



A guide to the

MOTH Platinum Province Dress Regulations

Foreword:

There can be no doubt that members of the MOTH are proud of their legacy as Military Veterans. As a reflection of our past and the manner in which we dressed and conducted ourselves in Military uniform, so should we dress and conduct ourselves in MOTH uniform. Attending public parades and functions in MOTH uniform should also be a point of pride to the benefit of the Order.

A neat and uniform appearance by all MOTH, contributes towards showing the pride and establishing an esprit de corps amongst our members. Remember, we all took an oath pledging our zeal and promised to abide by the rules and regulations of the Order.

To promote Moth compliance to this pledge, this guide is a summary of the laid down instructions as per the "Pink Book" and MOTH Platinum Provincial General Standing Orders in order to illustrate the standards that have been set for MOTH dress when representing the MOTH at meetings, functions and on parades.

Moth Meetings:

When attending monthly meetings, it is recommended that the proper dress code is instilled to foster uniformity and to build pride in the uniform.

There are two sets of dress code approved for monthly meetings, Dress No1 for winter dress and Dress No2 for summer dress.

The dress codes are described as follows:

Summer Dress:

Summer dress may be worn from 1st October till 31st April by members when attending their monthly Shellhole/ District and Provincial meeting.

Male Members Summer Dress (2a):

Grey long trousers

White short sleeve open necked shirt with collar (**Not a Golf shirt**) with the MOTH emblem (not a Shellhole badge) on left breast pocket

The registered badge of the Order and highest MOTH Certificate badge on the left lapel

Name tag is optional

Black belt

Grey socks

Black Shoes

No headdress

Female Members Summer Dress (2b):

Grey long trousers or Grey Skirt

White short sleeve open necked shirt with collar (**Not a Golf shirt**) with the MOTH emblem (not a Shellhole badge) on left breast pocket.

The registered badge of the Order and highest MOTH Certificate badge on the left lapel

Name tag is optional

Black belt

Grey socks or *stockings (Optional)*

Black Shoes

No headdress

A note on pocket badges: Shellholes may display their Shellhole badge for their Shellhole meetings only. Where they are attending other Moth functions, a white short sleeve with the approved MOTH emblem is to be worn. Having your Shellhole name below the MOTH emblem is optional.

Winter Dress:

Winter dress may be worn from 1st May till 30th September by members when attending their monthly Shellhole/ District and Provincial meeting.

This dress also forms the basis of parade / official function dress with the inclusion of medals (see further below). The allowable badges on your blazer is also outlined below;

Male Members Winter Dress (1a):

Grey long trousers

White long sleeve shirt with button up collar.

Black Blazer with MOTH emblem on left breast pocket. (Moth buttons optional)

The registered badge of the Order on the left lapel (See below on wearing of other badges and insignia)

Official MOTH Tie (Black or Blue) (Unit/ other association ties are not permitted on parades and functions)

Black belt

Grey socks

Black Shoes

Black Beret with official MOTH Beret Badge is optional

Female Members Winter Dress (2a):

Grey long trousers or Grey Skirt

White long sleeve shirt with button up collar.

Black Blazer with MOTH emblem on left breast pocket. (Moth buttons optional)

The registered badge of the Order on the left lapel (See below on wearing of other badges and insignia)

Official MOTH Tie or approved Shellhole Tie (Unit/ other association ties are not permitted on parades and functions)

Black belt

Grey socks or stockings

Black Shoes

Black Beret with official MOTH Beret Badge is optional

Wearing of badges/ insignia:

The wearing of badges on MOTH uniform is a contentious issue and is subject to ongoing debate. This section aims to provide some clarity as to what is permitted and what is not permitted on a MOTH blazer, especially when it comes to dressing for parades.

A maximum (total) of 5 Badges are permitted on a MOTH Blazer on parade.

Official MOTH Badges Allowed:

Left Lapel

- Tin Hat uppermost
- MOTH Certificate Badge C, E or M (the highest award only)
- Paper Poppies are worn at Remembrance Parades and funerals in remembrance.

Note: A badge of office (Gold, Silver), must **only** be worn when representing the unit on official MOTH Business. They are **not** to be worn on casual wear, etc. For these occasions revert to the Bronze Tin Hat.

Right Lapel

- Name Tag (Free)
(Any three of the following)
- 1 MOTH Years of Service Badge (10, 25, 50)
- 1 Anniversary Badge (75th, 80th, 85th)
- Past Executive (X) Badge
- Past Old Bill Badge.
- MOTHWA Award Badge
- One other Valid Military Association badge.
- Metal Poppy Lapel Pin. **Note: Only a Red Poppy is allowed as it encompasses all who died, no other colour (e.g., Purple) (GHQ Circular 2015/14)**

“Illegal” Badges:

- **Military Uniform Badges**, including Regimental Insignia, “skietbalkies” Reserve Force Badges, etc. are not permitted on MOTH uniform.
- The old SA Flag **may not be worn** as this causes unnecessary problems and may offend someone causing the Order to fall in disrepute.

- MOTH Bowls badges, while MOTH issue, are not permitted as uniform when on parade. They are for Bowls functions only.

Note: MOTH Sergeant-Majors are to wear their badge of rank on the right sleeve, the bottom of the badge 8cm from the rim of the sleeve in the middle

A note on Raid Jackets and Sashes:

The purpose of a raid jacket or wearing a sash is to provide a means for those who wish to display their military past.

The rule is to wear it at braais and social occasions, on raids and after the Toasts at monthly meetings **(Not during MOTH meetings and ceremonies)**

The general rule is you may display all the badges that you may not display on your blazer, however, no foul or abusive badges are allowed, no actual medals and decorations should be added. Use the MMA Dress Regulations listed further on in this document as a guide on badges.

Note: Do not display the Old SA Flag on your Raid Jacket, as it may cause complications for yourself and the Order, especially in forums open to the public. Rather abstain from displaying potentially offensive badges or do not wear the jacket/ sash at these events.

Remember this should also be a source of pride as it will reflect your past, etc.

Wearing of Medals and Decorations:

- Only wear your official medals as awarded to you by the government on your left breast.
- Please ensure that your medals are mounted in the correct order of precedence, as mistakes have been made in the past.
- Unofficial, commemorative or any other medal not officially awarded to you, **may not be worn at all** when on parade.
 - The Johannesburg Civic medal is **only** to be worn at the Remembrance Parade held at the Cenotaph in Johannesburg in November each year and at no other time or parade. It is to be worn on the right breast.
- You may wear your direct antecedent's (Father or Grandfather) medals on your right breast at remembrance parades.
- **Only full-size medals are to be worn.** As a general rule, medals are required to be worn when attending Parades and funerals during the day and at night.

Miniatures however are to be worn when attending official functions such as dinners when the occasion stipulates it.

- The wearing of ribbons on MOTH blazers is not allowed.

Wearing of Berets:

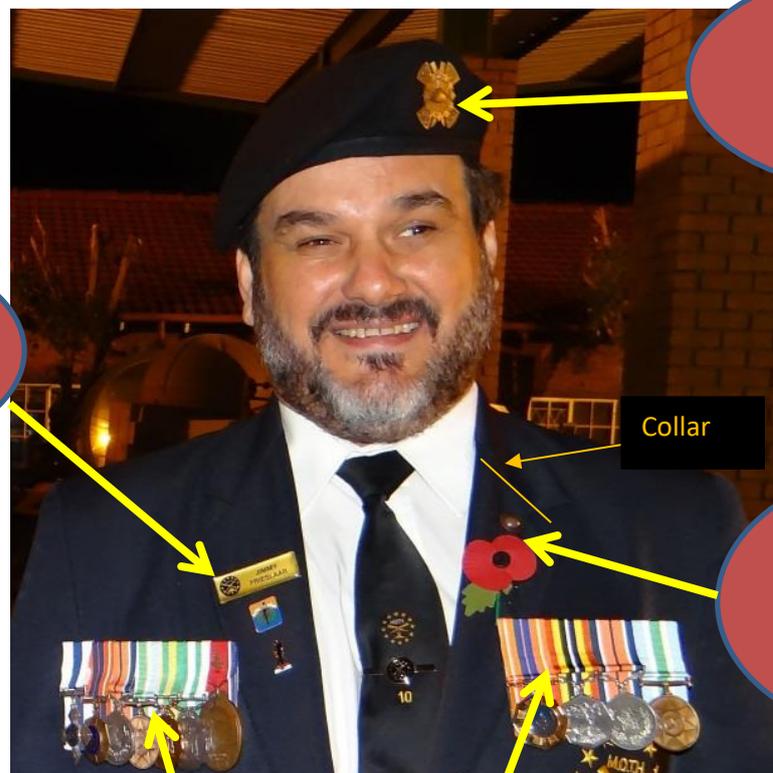
The wearing of a beret is optional dress for parades and functions, however when deciding to wear a beret, **only the approved Black Beret with the official MOTH beret badge** is to be worn. **There is no backing approved for the beret badge.**

No baseball caps or other caps are allowed on parade.

Note: Berets are to be worn by Moth on parade (optional), by members of a MOTH Colour Party or by the MOTH Standard Bearer, or by Moths acting as Pallbearers at a funeral where the Pallbearers will march as part of the cortege.

Wearing of other association's berets or ex unit berets is NOT permitted!

This image illustrates the correct dress for Parades:



Optional: Official MOTH Beret with official Beret Badge

Right Lapel Badges:
Name Tag + 3 Other badges as above.

Collar

Left Lapel Badges:
Tin Hat, Certificate Badge, Paper Poppy for Remembrance Parade.

Medals:
Own medals
Antecedant's Medals

Dress Code for attending parades and functions when representing the MOTH:

The above dress code (1a/1b with medals) applies to all MOTH while attending the following:

- All MOTH and other ceremonial parades
- All wreath-laying ceremonies
- Dedication and thanksgiving services
- Memorial and Remembrance Day celebrations
- Unveiling of War Memorials
- Official openings of Military buildings/establishments
- Inaugurations
- Garden parties
- Official receptions during the day
- Military and state funerals
- MOTH funerals
- Attendance of a foreign countries' National Day during the day by invitation of that countries ambassador or military attaché
- Semiformal military evening functions.

Note: Medals are to be worn when stipulated. Certain functions may require no medals to be worn.

Certain formal Military functions may require a Black Suit and Tie to be worn, and where MOTH dress may be inappropriate, unless “Association dress” is specified on the invitation. You may wear full-size or miniatures medals.

MOTH Motorcycle Association (MMA):

MMA dress is described as:

Black Trousers

Black T-Shirt

Black leather jacket

Black waste coat with patch

Black boots

The above items may vary at certain MMA Chapters.

Note:

- No derogatory, offensive, inflammatory, crude obscene, vulgar or indecent badges whether cloth, metal or otherwise are to be displayed on any part of the official MMA waistcoat or dress.

- No South African flag issued before 1994 shall be displayed on any part of the official MMA waistcoat or dress.
- No badges depicting any political party whatsoever may be displayed on any part of the official MMA waistcoat or dress.
- **The standard MOTH uniform** shall be worn by MMA members at “**formal**” meetings of MOTH Shellholes, and at all MOTH AGMs, and other MOTH gatherings.
- At **MOTH Memorial Services, MOTH Anniversary Parades** and at **Funeral Parades [services]**, and at Memorial Services, or if invited, by other organisations, or ex- servicemen’s organisations, **MOTH Official uniform shall be worn**, i.e., Black Blazer, Grey trousers, black shoes, tie, etc. and **MEDALS**.
- At **MMA Rallies, Raids to Shellholes and Social events**, MMA Leather Dress will be worn:

MOTH Sports Dress

Male Members Sports Dress (3a):

The black blazer with MOTH emblem on left breast pocket, with the registered badge of the Order on the left lapel, worn with the appropriate shirt and trousers, footwear and headdress as might be required for participation in sport as a member of a MOTH team or, as an individual representing MOTH or a MOTH unit in a singles event.

Female Members Sports Dress (3a):

The black blazer with MOTH emblem on left breast pocket, with the registered badge of the Order on the left lapel, worn with the appropriate shirt and trousers or skirt, footwear and headdress as might be required for participation in sport as a member of a MOTH team or, as an individual representing MOTH or a MOTH unit in a singles event.

General Notes:

- It is accepted that by joining the MOTH, members will abide by the laid down dress regulations.
- It is highly likely that you may appear in photographs displayed in the printed media, on TV, on the MOTH website and on social sites such as Facebook, if you participate in official parades and services. For this purpose it is essential that our dress be of the required MOTH standards.

Conclusion:

This document is intended to provide a clear and uniform guideline for All MOTH to adhere to and so provide a neat and uniform appearance when in uniform.

Source:

1. MOTH CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL STANDING ORDERS Sections
2. MOTH Platinum Provincial Standing Orders, Section 8
3. Transvaal Provincial Dugout Handbook
4. GHQ Circulars, 2014/ 09
5. GHQ Circulars, 2015/ 24
6. MMA Standing Orders 2019/ 04