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| **OBJECT ID** | 2023.13.1 |
| **OBJECT NAME** | Jacket |
| **DATE CREATED** | 1940s |
| **DONOR** | Peter Mavrogenes<br>John Mavrogenes |
| **MATERIAL** | Brass; Wool |
| **OBJECT ENTITIES** | Mavrogenes, George (owned by)<br>Mavrogenes, Peter (collected by)<br>Mavrogenes, John (collected by) |

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

## OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Yellow and blue Greek military academy jacket with brass buttons.

## ORIGIN

This Greek Army cadet 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 11/10/26.