



# CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS & AUXILIARY

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## National Uniform Regulations

***THESE REGULATIONS AS AMENDED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2023 SUPERCEDE ALL OTHER PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED UNIFORM RULES AND REGULATIONS AND APPLY TO ALL MEMBERSHIP UNITS OF THE CWV EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. EXCEPT WHERE SPECIFICALLY NOTED HEREIN, SUBORDINATE ECHELONS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO ADOPT MODIFIED VERSIONS OF THESE REGULATIONS FOR LOCAL USE.***

Authority for establishing and enforcing these regulations is found in the CWV National Constitution as stated below:

**ARTICLE XI, SECTION 4,** *“The National Department shall establish the standard of design, color, material and each other item attendant to any uniform, medal, award, or citation of this organization.”*

Recommended changes to these regulations must be submitted to the National Standards Committee at least one month prior to a scheduled National Board of Officers meeting. The Standards Committee will present the change request to the Board of Officers with a recommended action for vote. All changes to this document must be approved by the Board of Officers by majority vote.

## **Section 1: National Uniform Sets**

All Catholic War Veteran uniform items designated as “organizationally purchased items” below **must** be purchased from authorized licensed Catholic War Veteran official suppliers, approved by the National Board of Officers. Items not marked as “organizationally purchased items” may be purchased from local vendors.

Uniforms must be worn so as to present a clean, neat, and professional appearance at all times. When worn while standing or walking, the Dress Blazer will be worn buttoned.

### **Men’s Standard Dress Uniform:**

- **Dress Shirt:** solid white, Poplin type, collared without buttons, short or long-sleeved, button-down front, with or without breast area pockets. May use standard or CWV custom buttons (*organizationally purchased item*). *Shirts with breast pockets will be similar in design to the industry recognized “Aviator” or “Pilot” style.*
- **Dress Trousers:** solid Black, cuffed or un-cuffed. “Jeans” type pants will not be worn.
- **Dress Belt:** solid black, “military web type” or solid black leather, with silver or gold finished plain buckle. Belt width will not exceed 1 inch.
- **4-in-hand Tie:** (*organizationally purchased item*), solid blue or black, Gold for National Officers, with embroidered CWV Celtic Cross emblem.
- **Dress Socks:** solid black, calf-height. (*other colored socks may be worn if they are not visible at any time*)
- **Dress Shoes / Boots:** solid black, leather, shined appearance.
- **Dress Blazer:** Two Button Single Breasted Navy Blue with CWV custom buttons, CWV Celtic Cross pocket Slip Badge or magnetic Badge or with the CWV emblem embroidered centered upon the left breast pocket.
  - Awards and decorations will be worn in either medal or ribbon form. Do not mix medals and ribbons.
  - If CWV award medals are worn, all medals will be full-sized. If only U.S. awards and decorations are worn, the wearer may choose either full-sized or miniature-sized medals. (*see Section 2, Sub-section A for details*)
- **Garrison Cap:** (*organizationally purchased item*), See Section 4 below for details.

### **Men’s Standard Business Uniform:**

- Collared Polo Shirt in Color chosen by the Post, Chapter, Department either Madonna Blue, Navy Blue, Royal Blue, Red, White, or Gold. With or without pockets.
- For Polo shirt with Pockets CWV emblem embroidered centered upon the right breast opposite the pocket. For shirts without pockets CWV emblem embroidered centered upon the left breast side.
- **Dress Trousers:** solid Kaki/Tan, cuffed or un-cuffed. “Jeans” type pants will not be worn.
- **Dress Belt:** solid black or Tan, “military web type” or solid black or Brown leather, with silver or gold finished plain buckle. Belt width will not exceed 1 inch.
- **Dress Socks:** solid black or tan, calf-height. (*other colored socks may be worn if they are not visible at any time*)
- **Dress Shoes / Boots:** solid black or brown, leather, shined appearance.
- **Optional:**
  - White short-sleeved undershirt is worn under the Dress Shirt.
  - The Dress Shirt will be the above described with breast area pockets.
    - Awards and decorations will be worn in ribbon form only. (*see Section 2, Sub-section A for details*)
  - 4-in-hand tie may be either of the Black or Blue color and is optional. If not worn, the top button of the Dress Shirt will be left unbuttoned.
  - Brass CWV collar insignia and / or the CWV Celtic Cross left shoulder patch (*organizationally purchased items*) are optional for local echelon adoption and wear on the Dress Shirt.

- ~The Dress Blazer is not worn.

**Men's Formal Dress Uniform:**

- Same items as Men's Standard Dress Uniform above with the following changes:
  - Replace 4-in-hand Tie with a Black Bow Tie.
  - The Garrison Cap is not worn.

**Men's National Officer Formal Dress Uniform:**

- Same items as Men's Formal Dress Uniform above with the following changes:
  - Replace the CWV Dress Blazer with a White Formal Dinner Jacket.
    - If CWV awards and decorations are worn, all medals will be full-sized. If only U.S. awards and decorations are worn, the wearer may choose either full-sized or miniature-sized medals. (see Section 2, Sub-section A for details)
  - Replace the Dress Trousers with Black Tuxedo Trousers.

**Women's Standard Dress Uniform:**

- Same items as Men's Standard Dress Uniform above with the following changes:
  - Dress Blazer may be standard men's length or women's shorter length.
    - Awards and decorations will be worn in either medal or ribbon form. Do not mix medals and ribbons.
    - If CWV award medals are worn, all medals will be full-sized. If only U.S. awards and decorations are worn, the wearer may choose either full-sized or miniature-sized medals. (see Section 2, Sub-section A for details)
  - Dress Shirt may be replaced with a similarly styled dress blouse.
  - Dress Trousers may be replaced with a similarly styled dress skirt or slacks.
  - 4-in-hand Tie may be replaced with a similarly styled neck tab type tie.
  - Dress Socks may be replaced with similarly styled black or neutral hosiery.
  - Dress shoes shall be either 1"-2" pumps or black walking type.
  - Garrison Cap will be the WAC type.

**Women's Standard Business Uniform:**

- Same items as Women's Standard Dress Uniform above with the following changes:
  - White women's undergarments are worn under the Dress Shirt or Blouse.
  - The Dress Shirt will be the above described with breast area pockets.
    - Awards and decorations will be worn in ribbon form only. (see section 2, Sub-Section A for details)
  - 4-in-hand tie or neck tab type tie in Black or Blue color is optional. If not worn, the top button of the Dress Shirt will be left unbuttoned.
  - Brass CWV collar insignia and / or the CWV Celtic Cross left shoulder patch (*organizationally purchased items*) are optional for local echelon adoption and wear on the Dress Shirt.
  - The Dress Blazer is not worn.

**Women's Formal Dress Uniform:**

- Same items as Women's Standard Dress Uniform above with the following changes:
  - The Garrison Cap is not worn.

**Women's National Officer Formal Dress Uniform:**

- Same items as Women's Formal Dress Uniform above with the following changes:
  - Replace the CWV Dress Blazer with a White Formal Dinner Jacket.
    - If CWV awards and decorations are worn, all medals will be full-sized. If only U.S. awards and decorations are worn, the wearer may choose either full-sized or miniature-sized medals. (see Section 2, Sub-section A for details)
  - Replace the Dress Trousers / Skirt with Black Dinner Skirt at tea or floor length.

## **Section 2: Wear of the Business, Dress, and Formal Uniforms**

**NO ADDITIONAL ITEMS ARE PERMITTED TO BE WORN ON THE UNIFORM EXCEPT THE SPECIFIC ITEMS DESCRIBED HEREIN.**

1. As a general rule, CWV National Uniform Sets will be worn by all members when officially representing the CWV or attending events involving the use of the CWV Ritual.
2. Every member is expected to have available, and to wear appropriately, the CWV National Uniform Set that has been so designated by the event's hosting echelon as the Uniform of the Day. Each echelon Officer of the Day is responsible for, and expected to specifically enforce, the designated Uniform of the Day guidelines for each event.
  - a. ***The Gold colored 4-in-hand tie (organizationally purchased item) is specifically designated for National Officers.***
3. The National Commander's fringe cord decoration is the only cord type decoration permitted on the Dress Blazer. It is to be worn on the left shoulder and only by the current National Commander.
4. The Men's and Women's National Officer Formal Dress Uniform is an optional uniform that is authorized to be worn by current members of the National Department's Board of Officers for special occasions as directed.
5. Recipients of the Order of St. Sebastian may wear the Order's medal to any veterans, military, or religious function. The medal should only be worn with the CWV Dress Uniforms or other civilian semi-formal or formal attire. **As the highest decoration awarded by the CWV, The Order of St. Sebastian Medal should never be worn in a casual manner and recipient members of the Order will be accorded due respect from all members.**