



OBJECT ID	2000.1.10.B
OBJECT NAME	Cap
MATERIAL	Silk; Velvet
OBJECT ENTITIES	Furla, Maria (collected by)
RELATED ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photograph, 2000.1.1 Apron, 2000.1.2 Skirt, 2000.1.3 Scarf, 2000.1.4 Scarf, Table, 2000.1.5 scarf, 2000.1.6 Scarf, 2000.1.7 Blouse, 2000.1.8 Bag, Tagari, 2000.1.9 Vest, 2000.1.10.A Scarf, Table, 2000.1.11 Fabric, 2000.1.12 Fabric, 2000.1.13 Fabric, 2000.1.14
ACCESS POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caps (Headgear) Clothing Evzones Greek Key

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Child's red velvet cap (part of evzone costume) trimmed with gold rickrack, black and gold ribbon in Greek key design, and long gold tassel that originates from the top of the cap. The cap is lined with white silk.

ORIGIN

Evzones refers to the members of the Presidential Guard an elite ceremonial unit that guards the Greek Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Presidential Mansion and the gate of Evzones camp in Athens.

Though the Presidential Guard is a predominantly ceremonial unit, all Evzones are volunteers drawn from the Hellenic Army's Infantry, Artillery and Armoured Corps. Prospective Evzones are usually identified at the Army Recruit Training Centres during Basic Training; there is a minimum height requirement of 1.86 m (6' 1.2") to join.

The unit is famous around the world for its unique traditional uniform, which has evolved from the clothes worn by the klephts who fought the Ottoman occupation of Greece. The most visible item of this uniform is the fustanella, a kilt-like garment. Their proven valor and peculiar dress turned them into a popular image for the Greek soldier, especially among foreigners.

CITATION

Cap, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/25/24.
