

Appendix A

Scottish American Military Society, Mt Rainier Post 1889

Uniform Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this regulation is to establish a reasonable code of dress for the members of SAMS, Mt Rainier Post 1889. It is intended to be a guideline for the wear of U.S. or foreign articles of uniform and decorations when the SAMS member is kilted, or in any way representing SAMS and or the Post. If you are wearing or displaying any SAMS identification, you are representing SAMS.

Appropriate Dress: Whether daywear or eveningwear is appropriate is determined by the degree of formality of the occasion, not by the clock. Daywear is appropriate for all but formal occasions where a tuxedo or full dress Civilian/military attire would be required.

Kilt: A member may wear any kilt of his/her service, clan, regiment and region of Scottish origin or appropriate “general” tartan. When a member wears their kilt, he/she should keep in mind the circumstances (formal, Field, dance, etc.) and dress with the appropriate accessories.

Footwear: Hose and flashes of the appropriate color, pattern, and material should be worn befitting the formality of the occasion. Skean dhu are encouraged. Plain brown or black leather shoes may be worn for day or field wear and black patent leather with or without silver buckles are recommended for eveningwear. Traditional Ghillies and military corfams may be worn for both day and evening wear. Such footgear as sneakers, sandals running shoes, and jungle or combat boots are not authorized wear except for valid medical reasons. (Diced hose and spats are not authorized for Post 1889 wear).

Belt: Plain brown or black leather is preferred. The belt should be approximately two inches wide with military, clan, or other appropriate buckle. Military web belts of appropriate colors may be worn with military jacket, shirt, or as considered appropriate for the occasion. (For Post 1889; white belts are not appropriate).

Sporran: Plain brown or black leather in keeping with the color of the shoes and belt is suggested for day wear. Fur or silver decorated black leather is recommended for evening wear. The regimental (horsehair) sporran is authorized for Post 1889.

Side Arms: In keeping with both Scottish and military historical tradition, virtually any edged side arm is appropriate for wear at the waist.

Shirt: The military style shirt of the member’s service (standard issue when served or currently issued) should be worn, either long or short sleeved by season or preference. As an alternative, a police or “aviator” type shirt in the appropriate service color may be worn. Over dress should be military in nature and appropriate to the season and such items as Inverness capes, “woolly pully” sweaters, Ike jackets, current service jackets, British battle dress jackets are suggested. Fatigue, utility, and

camouflage jackets will not be worn.

Ribbons and Badges: Authorized ribbons, medals, specialty and/or qualification badges may be worn in accordance with the manner prescribed for the member's service branch in keeping with the formality of dress. Miniature medals should be reserved for formal occasions with the Prince Charlie or Mess Dress. In keeping with uniform regulations of all of the branches of the armed services commemorative military medals, ribbons and devices, civilian patches, emblems, etc. are not to be worn on military dress: this would include piping/drumming awards. This rule does not apply to the use of Scottish clan or other emblems on the bonnet, belt, kilt pin, skean dhu, etc. when worn with military dress. Members not currently on active duty or drill-status reserves should not wear grade (rank) insignia. We are a rank less society. **Active duty or active reserve members may wear their shirts/jackets in accordance with their service's regulations and in this case, worn "sterile", i.e., no SAMS patches or badges.**

SAMS Patch and Badges: The SAMS patch is the official designation of active membership in the Society. For Members not on active duty or drill-status reserves, the patch should be worn centered on the left shoulder, one-half inch to one inch below the shoulder seam. The pin badge should be centered on the shirt epaulets.

Headgear: The Balmoral, Glengary, appropriate service beret/tam or similar Scottish headgear is appropriate with the SAMS crest, clan or military affiliation. Helmet liners, current issue military caps or hats are inappropriate except for medical necessity. **No member may wear eagle feathers unless authorized by the Lord Lyon, King of Arms.**