Wearing Medals, Ribbons, Badges and Insignia

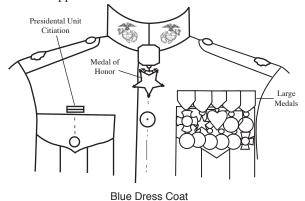
(Text taken directly from Current Marine Corps Uniform Regulations)



Full Size Medals - Marines may wear up to four medals side by side on a 3 inch bar. A maximum of seven medals may be overlapped (not to exceed 50% with the right or inboard medal shown in full). Full size medals blue or white dress jacket centered on the left breast pocket with the upper edge of the holding bar on line midway between the 1st and 2nd button of the jacket. When large medals are worn, all unit citations and ribbons with no medals authorized are centered over the right breast pocket the bottom edge 1/8 inch above the top of the pocket.

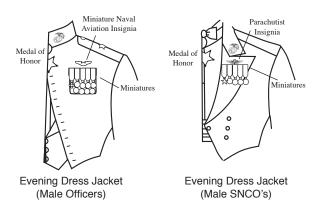
For men, the maximum width of the holding bar for large medals is 5-1/2 inches, and the length of the medals from top of holding bar to bottom of medallions is 3-1/4 inches. A maximum of four large medals side by side will fit on the maximum width of holding bar; however, a maximum of seven medals will fit on the holding bar if overlapped. The overlapping on each row is equal (not to exceed 50 percent). The right or inboard medal shows in full.

Women wear no more than three large medals side by side on a single holding bar not to exceed 4-1/8 inches; however, a maximum of five medals will fit on the holding bar if overlapped.

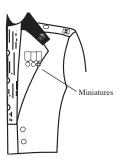


The Medal of Honor is worn around the neck with the ribbon under the coat or jacket collar of the officer's evening dress and all other dress "A" uniforms. The medallion is hung one inch below the bottom edge of the collar. On the officer/SNCO mess dress and the SNCO evening dress uniform, the Medal of Honor is worn around the neck with the ribbon under the jacket collar. The medallion hangs one inch below the bow tie.

<u>Miniature Medals</u> - On the evening dress jackets miniature medals will be centered on the left front jacket panel midway between the inner edge and the left armhole seam, with the top of the bar on line with the 2nd blind button hole. On mess and SNCO evening and mess dress uniforms, the miniature medals are centered on the left lapel with the top of the holding bar 1 inch below the lapel notch. When miniature medals are worn, no ribbons are worn.



1. For men, the maximum width of the holding bar for miniature medals is four inches, and the length of the medals from the top of the holding bar to the bottom of medals will be 2-1/4 inches. A maximum of five miniature medals side by side will fit on a 3-3/8 inch holding bar; however, a maximum of ten medals will fit on the holding bar if overlapped. The overlapping on each row is equal (not to exceed 50 percent). The right or inboard medal shows in full.



Evening Dress Jacket (Female)

2. For women, the holding bar for miniature medals is no wider than 2-3/4 inches. A maximum of four medals side by side will fit on this width holding bar; however, a maximum of eight medals will fit on the holding bar if overlapped.