

# Uniform Cap Etiquette

Did you know?

- The left side (emblem side) of cap is reserved only for the Legion emblem, city, county, district, or state lettering.
- If desired, the following items must be placed on the right side of the cap:
  - Additional lettering, restricted to either the name of a Post or to an officer title, such as Past Commander
  - Cap insignias or badges / pins for past or present officers
  - Consecutive membership insignia, membership stars, and /or authorized Legion or military service decorations
- Names or nicknames of individual members cannot be used on caps.
- A member is considered to be in uniform if wearing an official Legion uniform cap. Therefore is not proper to wear the cap while eating a meal at an official Legion or civic luncheon or dinner.
- The Legion uniform cap 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 individual when officially representing The American Legion on public occasions.
- The cap should be worn in a place of worship 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.
- When at a funeral, the cap should be held over the heart as one approaches the casket and is not at any time worn in a place of worship (except by the Guard of Honor, Color Guard, or Commander of same while in marching order or standing guard.) At the graveside, the cap should be held in the right hand over the heart during the entire service. In cold and inclement weather, the cap should not be worn.
- In Legion meetings the cap should be worn except during moments of the Pledge of Allegiance, prayer, and when standing in silent reverence in memory of departed comrades, when the cap should be held with the right hand over the heart.
- Any time the cap is placed on a table, it should be placed with the emblem side up.
- When the cap is in a clip on a belt, the back of the hat should be in the clip with the emblem side facing out and at the bottom.