

**Wear and
Appearance of
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Honor Guard Uniform
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Introduction

Purpose

The Honor Guard is the face of the AOH Fr. Flanagan Division. Proper wear of the Honor Guard uniform is a matter of personal pride for all members. It is indicative of an esprit de corps among the Honor Guard. Members have an individual responsibility for ensuring their appearance reflects the highest level of professionalism. This guideline prescribes the type of uniforms, composition, and occasions for wear.

Honor Guard Uniform appearance and fit

When AOH Honor Guard participation is requested for an event, the Division President is responsible for determining the appropriateness of Honor Guard attendance. All Honor Guard will maintain a high standard of professional dress and conduct. Uniforms should be maintained, fit properly and dry cleaned, as necessary.

There are four different types of Honor Guard uniforms.

- Class A – Honor Guard Semi-Formal Uniform
- Class B – Honor Guard Casual Uniform
- Class C – Color Guard Semi-Formal Uniform
- Class D – Honor Guard Formal Uniform

The Honor Guard Uniform consists of Caubeen, Shirt, Sweater, Kilt, Sporrán, Kilt Belt, Hose, Flashes and Shoes.

- Caubeen is worn centered above the left eye. The rim of Caubeen should be two fingers above the bridge of nose.
- Kilt is worn about 2” above belly button, pleats in back and no longer than the middle of the knee.
- Sporrán is centered on the front of Kilt.
- Flashes are worn on the outside of the leg. Fold the top of the hose over the flashes so that only half of the flash shows. The top of the hose should be about 3 fingers from the bottom of the kneecap.
- Shoes should be kept clean and shined, as necessary.
- Spats are only worn with Class A & Class C uniforms. As a rule, they usually are worn for parades and only when specified.
- Gloves when not in use should be stored in Sporrán.

Placement of badges, patches and pins are detailed under each class.

Authorized Events to Wear Honor Guard Uniform

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is **apolitical** and **non-partisan** and willing to work with all parties to achieve the goals of the Order; we can work in common cause with political figures on some issues while maintaining the right to respectfully disagreeing on others. Wearing the Honor Guard uniform is appropriate for the following events:

- AOH Sponsored Events
- Funerals
- Parades
- Weddings

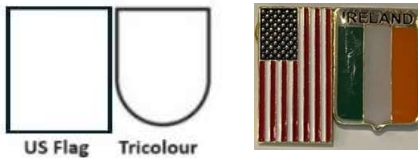
Wearing the Honor Guard uniform is prohibited in the following situations:

- Non-AOH sponsored marches, public demonstrations, rallies
- Non-AOH sponsored public speeches and or interviews
- When wearing the uniform would bring discredit upon the AOH

Irish Roots Ribbon Bar

Whether you're a Hibernian by birth, descent, adoption or spousal affiliation, your goal should be to trace your Irish roots. The Irish Roots Ribbon Bar does not reflect any individual achievements within the AOH Fr. Flanagan Division. It reflects your progress toward tracing your roots back to your county in Ireland.

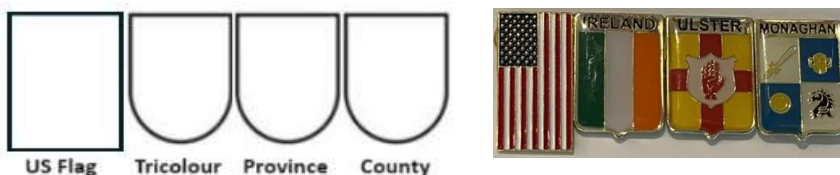
By your acceptance into AOH, you are authorized to wear the US Flag and Tricolour shield on your Honor Guard uniform.



As you continue to learn about your ancestry, the next shield is your province. Ireland has four provinces: Connaught, Leinster, Munster, and Ulster.



The final shield is your County. The Republic of Ireland has 26 Counties and Northern Ireland has 6 Counties. Congratulations! It takes most people a lifetime to find their Irish roots. AOH encourages you to continue to learn all you can about your Irish ancestry.



Joining the Honor Guard requires a small commitment of time and money. The Division will provide some items to you. Items specified as Member and Required is your responsibility to purchase.

| Honor Guard Item | Responsibility to Purchase | Required or Optional |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Honor Guard Caubeen Badge | Division | R |
| Hackle | Division | O |
| Honor Guard Shirt | Division | R |
| Honor Guard Sweater | Division | R |
| Honor Guard Badge | Division | R |
| Honor Guard Patch | Division | R |
| Sam Browne Belt | Division | R |
| Gloves | Division | R |
| Flashes, Yellow | Division | R |
| Flashes, Saffron | Division | O |
| Kilt, Saffron | Division | O |
| Spats | Division | R |
| Ribbon Bar w / US Flag & Ireland Shield | Division | R |
| Caubeen | Member | R |
| Crewneck, White T-Shirt | Member | R |
| Kilt, Irish National Tartan | Member | R |
| Black Belt w/Silver Buckle | Member | R |
| Sporran, Black | Member | R |
| Kilt Pin | Member | R |
| Hose, Bottle Green | Member | R |
| Sgian Dubh | Member | O |
| Pipers Ghillie Brogues | Member | R |
| Dirk Frog | Member | O |
| Dirk | Member | O |
| Province & County Shield for Ribbon Bar | Member | O |

| Honor Guard Item | Responsibility to Purchase | Required or Optional |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Veterans Rank, Subdued | Member | O |
| Honor Guard Polo Shirt | Member | O |
| Honor Guard Baseball Cap | Member | O |
| Argyle Jacket, Navy | Member | O |
| 5 Button Vest, Navy | Member | O |
| Long Sleeve Shirt, White | Member | O |
| Ruche Tie, Gold | Member | O |
| Hose, White | Member | O |

Class A – Honor Guard Semi-Formal Uniform

Occasions for wear: Parades, Funerals, Weddings or Other Sponsored AOH Events

Composition/Checklist:

- Caubeen, Green
- Caubeen Badge
- Hackle, Green (Optional)
- Crewneck T-Shirt, White
- Short Sleeve Shirt, Black
- Honor Guard Badge
- Honor Guard Patch
- Veteran Rank
- Irish Roots Ribbon Bar
- Sweater, Black
- Kilt, Irish National Tartan
- Kilt Pin
- Sporrán, Black
- Belt, Black w/Silver Buckle or Sam Browne Belt
- Dirk Frog, Black (Optional)
- Dirk (Optional)
- Hose, Bottle Green
- Flashes, Yellow
- Sgian-Dubh (Optional)
- Pipers Ghillie Brogues, Black
- Spats, White
- Gloves, White

Class A - Honor Guard Caubeen



Caubeen



**Honor Guard
Caubeen Badge**



**Hackle
(Optional)**



**Honor Guard
Caubeen**

- Honor Guard Caubeen includes Caubeen and Honor Guard Badge
- Other pins may be worn on Caubeen

Class A – Crewneck T-Shirt, White



Class A – Honor Guard Shirt



- Honor Guard Shirt includes Black Shirt, Subdued Veterans Rank or Irish Pins, Honor Guard Badge, Honor Guard Patch, Irish Roots Ribbon Bar
- Veterans Rank is placed ½” from seam on both shoulder tabs
- Honor Guard Badge is placed on the left chest ¾” centered above pocket
- Irish Roots Bar is centered on top edge of left pocket
- Honor Guard Patch is centered on the left sleeve, 3” from top seam
- No other pins may be worn on the shirt

Class A - Honor Guard Sweater



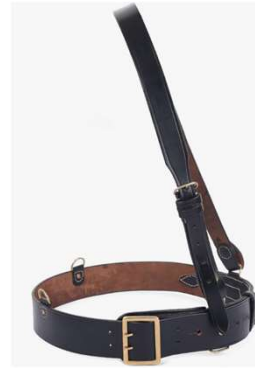
- Honor Guard Sweater includes Black Sweater, Veterans Rank or Irish Pins, Honor Guard Badge, Honor Guard Patch
- Veterans Rank is placed ½” from seam on both shoulder tabs
- Honor Guard Badge is centered on the left chest
- Honor Guard Patch is centered on the left sleeve, 3” from top seam
- No other pins may be worn on sweater

Class A - Honor Guard Kilt & Accessories



Black Belt w/ Silver Buckle

Or



Sam Browne Belt



Irish National Tartan Kilt



Dirk Frog (Optional)



Dirk (Optional)



Kilt Pin



Veteran Rank



Sporran



Gloves

- Honor Guard Kilt & Accessories includes Irish National Tartan Kilt, Sporrان, Belt w/Buckle or Sam Browne Belt, Veteran Rank or Irish pin, Dirk Frog (Optional), Dirk (Optional), Kilt Pin, and Gloves
- Sam Browne belt is used to hold up kilt and mount Dirk Frog, Dirk Sheath, and Dirk. The Dirk should be placed opposite of dominant side
- Kilt Pin is placed 1" from right edge and 1" from the bottom of Kilt hem
- Veteran Rank is centered 1" above Kilt Pin
- No other pins may be worn on Kilt

Class A - Honor Guard Hose, Shoes & Accessories



- Honor Guard Hose Kit includes Bottle Green Hose, Yellow Flashes, Spats, and Sgian Dubh (Optional)
- The Scian Dubh is tucked into the hose on the dominant side so that only 3 fingers of the handle shows. (Optional)

Class A - Honor Guard Items

The goal of the Honor Guard is to look sharp and be uniform in appearance. Therefore, consistency is important. Only purchase items from the companies specified below.

| Item Name | Company | Website | Required or Optional |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Caubeen Hat, Irish Caubeen Hat, Green Beret Scot Hat Military Balmoral bandsman (Good) | eBay | ebay.com | R |
| Royal Irish Regiment Caubeen (Best) | Guards Gear | guardsgearmilitaria.com | O |
| Irish National Tartan Standard Kilt | Stillwater Kilts | store.stillwaterkilts.com | R |
| Deluxe Semi-Dress Sporrans w/Chain Belt | Stillwater Kilts | store.stillwaterkilts.com | R |
| Premium Black Leather Kilt Belt w/Buckle | Stillwater Kilts | store.stillwaterkilts.com | R |
| Deluxe Irish Sword and Shield Kilt Pin | Stillwater Kilts | store.stillwaterkilts.com | R |
| Piper Hose, Bottle Green | The Piper's Cove | thepiperscove.com | R |
| Quality Dirk Frog | The Celtic Croft | kilts-n-stuff.com | O |
| Scottish Dirk Engraved 17" | Atlanta Kilts | atlantakilts.com | O |
| 7" Sgian Dubh | Atlanta Kilts | atlantakilts.com | O |
| Subdued Black Metal Rank | USAMM Armed Forces Super Store | usamm.com | O |
| Heraldry Names Irish County Crest Pinbadge | Irish on Grand | irishongrand.com | O |
| Pipers Ghillie Brogues (Best) | USA Kilts | usakilts.com | R |
| Men's Noah Wing Tip Walking Shoe | Rockport | rockport.com | O |

Class B - Honor Guard Casual Uniform

Occasions for wear: Casual Dress for AOH Sponsored Events

Composition/Checklist:

- Ball Cap w/AOH Logo (Optional)
- Short Sleeve Polo Shirt, Green w/AOH logo
- Kilt, Irish National Tartan
- Kilt Pin
- Veteran Rank
- Sporrans, Black
- Belt, Black w/Silver Buckle
- Hose, Bottle Green
- Flashes, Yellow
- Sgian-Dubh (Optional)
- Pipers Ghillie Brogues, Black

Class B - Honor Guard Polo / Ball Cap



(Optional)



(Optional)

Class B - Honor Guard Kilt & Accessories



Black Belt w/ Silver Buckle



Irish National Tartan Kilt



Kilt Pin



Veteran Rank



Sporran

- Honor Guard Kilt & Accessories includes Irish National Tartan Kilt, Sporran, Belt w/Buckle, Veteran Rank or Irish Pin, and Kilt Pin
- Kilt Pin is placed 1" from right edge and 1" from the bottom of Kilt hem
- Veteran Rank is centered 1" above Kilt Pin
- No other pins may be worn on Kilt

Class B - Honor Guard Hose, Shoes & Accessories



- Honor Guard Hose Kit includes Bottle Green Hose, Yellow Flashes, and Sgian Dubh (Optional)
- The Scian Dubh is tucked into the hose on the dominant side so that only 3 fingers of the handle shows (Optional)

Class B - Honor Guard Items

The goal of the Honor Guard is to look sharp and be uniform in appearance. Therefore, consistency is important. Only purchase items from the companies specified below.

| Item Name | Company | Website | Required or Optional |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| AOH Green Polo Shirt | Honor Guard Captain | N/A | R |
| AOH Cap (Stone or Green) | Honor Guard Captain | N/A | O |
| Irish National Tartan Standard Kilt | Stillwater Kilts | store.stillwaterkilts.com | R |
| Deluxe Semi-Dress Sporrans w/Chain Belt | Stillwater Kilts | store.stillwaterkilts.com | R |
| Premium Black Leather Kilt Belt w/Buckle | Stillwater Kilts | store.stillwaterkilts.com | R |
| Deluxe Irish Sword and Shield Kilt Pin | Stillwater Kilts | store.stillwaterkilts.com | R |
| Piper Hose, Bottle Green | The Piper's Cove | thepiperscove.com | R |
| Subdued Black Metal Rank | USAMM Armed Forces Super Store | usamm.com | O |
| 7" Sgian Dubh | Atlanta Kilts | atlantakilts.com | O |
| Pipers Ghillie Brogues (Best) | USA Kilts | usakilts.com | R |
| Men's Noah Wing Tip Walking Shoe | Rockport | rockport.com | O |

Class C – Color Guard Semi-Formal Uniform

Occasions for wear: Parades or Other Sponsored AOH Events

Composition/Checklist:

- Caubeen, Green
- Caubeen Badge
- Hackle, Green
- Crewneck T-Shirt, White
- Short Sleeve Shirt, Black
- Honor Guard Badge
- Honor Guard Patch
- Veteran Rank
- Irish Roots Ribbon Bar
- Sweater, Black
- Kilt, Saffron
- Kilt Pin
- Sporrán, Black
- Sam Browne Belt
- Dirk Frog, Black (Optional)
- Dirk (Optional)
- Hose, Bottle Green
- Flashes, Saffron
- Sgian Dubh (Optional)
- Pipers Ghillie Brogues, Black
- Spats, White
- Gloves, White

Class C - Color Guard Caubeen



Caubeen



**Honor Guard
Caubeen Badge**



Hackle



**Color Guard
Caubeen**

- Color Guard Caubeen includes: Caubeen, Honor Guard Badge and Hackle
- No other pins may be worn on Caubeen

Class C – Crewneck T-Shirt, White



Class C – Color Guard Shirt



- Color Guard Shirt includes Black Shirt, Subdued Veterans Rank, or Irish Pins, Honor Guard Badge, Honor Guard Patch, Irish Roots Ribbon Bar
- Veteran Rank is placed 1/2" from seam on both shoulder tabs
- Honor Guard Badge is placed on the left chest 3/4" centered above pocket
- Irish Roots Ribbon Bar is centered on top edge of left pocket
- Honor Guard Patch is centered on the left sleeve, 3" from top seam
- No other pins may be worn on the shirt

Class C – Color Guard Sweater



- Color Guard Sweater includes Black Sweater, Veterans Rank or Irish Pins, Honor Guard Badge, Honor Guard Patch
- Veterans Rank is placed ½” from seam on both shoulder tabs
- Honor Guard Badge is centered on the left chest
- Honor Guard Patch is centered on the left sleeve, 3” from top seam
- No other pins may be worn on sweater

Class C – Color Guard Kilt & Accessories



- Color Guard Kilt & Accessories includes Saffron Kilt, Sporran, Sam Browne Belt, Veteran Rank, Dirk Frog, Dirk, Kilt Pin and Gloves
- Sam Browne belt is used to hold up kilt and mount Dirk Frog, Dirk Sheath, and Dirk. The Dirk should be placed opposite of dominant side
- Kilt Pin is placed 1” from right edge and 1” from the bottom of Kilt hem
- Veteran Rank is centered 1” above Kilt Pin
- No other pins may be worn on Kilt

Class C - Color Guard Hose, Shoes & Accessories



Spats



- Color Guard Hose Kit includes Bottle Green Hose, Saffron Flashes, Spats, and Sgian Dubh (Optional)
- The Scian Dubh is tucked into the hose on the dominant side so that only 3 fingers of the handle shows (Optional)

Class C – Color Guard Items

The goal of the Honor Guard is to look sharp and be uniform in appearance. Therefore, consistency is important. Only purchase items from the companies specified below.

| Item Name | Company | Website | Required or Optional |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Caubeen Hat, Irish Caubeen Hat, Green Beret Scot Hat Military Balmoral bandsman (Good) | eBay | ebay.com | R |
| Royal Irish Regiment Caubeen (Best) | Guards Gear | guardsgearmilitaria.com | O |
| Wool Heavyweight Kilt Irish Saffron | Stillwater Kilts | store.stillwaterkilts.com | R |
| Deluxe Semi-Dress Sporran w/Chain Belt | Stillwater Kilts | store.stillwaterkilts.com | R |
| Premium Black Leather Kilt Belt w/Buckle | Stillwater Kilts | store.stillwaterkilts.com | R |
| Deluxe Irish Sword and Shield Kilt Pin | Stillwater Kilts | store.stillwaterkilts.com | R |
| Piper Hose, Bottle Green | The Piper's Cove | thepiperscove.com | R |
| Quality Dirk Frog | The Celtic Croft | kilts-n-stuff.com | O |
| Scottish Dirk Engraved 17" | Atlanta Kilts | atlantakilts.com | O |
| 7" Sgian Dubh | Atlanta Kilts | atlantakilts.com | O |
| Subdued Black Metal Rank | USAMM Armed Forces Super Store | usamm.com | O |
| Heraldry Names Irish County Crest Pinbadge | Irish on Grand | irishongrand.com | O |
| Pipers Ghillie Brogues (Best) | USA Kilts | usakilts.com | R |
| Men's Noah Wing Tip Walking Shoe | Rockport | rockport.com | O |

Class D – Honor Guard Formal Uniform

Occasions for wear: Formal AOH Sponsored Events

Composition/Checklist:

- Long Sleeve Shirt, White
- Ruche Tie, Gold
- 5 Button Vest, Navy
- Argyle Jacket, Navy
- Honor Guard Badge
- Irish Roots Ribbon Bar
- Kilt, Irish National Tartan
- Kilt Pin
- Veteran Rank
- Sporrán, Black
- Belt, Black w/Silver Buckle
- Dirk Frog, Black (Optional)
- Dirk (Optional)
- Hose, White
- Flashes, Yellow
- Sgian-Dubh (Optional)
- Pipers Ghillie Brogues, Black

Class D – Long Sleeve Shirt & Tie



Class D – Argyle Jacket w/5 Button Vest



Class D – Kilt & Accessories



Black Belt w/ Silver Buckle



Dirk Frog
(Optional)



Irish National Tartan Kilt



Dirk & Sheath
(Optional)



Kilt Pin



Veteran Rank



Sporran

- Honor Guard Kit includes Irish National Tartan Kilt, Sporran, Belt w/Buckle, Veteran Rank or Irish Pin, Dirk Frog, Dirk, and Kilt Pin
- Kilt Pin is placed 1" from right edge and 1" from the bottom of Kilt hem
- Veteran Rank is centered 1" above Kilt Pin
- No other pins may be worn on Kilt

Class D – Honor Guard Hose, Shoes & Accessories



- Honor Guard Hose Kit includes White Hose, Yellow Flashes, and Sgian Dubh (Optional)
- The Scian Dubh is tucked into the hose on the dominant side so that only 3 fingers of the handle shows.

Class D – Formal Honor Guard Items

The goal of the Honor Guard is to look sharp and be uniform in appearance. Therefore, consistency is important. Only purchase items from the companies specified below.

| Item Name | Company | Website | Required or Optional |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dress Shirt, White | Atlanta Kilts | atlantakilts.com | R |
| Ruche Tie, Gold | Atlanta Kilts | atlantakilts.com | R |
| Argyle Jacket | Atlanta Kilts | atlantakilts.com | R |
| Argyle Five-Button Vest | Atlanta Kilts | atlantakilts.com | R |
| Irish National Tartan Standard Kilt | Stillwater Kilts | store.stillwaterkilts.com | R |
| Premium Black Leather Kilt Belt w/Buckle | Stillwater Kilts | store.stillwaterkilts.com | R |
| Deluxe Semi-Dress Sporran w/Chain Belt | Stillwater Kilts | store.stillwaterkilts.com | R |
| Deluxe Irish Sword and Shield Kilt Pin | Stillwater Kilts | store.stillwaterkilts.com | R |
| Piper Hose, White | The Piper's Cove | thepiperscove.com | R |
| Quality Dirk Frog | The Celtic Croft | kilts-n-stuff.com | O |
| Scottish Dirk Engraved 17" | Atlanta Kilts | atlantakilts.com | O |
| 7" Sgian Dubh | Atlanta Kilts | atlantakilts.com | O |
| Subdued Black Metal Rank | USAMM Armed Forces Super Store | usamm.com | O |
| Heraldry Names Irish County Crest Pinbadge | Irish on Grand | irishongrand.com | O |
| Pipers Ghillie Brogues (Best) | USA Kilts | usakilts.com | R |
| Men's Noah Wing Tip Walking Shoe (Good) | Rockport | rockport.com | O |