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Some Insignia Do's and Don'ts

The Official Insignia, unanimously adopted by the National Board of Management May 26, 1891 and patented September 22, 1891, is therefore the property of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

DO

- ◆ wear insignia and ribbons on left breast—the place of honor—and only at DAR functions or when representing the DAR.
- ◆ wear the insignia with the dignity and the respect afforded the National Society it represents.
- ◆ a United States flag pin may be worn on the left lapel when wearing the insignia and ribbons.
- ◆ arrange pins in accordance with INS-1000, *Placement of DAR Insignia and Pins on Official Ribbon*.
- ◆ wear the miniature insignia on the miniature DAR ribbon at DAR functions in the same manner as the official insignia and pins.
- ◆ wear the miniature insignia on the branch bar with the miniature insignia of other societies.
- ◆ wear the Recognition Pin (pierced or enamel style) alone on any occasion (on the left).
- ◆ should you inherit a family member's pins, wear only those you have earned through your service/donation.
- ◆ guard against pins falling into the hands of second-hand dealers and auction sites by using DAR Form OSG-3002 to inform family how to properly dispose of pins when you no longer have a need for them.
- ◆ check the “new” prices at the DAR Insignia Store before buying vintage pins.
- ◆ photograph your ribbons and maintain pin inventory in a safe place in case they are lost or stolen.
- ◆ know and observe strictly the Bylaws of the NSDAR and the National Board of Management Rulings governing the insignia's use and wearing.
- ◆ place the insignia in the upper middle or left corner on yearbooks, programs, stationery, and other approved DAR publications.
- ◆ use DAR stationery for DAR correspondence *only*.
- ◆ refer questions to the National Chair, Insignia.

DON'T

- ◆ wear the insignia and ribbons on the street, in a restaurant, cocktail lounge or other public place unless a DAR or allied function is taking place then and there.
- ◆ wear the insignia and ribbons with jeans, shorts, tee shirts or other casual attire.
- ◆ wear the insignia as costume jewelry.
- ◆ wear costume jewelry or a corsage on the left breast above the insignia.
- ◆ attach the Recognition Pin to a ribbon.
- ◆ wear a State Regent's project pin on your ribbon.
- ◆ wear a “pin scarf” with the official DAR pins on the left and other DAR-related pins on the right.
- ◆ wear the miniature DAR insignia on a branch bar while wearing your insignia and ribbons.
- ◆ wear insignia of other patriotic organizations at the same time as the DAR insignia (except on branch bar).
- ◆ wear branch bar with insignia and those of other societies as a replacement for your insignia and ribbons.
- ◆ attach pins to your ribbons representing clubs at the state or chapter level that do not fall under the direct jurisdiction of the National Society.
- ◆ create a logo unique to your chapter or state.
- ◆ place any printing above the insignia—except on the DAR Banner.
- ◆ use the insignia for commercial or semi-commercial purposes.
- ◆ use the insignia as an ornament.
- ◆ allow your pins to fall into the hands of second-hand dealers or auction sites.
- ◆ use the insignia in any manner whatsoever that has not been authorized by the National Board of Management.
- ◆ hesitate to direct questions to the National Chair, Insignia Committee.

Wear it Proudly—Guard it Carefully—Use it Discreetly