

## INSIGNA OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812

***Badges*** The General Society of the War of 1812 has made two types of badges available to our members: a standard (or full size) badge and a miniature badge.

The guidelines apply whether the membership badge in question is standard or miniature. It should be noted that when more than one badge is worn, all must be of the same size; standard and miniature badges are not aligned together. (This restriction does not apply to neck ribbon insignia, which are always standard size and are worn independently of other insignia).

***Standard*** The standard or full sized membership badge may be worn with informal clothing such as a business suit or a blazer and is mounted on the jacket. The badge is worn on the left breast above the pocket and centered upon it. If more than one standard badge is displayed, the badge of the most senior organization, by date of founding, is mounted toward the wearer's right. The top edge of all badges should be on an even line. No more than three standard badges should be worn simultaneously.

The standard membership badge is also appropriate for use upon a cut-away or military uniform. The regulations of the appropriate branch of service govern the permission and proper placement of the badge when it is placed upon a military uniform.

The standard membership badge is never worn with any type of miniature badge except on occasions when the standard badge is suspended from the neck. The standard badge may be displayed on an outer garment during inclement weather for identification. A standard badge is always worn mounted upon its ribbon bar on the left breast of member of the Society.

Chapter Presidents and Past Chapter Presidents (in State Societies with Chapters), State Society Presidents, Past State Society Presidents, and all past and present General Society Officers may wear the standard membership badge around their necks suspended from the official society neck ribbon. When worn with formal evening attire, the badge is to be drawn up close below the knot of the bow tie.

***Miniature*** The miniature membership badge is always worn on formal ceremonial occasions and should be in one horizontal line with other miniature badges on the left lapel or breast of the coat. To assure proper alignment, the badges should be mounted on a single bar. This bar should never be longer than the distance between the fold of the left lapel of the coat and the left armhole seam. The badges may be overlapped on the left edges to conserve space if necessary. More than one row of badges may be worn. This decision is a matter of personal taste.

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

- (1) Orders
- (2) Decorations of honor
- (3) Federal decorations of honor or valor in order of precedence
- (4) Federal campaign medals in chronological order
- (5) State decorations
- (6) State campaign medals
- (7) State organizational and long-service medals
- (8) Insignia of patriotic and veterans societies, in the order of precedence, are never worn on

Federal uniforms except on appropriate occasions of related significance. Insignia are never worn on the overcoat except when specifically ordered

***Sash*** The President General, Past Presidents General, and other General officers may wear our four-inch wide sash while they are in office. All General Officers Emeritus may also use the "broad" sash. All current and past state society presidents may wear a two and three quarter inch wide sash.

Both sashes extend over the right shoulder diagonally to the left hip. A society membership badge may be displayed upon the rosette of the sash at the wearer's pleasure.

With full evening dress, the sash is worn under the coat and over the waistcoat. With formal wear (cut-away coat), the sash is similarly worn. With uniforms, the sash is worn over the coat. The sash is not worn with a dinner jacket, business suit, or jacket.

***Rosette*** The rosette is a round insignia covered with cloth worn only in the left buttonhole of a member's blazer or suit coat. The insignia is used individually; it is never used with a rosette of another organization. It should be displayed only on informal clothing. It is never used with a dinner jacket or full evening dress. During inclement weather on occasions of ceremony, it may be placed on the lapel of an overcoat for identification.

***President General's Plaque*** The President Generals' Plaque is used by the President General, Past Presidents General, and Honorary Presidents General. This insignia is a large silver sunburst approximately three and one quarter inches in diameter displaying a standard size membership badge of the society. It is placed upon either formal or informal clothing mounted on the jacket below and slightly to the left of the breast pocket. The wearer determines the appropriate use of this insignia.

***President General's Star*** The President General, all Past Presidents General, and Honorary Presidents General may also use the President General's Star. This insignia is a smaller version of the President General's plaque. This insignia is a standard size membership badge mounted upon a sunburst of approximately two and one quarter inches in diameter. It is suspended from a standard society neck ribbon and worn at the throat or pinned to a coat like the President General's Plaque. It is correct with both formal and informal attire. The wearer decides the appropriateness of use.

***State President's Star*** An incumbent State President, all Past State Presidents, and Honorary State Presidents may use the State President's Star. This insignia is a miniature size membership badge mounted upon a sunburst of approximately XXXXXXXX inches in diameter. It is suspended from a standard society neck ribbon and worn at the throat or pinned to a coat. It is correct with both formal and informal attire. The wearer decides the appropriateness of use.

***Blazer Patch*** The official blazer patch is correctly worn only on a suit coat or blazer. It is mounted on the pocket on the left side of the coat. Only the pocket patch of one organization is displayed at a time. It is never worn with that of any other society. This insignia is never used with either "black" or "white" tie attire, nor is it used on headgear or outerwear.

***Ties*** The Society neckties are correctly used as any other neckties.

***Cummerbund*** The Society has its own style of cummerbund which may or may not be worn at formal events.

***Cuff-links*** Special cuff-links designed with the Society insignia are available for use at formal events. A cuff-link style is also be available featuring the Society seal.