

Dress Manual

1. The following regulations describe the recommended dress for Association and other activities. The organizer of the function should specify the Order of Dress keeping in mind these are suggestions only and are not mandatory. Please understand only articles of clothing officially recognized by the Veterans' Association and the RCMP are the Wedge Cap, the official headdress, and the Veterans Crest.

2. The following items of clothing are worn by male or female Veterans and considered part of the Veterans Dress attire:

- Red Blazer (Association's Crest on left breast pocket)
- Blue Blazer (Association's Crest on left breast pocket)
- Wedge Cap
- RCMP Tartan Cap
- Black Pipe Band Hat
- Light Blue Beret – for members who served with United Nations
- Regimental Tie
- Tartan Tie
- Blue Tie
- Black Bow Tie
- Tartan Bow Tie
- White Dress Shirt
- White Tuxedo Shirt
- Dark Blue or Black Pants / Skirt
- Tuxedo Black Pants
- Gray Pants / Skirt
- Black Cummerbund
- RCMP Tartan Cummerbund
- RCMP Tartan Kilt
- Dark Blue or Black floor length skirt
- White Gloves

Order No. 1 – Working / Business Dress

- Red Blazer (preferred)
- Blue Blazer
- White Dress Shirt
- Regimental Tie (RCMP Tartan Tie Optional)
- Dark Blue or Black Pants / Skirt with Red Blazer
- Gray Pants / Skirt with Blue Blazer
- Black Belt (with or without Crest)
- Black Socks
- Neutral coloured ladies hose
- Black Shoes, Oxfords or Pumps

If a Veteran is not in possession of a blazer, the following attire is suggested in order of preference:

- Business Suit
- Sports Jacket
- Best outfit for the occasion preferably with tie
- Cocktail dress or other clothing appropriate for the occasion

Order No. 2 – Walking Out Dress

The following dress attire is recommended for wear when on Parade or Ceremonial events.

- Red Blazer – preferred
- Blue Blazer
- Medals (Full)
- Regimental Tie
- Wedge Cap
- Dark Blue or Black Pants / Skirt with Red Blazer
- Gray pants / Skirt with Blue Blazer
- Black Belt (with or without Crest)
- Black Socks
- Neutral coloured ladies hose
- Black Shoes, Oxfords or Pumps
- White gloves for those in a Colour Party

The Blue Beret may be worn as head dress at Remembrance Day and official United Nations ceremonies.

Order No. 3 – Formal Dress

The following dress attire is recommended be worn at social functions in a Formal or Semi Formal Setting:

- Red or Blue Blazer
- White Dress Shirt
- Miniature Medals (Full Medals Optional)
- Black Bow Tie (RCMP Tartan Bow Tie Optional)
- Black Cumberbund (Optional)
- RCMP Tartan Cumberbund (Optional)
- RCMP Tartan Tie (Regimental Tie Optional)
- Black Belt (with or without Crest)
- Dark Blue or Black Pants/ Skirt with Red Blazer
- Gray Pants / Skirt with Blue Blazer
- Dark Blue or Black floor length skirt – Female
- Black Socks
- Neutral coloured ladies hose
- Black Shoes, Oxfords or Pumps

Wearing of Pins / Ribbons with Orders of Dress

- **Veterans Service Pins** (Veterans' Crest with positions worked and years in Association) should be worn on the right lapel of the Red or Blue Blazer and can be worn with any of the Orders of Dress.
- **Mourning Ribbon** should be worn on the left lapel between the buttonhole and the top of the breast pocket. It may be worn while attending Federal, Provincial or RCMP Memorial Parades / Ceremonies and funerals. The Mourning Ribbon is a Black and Blue Ribbon held by the pin of the Canadian Police Association. Optional pins holding the ribbon may be the Canadian Flag or the Crest of the Veterans Association.
- **The Poppy** may be worn while attending Remembrance Day Ceremonies / Parades and funerals. The Poppy is worn on the Wedge Cap, left side behind the Badge. Should the Wedge Cap not be worn, the Poppy is worn high on the left lapel.
- A Maple Leaf Pin may be worn during Canada Day celebrations on the left lapel higher than the medals.

Veterans who received authority to wear uniform upon retirement may wish to wear the regular RCMP Dress Uniform during parade, formal and/or social events. Note Page 4.

Mounting and Wearing of Large and Miniature Medals

3. A common problem when having medals mounted is what length the mounted medals should be. Our military mount theirs at 4 inches in total length. However, as the Force's roots come from the British Calvary our medals should be mounted a total length 8.9 centimetres (as per RCMP Uniform Dress Manual) or 3 ½ inches. The measurement of the medals is the total length from top to bottom.

Full size medals are to be attached to the Red or Blue blazer over top / above the left breast pocket with the bottom of the medal(s) one quarter inch above the pocket line centered above the crest. Medals may also be worn when wearing civilian attire over top / above the left breast pocket.

Miniature medals should be attached to the left lapel and ONLY worn during evening social functions and NOT at official functions such as parades and Remembrance Day services.

“...The RCMP Uniform and Dress Manual also specifies the occasions when the wearing of the RCMP Uniform by authorized retired or medically discharged members may occur. These occasions are:

- (a) Semi-formal meeting with the Governor General
- (b) RCMP funeral / memorial / church service
- (c) Parade
- (d) State ceremony including funeral
- (e) Formal meeting with the Royal Family, the Governor General or a Lieutenant Governor
- (f) Award Investiture
- (g) Commissioners Commendation
- (h) Regimental or a Mess Dinner
- (i) New Year's Levee
- (j) Members Wedding

Other occasions when representing the RCMP as the result of an official invitation, with no remuneration, and, in the approving officer's opinion, the occasion is appropriate for the circumstances and adverse publicity or public reaction is not foreseeable.”