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Dress

1. ANZAC Day activities are commemorative services. We are remembering the sacrifices of those who have died, who have served and who are still serving for this country. Dress for the parade, wreath laying and commemorative service should reflect this sentiment, preferably uniform, coat and tie or female equivalent preferred; or neat civilian dress as a minimum.

Hats and Saluting

2. **Uniform.** Serving members in uniform are to wear their headdress and salute in accordance with Service Regulations.
3. **Civilian Dress.** The wearing of hats by participants in civilian dress is encouraged. Participants in civilian dress who wear military headdress are considered to be wearing civilian hats. To salute in civilian dress, the hat/headdress should be removed and their right hand placed over their medals (left breast).
4. **Marching Groups in Civilian Dress.** If hats are worn they should not be removed during the parade with the exception of the group leader. As the group passes the Saluting Base in front of the Town Hall the leader should remove their hat and place their right hand over their medals (left breast).
5. **Salutes.** Serving members should salute and participants in civilian dress wearing hats should remove their headdress as described in paragraph 3 for:
 - a. the National Anthem,
 - b. Last Post, and
 - c. the arrival and departure of His Excellency the Governor.

Honours and Awards (Medals)

6. Service Medals are to be worn as follows:
 - a. Original Medal recipients are to wear medals on the left breast above the Heart
 - b. Medals belonging to Relatives/ Forebears' are to be worn on the right breast.
 - c. Full-size medals are generally worn at day functions where decorations have been prescribed, for example Anzac Day ceremonies. On such occasions:
 - (1) Male recipients of more than one medal are to wear their decorations, full size, suspended from a medal bar.



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- (2) Female recipients with more than one award may prefer to mount the miniatures on a bar, with only one full-sized piece of insignia on its bow immediately below their miniatures. The full-size piece would normally be that of the highest award.
- d. Children who are marching may wear miniatures.

Inappropriate wearing of Medals

7. Occasionally a person will wrongly claim to be a Veteran and wear medals to which they are not entitled. This practice is deceitful and disrespectful to the Veteran community. Further, there are a number of unofficial medals not recognized through the Australian Honours system which should not be worn at events such as ANZAC Day.

Note: Under the Defence Act 1903, it is an offence to improperly use Service decorations and to impersonate Service personnel. The penalties for these offences include a fine of up to \$3300, six months imprisonment, or both.

8. Anybody identifying a person wearing inappropriate medals should report them to a Marshal or RSL Tasmania State Headquarters.