





OBJECT ID	2023.13.2A
OBJECT NAME	Jacket
DATE CREATED	1940s
DONOR	Peter Mavrogenes John Mavrogenes
MATERIAL	Brass; Wool
OBJECT ENTITIES	Mavrogenes, George (owned by) Mavrogenes, Peter (collected by) Mavrogenes, John (collected by)

RELATED ITEMS	Pants, 2023.13.2B Belt, 2023.13.2C Jacket, 2023.13.1 Painting, 2023.13.3 Drawing, 2023.13.4 Painting, 2023.13.5 Painting, 2023.13.6 Painting, 2023.13.7
ACCESS POINTS	Greek Civil War (1946-1949) Military uniforms World War, 1939-1945 World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Greece World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Greece--Crete World War, 1939-1945--Greece

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Green Greek Army jacket with brass buttons. The insignia on the lapels indicate that the jacket belonged to an officer and the ribbons, from left to right, are the Greek War Cross (red and blue), the Greek Medal of Military Merit (yellow and blue), and the Greek Medal of War 1940-1941 (white and blue). Shoulder patches have been removed from the uniform.

ORIGIN

This Greek Army uniform was owned by George Spyridon Mavrogenes while he served in the Greek military during WWII (1939-1945) and the Greek Civil War (1946-1949). In 1941, Mavrogenes fought against the Nazis as they invaded Greece, eventually retreating to Crete where he was wounded and later escaped German captivity. After a treacherous journey back to Athens he became a member of the resistance for the duration of the war. After the end of WWII, civil war broke out in Greece, and he served as a captain in the national army where he was again wounded. Following a distinguished military career, he emigrated to the United States, and received his master's degree in electrical engineering at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Mavrogenes became a US citizen in 1956, and during the period of the military junta in Greece (1967-74), he formed a committee opposed to the military dictatorship in Greece and conducted a regular television show to enlighten and educate Chicagoans. In 1958 he began a career as an accelerator engineer-physicist at Argonne Lab, where he was named a senior engineer-physicist in 1988 and remained an integral part of accelerator achievements at Argonne until his retirement in 1996.

CITATION

Jacket, 1940s, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/11/26.