



OBJECT ID	F2014.104
OBJECT NAME	Doll
MATERIAL	Plaster; Plastic
ACCESS POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> blue fez gold paint Plaster Recreational Artifact red shoes Tassel Toy White Wood

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Male doll made out of cloth and plaster (?). He has black hair and a painted face. He wears a red fez with a tassel and a blue vest with faded red and gold embellishments, sequins, and gold buttons. He also wears a blue and white tassel around his waist, a white blouse, and blue tassels around his calves. His feet are painted black to appropriate shoes and the bottoms of his feet have narrow strips of wood attached to them to allow him to stand freely and stably.

ORIGIN

A doll such as this would likely have been displayed in someone's home as a representation of Greek regional costume.

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 valour and peculiar dress turned them into a

popular image for the Greek soldier, especially among foreigners.

CITATION

Doll, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://hellenic.whirlihost.com/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/13/24.
