



GRAND POST

Masonic War Veterans

of the State of New York



October 8, 2017

FROM: Grand Post

TO: Directors, Grand Post Representatives, Subordinate Posts

SUBJECT: Changes to the Masonic War Veterans [MWV] Class A, B, C Uniform[s]

The objective of the uniform change is to rebrand the Masonic War Veterans [MWV] Organization, bring the organization into the 21st century and make it more appealing to the next generation of Masonic Military Veterans. The rebranding process has been launched to ensure future growth and prosperity by identifying and converting to an updated contemporary uniform that will enhance the recruitment of modern Masonic Veterans for our organization. Also, it will provide members of the MWV an opportunity to display the rank insignia of their elected and appointed office. In the past only, Grand Post General Officers displayed their designated rank. The display of an individual's rank is similar to the wearing of an apron to designate your station and place within a lodge. Displaying each individual's rank would enhance recruiting thus increasing membership by:

- providing an opportunity both masonic and public, for members of the MWV to be
- recognized by their designated rank.
- Instill a sense of Esprit-de-Corps among members that would promote feelings of loyalty, enthusiasm, and devotion at the Post and Grand Post level.
- create renewed enthusiasm in current members and stimulate interest for dormant ones.
- launch a recruitment program that could create interest in prospective members among all Veteran age groups to achieve the goal of being an officer of the MWV.
- creating a very positive motivator and goal for the rank and file.

Your support, understanding and efforts will ensure the future growth and prosperity of our organization.

As Veterans, we must all lead by example to successfully gain full cooperation throughout the organization.

Moving forward, our efforts should be channeled toward increasing membership, providing support for our Veterans and serving for the Good of the Craft.....

The following changes for the MWV Class A, B and C Uniforms shall be come in effect as follows:

- Current Grand Post Officers: Immediately
- Grand Post Representatives and Past Commander Generals: May 15, 2018
 - A black tuxedo [with military awards] with the black beret is authorized until a new Class A uniform is acquired.
- Subordinate Post Officers and Members: December 31, 2018.
 - A black tuxedo [with military awards] with the black beret is authorized until a new Class A uniform is acquired.

Please keep the welfare of our Troops, our Craft and our Country in your thoughts and prayers.

The following Update[s] for the Masonic War Veterans [MWV] Class A, B, C Uniform[s] has been authorized by Grand Post:

MWV Class A Uniform:

1. The winter wheat [aka white] jacket will be replaced with the same Military style only in a dark blue/black color **with a 1/2" gold stripe on each sleeve, 3" above the cuff line.**



Vendor information:

Marlow White Uniforms, www.MarlowWhite.com

(800) 255-6136

Item # 09-121- OFF PROFESSIONAL COAT **\$189.00**

Item # 16-200- Braid, #67107 Goldenlite, **1/2"**

Item # 01-025- Individual Army Pocket Button -25 Ligne 1 ea. **\$2.50**

This button is utilized to fasten the Aiguillette [cord].

It is placed 3" from the collar on the upper seam of the left shoulder

NOTE: Marlow White has larger sizes

Military Exchange, www.shopmyexchange.com

Item# 4065306 \$198.00

The sleeve and pants braid is available from Marlow White

2. The current blue pants will be replaced with pants that match the Military style jacket dark blue/black color listed above **with a 1 1/2" gold stripe on the outside seam of each trouser leg [waist to cuff line].**



Vendor information:

Marlow White Uniforms, www.MarlowWhite.com

(800) 255-6136

Item # 69-521- FR Trou, Trop Midnight Blue w/o Braid \$79.00

Item # 16-200- Braid, #67107 Goldenlite, **1-1/2"**

NOTE: Marlow White has larger sizes.

3. Wearing of the of military awards [ribbons/medals/badges, name tag, etc....] will remain unchanged. The Masonic War Veteran Patch will be sewn 1/2 inch below the left shoulder seam of the coat. The Statue of Liberty Patch will be sewn 1/2 inch below the right shoulder seam of the coat. Two Masonic War Veteran Shields in color with Official Seal will be worn centered horizontally on the collar of the coat. The gilt metal Post Numeral pins will be worn centered horizontally and vertically on the lapels. State Officers will substitute Post Numbers with Grand Post pins and Past Commander Generals will wear Past Grand Post pins

4. Rank designation will be denoted by shoulder straps [boards]
As follows:

- **Your Rank will be displayed as follows:**

- Grand Post Officers: **Gold Stars**
- Grand Post Representatives: **Gold Eagle**
- Post Commander: **Gold Major Leaf**
- Lieutenant Commanders, Finance Officer, Adjutant and Trustees, Chaplain, Captain of the Guard and Officer of the Day: **Gold Captain Bars**
- All other Members: **Gold Lieutenant Bar**



Note: the highest rank held would be the authorized rank displayed.

The authorized Aiguillette [aka CITATION CORD], will be worn on the left shoulder, attached to a small gold [pocket size] button placed 3" from the collar on the upper seam of the left shoulder between the left shoulder strap and the left collar with braided loop under the left arm;

Members: Red, White and Blue basic cord with gilt tip.
Commander: Navy Blue with gilt tip.
Past Commanders: Scarlet Red with gilt tip.
Grand Post Officers
Representatives: Gold with gilt tip.

MWV Head Cover:

The winter wheat [aka white] overseas uniform hat will be replaced as follows:

1. Class A and C Uniform:

- **Grand Post Officers and Representatives** when wearing the Class A and C Uniform: Military dark blue/black Field Grade officer cap (w/scrambled eggs on the brim) with a gold strap with the black and gold 2 ½" Masonic War Veterans logo as the cap device.



Field Grade Cap

NOTE: Field Officer cap is optional for all except a current Commander General.

- **Subordinate Post Officers** when wearing the Class A and C Uniform: Military dark blue/black officer cap (with plain brim) with a gold strap with the black and gold 2 ½" Masonic War Veterans logo as the cap device.



Company Grade Cap

Vendor information:

Marlow White Uniforms, www.MarlowWhite.com

(800) 255-6136

Male Officer Company Grade, WITHOUT OFFICER CAP
BRAID BRANCH \$79.00

Male Officer Field Grade [FG], WITHOUT OFFICER CAP
BRAID BRANCH, chose Nylon \$95.00 or Bullion \$109.00

Military Exchange, www.shopmyexchange.com

Male Officer Company Grade - Item#: 4130720 \$42.00

Male Officer Field Grade [FG], Item#: 4099818 \$51.95 nylon

Also, the **black** beret with the flash displayed over the left eye is authorized for all but the current Commander General.

- Your Rank will be displayed on the beret as follows:
 - Grand Post Officers: **Gold Stars**
 - Grand Post Representatives: **Gold Eagle**
 - Post Commander: **Gold Major Leaf**
 - Lieutenant Commanders, Finance Officer, Adjutant and Trustees, Chaplain, Captain of the Guard and Officer of the Day: **Gold Captain Bars**
 - All other Members: **Gold Lieutenant Bar**



Note: the highest rank held would be the authorized rank displayed.

2. Class B Uniform:

- Grand Post Officers, Representatives and Post members when wearing the Class B Uniform, the head cover will be a **black** beret with the flash displayed over the left eye:
- Your Rank will be displayed on the beret as follows:
 - Grand Post Officers: **Gold Stars**
 - Grand Post Representatives: **Gold Eagle**
 - Post Commander: **Gold Major Leaf**
 - Lieutenant Commanders, Finance Officer, Adjutant and Trustees, Chaplain, Captain of the Guard and Officer of the Day: **Gold Captain Bars**
 - All other Members: **Gold Lieutenant Bar**



Note: the highest rank held would be the authorized rank displayed.

Vendor information:

Marlow White Uniforms, www.MarlowWhite.com

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Marlow White Uniforms: Item # 05-600 \$20.50

Military Exchange: Item# 4388906 \$13.21

Many on-line and local Military Surplus suppliers at various prices

The following items are available from Grand Post:

- black and gold 2 ½" Masonic War Veterans bullion logo [\$15.00] for the Class A Uniform cap



- beret flash [\$1.00]



- Masonic War Veterans 3" Shoulder Patch for Class A & C [\$3.00]

