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## **ORDERS OF DRESS**

This policy is the result of an initiative to review and standardize the Orders of Dress for the RCMP Veterans' Association. In July 2013, the Board of Directors approved the establishment of a Sub-committee, chaired by President Graham Muir, Ottawa Division, to review and report on national Association policy relating to uniform and protocol. From September to November 2013, the first round of consultation was conducted, through sub-committee regional representatives, soliciting early feedback and sharing of division-level by-laws or regulations relevant to orders of dress. The Sub-committee made its Preliminary Report to the Board on November 20, 2013.

The Sub-committee met by videoconference on December 12, 2013. Substantive second round consultation occurred between December and January, 2014, incorporating the Preliminary Report as a consultation document. Once again, the Sub-committee's regional representatives were instrumental in ensuring the divisions were engaged.

A working group of women association members was formed, with regional representation, to make recommendations to the Sub-committee on women's orders of dress. Studio photographs of both men's and women's attire were produced in January and February 2014 and are contained in this handbook for ready reference.

There is an ongoing initiative through the office of the Corps Sergeant Major to review and clarify Force-wide standards as it relates to protocol, uniform and dress, inclusive of active members, veterans, auxiliaries, reserves and pipe bands. Existing national policy regarding orders of dress for the Association was considered to be ambiguous, resulting in variations of attire that leaves the outward impression that veterans are either unconcerned or unaware of appropriate dress standards.

The impact of this ambiguity detracts from solemnity and the proffering of proper respect at formal and official occasions; *e.g.* national/provincial ceremonies of remembrance, RCMP garrison parades, and funerals/services for our fallen. It also compromises the Association's ability to recruit a newer generation of veteran that seeks pride of association with the Force.

We sincerely hope this revised policy, and the spirit in which it was written, provides all members of the Association with useful guidelines for any occasion where the RCMP Veterans' Association orders of dress are worn.

## No. 1 Duty and Parade Dress

ORDERS OF DRESS	MEN	WOMEN
<p>To be worn while conducting routine duties on behalf of the Association, and for RCMP parades and similar public events, e.g. Change of Command ceremonies, Remembrance Day and so on.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• blue blazer with veteran's crest and regimental brass buttons.</li> <li>• grey trousers with black belt</li> <li>• white shirt with ties, traditional or tartan</li> <li>• black oxford style shoes with black socks</li> <li>• wedge cap.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• blue blazer with veteran's crest and regimental brass buttons.</li> <li>• grey slacks or skirt, medium length</li> <li>• white shirt/blouse with tie/scarf traditional or tartan</li> <li>• black close-toed leather shoes with neutral nylon stockings</li> <li>• wedge cap.</li> </ul>

## No. 2. Ceremonial Dress

ORDERS OF DRESS	MEN	WOMEN
<p>To be worn at ceremonial occasions sponsored by the RCMP, the RCMP Veterans' Association or at the request of other institutions/individuals, e.g. receptions, funerals and memorial services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• red blazer with veterans' crest and regimental brass buttons</li> <li>• dark blue trousers with black leather belt</li> <li>• white shirt with tie, traditional or tartan</li> <li>• black oxford-style shoes with black socks</li> <li>• wedge cap.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• red blazer with veterans' crest and regimental brass buttons</li> <li>• dark blue slacks or skirt, medium length</li> <li>• white shirt/blouse with tie/scarf, traditional or tartan</li> <li>• black close-toed leather shoes, with neutral nylon stockings</li> <li>• wedge cap.</li> </ul>

## No.3. Formal Dress

ORDERS OF DRESS	MEN	WOMEN
<p>To be worn at RCMP or RCMP Veterans; Association formal evening events or similar events hosted by public or private groups, e.g. mess dinners, dining-in nights, formal civilian dinner dances.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• red blazer with veterans' crest and regimental brass buttons</li> <li>• dark blue trousers with black leather belt</li> <li>• white formal shirt with bow tie, black or tartan</li> <li>• cummerbund black or tartan</li> <li>• black oxford-style shoes with black socks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• red blazer with veterans' crest and regimental brass buttons</li> <li>• dark blue slacks or skirt, full length</li> <li>• white formal shirt/blouse with tie/scarf, traditional or tartan</li> <li>• black formal leather shoes, with dark nylon stockings.</li> </ul>