



**Military Brotherhood MMC.
Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 3
Club Standard of Dress (CSOD)**

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Introduction

- 1) SOP 3 is the Club Standard of Dress (CSOD) and applies to all Military Brotherhood MMC Service, Retired, Life, Sierra, Junior and Probationary memberships.
- 2) CSOD is the authority for all items of dress and merchandise apparel.
- 3) This SOP is to be read in conjunction with SOPs 10 and 12.
- 4) Tasmanian Sub-Branchers are to replace RED for KAHAKI throughout this SOP.

Animal Membership

- 5) Animal membership is prohibited, including assistance dogs. Club merchandise and items of regalia are not to be attached to any animal accessories or the animal.

CSOD Proposals and Variations

- 6) A proposal to vary or introduce any club identifiable merchandise, regalia, apparel or the CSOD is to be staffed via your chain of command to be presented at a meeting of the National Committee.

Treatment of Club Regalia

- 7) It is a privilege to wear Club regalia. Any disrespect, including disfiguring your regalia, or 'removing your regalia and throwing it down' will be viewed as your decision to leave the Club. Any occurrence of disrespect to your regalia, regardless of your personal opinion and/or mind-set will instigate a grievance process to be assessed by the National Committee.

Official Club Logo

- 8) The Club official club logo is modelled on the ADF Tri Service badge.
 - a) A naval anchor.
 - b) Two crossed small arms, being STYER F88.
 - c) Air force F18 Super Hornet fighter.
 - d) The Federation Star.



Club Apparel / Equipment / Merchandise Logo

- 9) The logo is modelled on the ADF Tri Service badge in red with black background.
- 10) Our colours are a black background with red writing and is to be used on all items of clothing.
- 11) The red logo has 4 parts:
 - a) a naval anchor,
 - b) two crossed STYER F88, small arms,
 - c) Air Force F18 Super Hornet fighter; and
 - d) The Federation Star.
- 12) The logo is represented below. The official artwork file is available via the chain of command from the National Committee to ensure the integrity of the Club's identity.



Wearing Your Vest

- 13) Your Club Vest is prohibited to be worn inside any motor vehicle whether you are the driver or passenger.
- 14) Items not to be worn on your vest are:
 - a) Miniature medals.
 - b) Return for Active Service Badge (RAS).
 - c) AIRN, or any Navy/RAAF readiness badge equivalent.
 - d) Any accoutrements that have not been approved by the National Committee.
 - e) Any badge or patch that signifies current or former military rank.
- 15) You must wear your vest when attending general meetings, official club events, club runs and ceremonial activities (parades, marches, and funerals).
- 16) Your vest must not be worn unless you are wearing enclosed foot ware, full leg length pants (a skirt of appropriate length is an alternative option for female members), and a shirt or singlet under your vest.

Club Dress Code

- 17) When you wear your Vest, you are representing the Club and for unity the following must be observed:
 - a) It is preferred that your Club shirt as chosen from the approved apparel listing via your Sub-Branch QM is worn in conjunction with your Vest.
 - b) If non club items are to be worn, they must not have any offensive wording or logos.
 - c) Trousers which are blue, black or cam in colour must be worn. A black skirt of appropriate length is an alternative option for female members.
 - d) Protective shirts, jackets and safety equipment may be worn at any time with the preference being towards club colourings.

- e) Enclosed footwear must be worn when riding.
- 18) Merchandise and apparel for official club events, club runs and supporting activities require National Committee approval in writing before manufacture and distribution occurs.
- 19) Approved club supporters may have merchandise and apparel made available to them but must clearly state they are a Military Brotherhood Supporter. There is to be no reference or the use of the letters “MMC” anywhere on the merchandise or apparel.

Ceremonial Events/Funerals

- 20) The dress for ceremonial activities is as follows;
 - a) Club Vest with full size medals, your Club shirt as chosen from the approved apparel listing or black long sleeve shirt with black or blue trousers.
 - b) Female members may wear a black skirt of appropriate length.
 - c) Enclosed footwear.
 - d) Wearing of Regalia, Medals, or any club clothing at funerals is to be approved by the deceased family.

Vest Format

- 21) Club vest is to be Black or Brown.
- 22) Piping, lacing, and fasteners are to be red or black or a combination of both. Coupling devices which hold the front and sides of the vest closed may be metal and are of free design.
- 23) All future MB MMC run patches shall be red writing on a black background.
- 24) A combined total of four campaign, unit, qualification, corps or trade, military issued items may be worn however, the following criteria must be met:
 - a. Service and Sierra members who have served may wear a combined total of four patches on the right-hand side of the vest below the optional Country of Origin Patch and above the space allocated for supported run patches. The intent is to describe the service history of who the vest represents. The total of

four patches may include campaign, unit, qualification, corps or trade military issued items.

b. Sierra and Junior members who have not served are not permitted to wear patches of their family or friends' campaign, unit, qualification, corps or trade military issued items unless, with a successfully approved submission to the National Executive they may be permitted to wear deceased family members campaign / unit patch.

c. However, if a Sierra squad member who has not served in the ADF but was part of a Unit, Campaign or Deployment as a public servant, United Nations employee or Emergency Service Personnel, they may submit a request to the NAT EXEC for approval to wear the appropriate patch. Official evidence of this service must be provided with the application.

25) Representation of your country on the back of the vest is encouraged however, if it is not an approved ADF, Commonwealth or Allied Forces uniform material it is not to be worn.

Patches

26) The following patches are to be sewn onto your vest, other fixing methods are not acceptable:

- a) AKA
- b) Breast patch
- c) The Task is Our patch
- d) ANF / country of service Flag
- e) Ensign patch
- f) Service crest
- g) Number plate
- h) ICB, ACB or service equivalent
- i) Ribbon Bars/ patch Refer SOP 10
- j) Location patch (patch is optional), a Sub-Branch choice of one only of

the below:

- i Written SB location, rectangular in shape, dimensions 25mm high x 90mm long. To be worn under the AKA patch.
- ii Location design patch, rectangular in shape, no written text, dimensions 50mm high by 75mm long. To be worn either below or in place of the country-of-origin patch. (Design to be approved by the National Committee)
- iii Circular location patch design, no written text, indicatively 60mm in diameter. To be worn either below or in place of the country-of-origin patch. (Design to be approved by the National Committee)
- k) Run patches, (official on your left-hand side of vest and supported on your right-hand side)
- l) Either a Memorial or Ode patch, not both (bottom right-hand side of vest beside Supported Run Patches).
- m) Relations ribbons / patch, (only if the relative is deceased) Refer SOP 10
- n) Flag of Origin and Unit / Core / Approved patches
- o) Advocacy Patch, extra responsibility patch as per SOP 12
- p) The top of the AKA patch on the right-hand side of the vest is to be in line with the top of the member's Service / Sierra patch on the left-hand side of the vest as displayed in figures 2, 4 and 5 of this document.

27) The following patches may be sewn or attached by other means but are not to be glued:

- a) Service Star Patch, and
- b) Executive Position Patch.

Back of Vest

28) Service members may wear the cam or single colour material on the back of the vest that they wore during their service. Members may wear any derivative that superseded their version of chosen cam. For example, if an Ex-Navy member didn't wear the current cam pattern they are permitted to wear the newer version so they can

be easily identified as Ex- Navy. Only one style is to be worn.

Mandatory Regalia

- 29) The following shall be worn on every member vest once entitled:
- a) Breast Patch,
 - b) The task is Ours patch,
 - c) Founding members patch if applicable and be the same size as the task is ours and be laid out in three lines.
 - i the first line to be “Sub-Branch Founder”
 - ii the second line. “Sub-Branch Name” and
 - iii the third line to be the Year.
 - d) AKA patch, Executive Position (if applicable), Advocacy patch (if applicable), extra responsibility patch, refer to SOP 12.
 - e) Years of service patch,
 - f) ANF meeting the following criteria:
 - i. Service Members and Sierra Members who have served can wear the ANF, Navy Ensign, RAAF Ensign, or the allied country they served with including a DPCU variant. Those that have deployed may wear the ADF variant for that deployment if they wish. But only one is to be worn.
 - ii. Sierra Members and Junior Members are only to wear the normal ANF.
 - g) Number plate (if state/territory permitted),
 - h) ICB, ACB or service equivalent may be worn above the members ribbons, and
 - i) Ribbon Bars/ patch to be worn IAW members countries Military Honours and Awards System. Refer SOP 10

Optional Regalia:

- 30) The following may be worn on members vest once entitled:
- a) Service crest – Army, Navy or Air Force (only one option to be worn and no rate/corps or muster permitted),

- b) Location Patch as and if agreed by the sub-branch as a whole. (Refer to para 26, J of this document for acceptable options)
- c) Run patches, (refer to para 26, K)
- d) Memorial patches, (refer to para 26, L and para 30 K)
- e) Dog tag,
- f) Personally, awarded Unit citations,
- g) Individual Commendations,
- h) Deceased Relative Ribbon Bars and/or the members individually awarded State Medals,
- i) Country of origin and
- j) Maximum combination of 4 approved military unit, campaign, corps, qualification, or trade patches (Service Members only for corps, qualification and trade patches).
- k) A choice of either a Memorial Patch or relevant Service Ode Patch that is no greater than 75mm x 75mm in size, with all newly produced items being red writing (including graphic) on a black background.

Service Members Vest

31) A Service Members Vest shall be set out IAW Figure 2 below and SOP 12:



Figure 2

32) Only Service Members and Sierra members with service history are permitted to wear cam or single colour material on the back of their vest. Examples - Figure 3

33) The cam/ single colour material is to cover the entire back of the vest, from the middle top of the shoulder to the bottom of the vest as depicted below in figure 3.



Figure 3

34) Service Members will wear the Number Plate after the completion of their probation period and have been endorsed by their Sub-Branch.

35) Only Sierra Squad members with approved military service may wear the Cam or single colour material on the back of their Vest.

36) A member who has approved military service and does not qualify for full service membership must refer to Figure 2 for the format of their vest. The Sierra Breast plate is to be worn until such time that service membership is gained.

37) If a member who has approved military service completes their probation period and is endorsed by their Sub-Branch however, does not qualify for full service membership, can wear the number plate as per an endorsed Sierra Member.

Sierra Squad Members Vest

- 38) Sierra Members will wear the Number Plate after the completion of their probation period and have been endorsed by their Sub-Branch.
- 39) Only Sierra Squad members with approved military service may wear the Cam/ single colour material on the back of their Vest.
- 40) Sierra Squad Members vest shall be set out IAW Figure 4 below:



Figure 4

Junior Members Vest

- 41) A junior members vest shall be set out IAW Figure 5 below with a Junior Sierra patch which is half the size of the traditional Sierra Patch.
- 42) Deceased relatives' Ribbon Bars /honours and awards.
- 43) Approved military unit / campaign patches.
- 44) The MB MMC member's personally issued State Awards.
- 45) Junior members are not to wear the following.
 - i) Relatives' Ribbon Bars /honours and awards who are not deceased.
 - ii) Number plates.
 - iii) Cam / single colour material.

