



## GSMD INSIGNIA

General Society of Mayflower Descendant members and officers may wear breast medals and neck medallions.

Breast medals include the Member medal, Member Society/Colony Officer medal, Past Governor medal, Past Colony/Lt. Governor medal, GSMD National Officer medal, Miniature Member medal, Junior Member medal, and former GSMD National Officer medal.

Curved bars, pinned to the ribbon on the medal, are not interchangeable between these medals as there are differences in the purposes for the medals. Curved bars are engraved with the names of ancestors, names of colonies and Member Society and National office titles. Members generally wear three or fewer breast medals displaying curved bars.

- Member medals come with a straight gold top bar engraved with the member's society name. Curved ancestor bars may be attached below on the ribbon.
- Member Society/Colony Officer medals come with a straight gold top bar engraved with the members society name. Title bars for offices held, past or present, are attached on the ribbon below the top bar, next a colony name bar and title bars for colony offices held below the colony name bar.
- The Miniature Member medal may be worn when representing the Society at ceremonial occasions.
- Junior members up to the age of 25 years may wear the Junior Member medal.
- The Past Governor medal comes with two straight bars. The top bar is engraved 'Past Governor's. The member's society name is engraved on the bar below. Many societies buy this medal with society funds and give to a governor at the end of their term of office. A past Governor may wish to attach title bars from their Member Society/Colony Officer medal to the ribbon of Past Governor medal, wearing it in place of the Member Society/Colony Officer medal. The office title bars should be placed in the same order as on the Member Society/Colony Officer medal ribbon as stated about. The Member Society/Colony Officer medal and the Past Governor medal many not be worn together.
- The Past Colony Governor medal comes with two straight bars. The top bar is engraved 'Past Colony Governor' or 'Past Lt. Governor'. The second bar is engraved with the two-character code of the member's society and the Colony name. A past Colony Governor may wish to attach title bars from their Member Society/Colony Officer medal to the ribbon of the Past Colony Governor medal. bars from their Member Society/Colony Officer medal to the ribbon of Past Colony Governor medal, wearing it in place of the Member Society/Colony Officer medal. The office title bars should be placed in the same order as on the Member Society/Colony Officer medal ribbon as stated about. The Member Society/Colony Officer medal and the Past Governor medal many not be worn together.
- GSMD National Officer medals come with a straight gold top bar engraved GSMD. Title bars for Deputy Governor General, Assistant General, as well as GSMD Chair and Committee member bars should be attached below on the ribbon.

- Former GSMD officer medals are for those who have served as officers at the national level. The medal comes with two straight top bars. The top bar is engraved with the office held and the straight bar below is engraved GSMD.
- Governor General is the highest office served in GSMD. All former Governor Generals are given a separate and distinct 'former officer' medal as well as a neck medallion.
- For those who may have an older medal with no bar at the top, a straight pin bar with the Member Society name is available that pins onto the top of the ribbon. To replace the ribbon as well, a top bar engraved with the Member Society name, attached to a ribbon with a small ring at the bottom is available ready to attach to an older medal.

Neck medallions are worn by the Former Governors General, Former Assistant Governors General, Executive Committee Officers, Governors, Colony Governors and National Deputy Governor General and Assistant General officers. Neck ribbon is 32" in length and should be replaced as needed.

- Executive Committee medallions are gold with a pink and white ribbon.
- Governor medallions are gold with a pink and white ribbon.
- Former Governors General and Former Assistant Governors General are gold with a solid pink ribbon.
- National DGG and AG medallions are silver with a pink and white ribbon.
- Colony Governor medallions are bronze with a pink and white ribbon.

## **INSIGNIA ETIQUETTE**

Members only wear GSMD insignia. The GSMD National Officer medal, the Member Society/Colony Officer medal, Past Governor medal, Past Colony Governor medal and the Member medal should be worn only at meetings and should not be worn in public. Only the Miniature Member medal can be worn in public when representing the Mayflower Society at ceremonial occasions. It may be placed alongside other miniature medals from other societies.

Members may wear a maximum of three breast medals. The GSMD National Officer medal with the highest office held should be on the right, as viewed by another person. In the middle, the Member Society/Colony Officer medal, Past Governor medal or Past Colony Governor medal and to the left, closest to the heart, the Member medal. Whether wearing one, two, or three medals, all should be in a straight row and balanced over the heart.

Curved bars are not interchangeable between medals and should only be attached to the medals indicated above. Ancestor bars are placed on Member medals. Member Society title bars are placed on Member Society/Colony Officer medals and GSMD National title bars are placed on National GSMD medals. Curved bars should not be attached to miniature or junior member medals.

Only one neck medallion should be worn at a time. When a member holds two offices that have a neck medallion, the Member Society neck medallion should be worn at his or her regional society meetings. The

National neck medallion should be worn at GSMD national meetings. (See Neck Medallion Etiquette below). Breast medals may also be worn with a neck medallion at Member Society or GSMD National meetings.

There are many other insignia items available for purchase that may be worn both at meetings and in public. Jewelry available includes pins, charms, buttons, cufflinks, tie bars, earrings, and rings.

## **NECK MEDALLION ETIQUETTE**

**\*Only one neck medallion is to be worn at a time**

If you are a DGG or AG and also a Governor or Colony Governor, wear only your DGG or AG neck medallion at GSMD National meetings.

If you are a DGG or AG and also a GSMD National officer, wear only your GSMD National Officer neck medallion at GSMD National meetings.

If you are a Member Society or Colony Governor attending a national meeting but not a DGG or AG or a GSMD national officer, wear your Member Society or Colony neck medallion at GSMD National meetings.

If you are a DGG or AG, a Member Society or Colony Governor, and a GSMD National officer, you should wear only your GSMD National Officer neck medallion at GSMD National meetings.

Breast medals may also be worn with a neck medallion at GSMD National meetings. Breast medals include the Member medal, Miniature Member medal, Junior Member medal, Member Society/Colony Officer medal, Past Governor medal, Past Colony Governor medal, GSMD National Officer medal and former GSMD National Officer medal.

### **Neck Medallion ranking from high to low:**

Former Governor General or Former Assistant Governor General  
GSMD National Officer  
Deputy Governor General  
Assistant General  
Member Society or Colony Governor

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