NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
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Resolution No. 46: Regulations Governing - Wearing The American Legion Cap, Uniform and Regalia
Origin: Emblem Committee
Submitted by: Finance Commission

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 21, adopted May 5, 1939, dealing with "Regulations Governing Use of Caps" was rescinded by action of the National Executive Committee in May 1962, omnibus Resolution No. 54 upon recommendation of the National Emblem Committee as "Purpose Accomplished"; and

WHEREAS, Regulations Governing-Wearing The American Legion Cap, Uniform and Regalia appear in the Manual of Ceremonies section of the Post Commander's Guide and are deemed proper; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 5-6, 1965, That the following be and they are hereby declared to be the official regulations governing the wearing of The American Legion Cap, Uniform and Regalia:

1. **The Legion cap, uniform or regalia should be worn by its members, only when in attendance at official Legion meetings or ceremonies or as official guests at patriotic or other civil functions or 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 white or dark trousers, white shirt, black four in hand tie, black shoes and socks, make a very attractive and inexpensive 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 Legion or civic luncheon or dinner.**
2. **The cap should be worn in church 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.**
3. **Legion posts marching in formation into a church should uncover, at the church door, hold the cap in the right hand opposite the left shoulder until 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 in the right hand opposite the left shoulder will march out of the church and re-cover 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 church except by the guard of honor, color guard or commander of same while in marching order or standing guard.**
4. **Legionnaires not in formation will uncover upon entering the church and remain uncovered during the entire service and will re-cover after leaving the church.**
5. **At the graveside the cap should be held in the right hand opposite the left shoulder during the entire service. In cold and inclement weather the cap should not be doffed.**
6. **In Legion meetings the cap should be worn except during the moments of prayer and except when standing in silent reverence in memory of departed comrades, when the cap should be held in the right hand at the left shoulder.**
7. **A Legionnaire wearing the cap should deport himself as to salutes, etc., the same as he would if he were wearing the military uniform. If he is not wearing the Legion cap the ordinary rules of etiquette for civilian dress should be observed.**
8. **Female members of The American Legion should wear their caps in the manner prescribed for female personnel of the Armed Services; and, be it finally**

RESOLVED, That those actions and resolutions heretofore adopted by the National Executive Committee or National Conventions of The American Legion pertaining to the Regulations Governing-Wearing of The American Legion Cap, Uniform and Regalia be and they are hereby rescinded.