selection and wearing of attire appropriate to day or evening functions of the Society is left to the discretion of individual Members, as determined by the dictates of good taste and accepted social usage.

However, as banquets and related evening festivities traditionally are regarded as formal occasions, acceptable formal evening attire (i.e., dinner coat or evening full dress) is customarily worn at such functions.

When hot weather conditions make preferable the use of white dinner coats or dinner coats of other lightweight material, as determined by the State President, all Insignia may be worn as heretofore provided, with the exception of the General Officer's Sash.

It should be remembered that the Insignia of the Society are never to be worn as articles of jewelry, and that only Members of the Society are at liberty to wear them.

The Latest information on the availability of Society Insignia, prices, and the names and addresses of suppliers may be obtained from the Society's website at http://www.sr1776.org/forms/HamiltonJewelersOrderForm.pdf

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

A Member should report the loss or theft of Society Insignia to his State Secretary without delay. Such articles occasionally 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 who will arrange for appropriate corrective action to be taken.

General President Emeritus James Shannon 1979-1982

Short Coat/White Tie Presidents Star at Waist w/ Four Inch Sash

SR Insignia medal at tip of sash

General and State President's Star

Former President's Star

SR Insignia Medal w/ Pendant Ribbon

SR Insignia Medal

SR Insignia Badge

9 mm Rosette

9mm Rosette with 13 diamond backing

10 mm Rosette

SR Blazer Patch