



OBJECT ID	2000.1.10.A
OBJECT NAME	Vest
MEDIUM	Sequins
MATERIAL	Lace; Velvet
OBJECT ENTITIES	Furla, Maria (collected by)
RELATED ITEMS	<p> <a href="#">Photograph, 2000.1.1</a>  <a href="#">Apron, 2000.1.2</a>  <a href="#">Skirt, 2000.1.3</a>  <a href="#">Scarf, 2000.1.4</a>  <a href="#">Scarf, Table, 2000.1.5</a>  <a href="#">scarf, 2000.1.6</a>  <a href="#">Scarf, 2000.1.7</a>  <a href="#">Blouse, 2000.1.8</a>  <a href="#">Bag, Tagari, 2000.1.9</a>  <a href="#">Cap, 2000.1.10.B</a>  <a href="#">Scarf, Table, 2000.1.11</a>  <a href="#">Fabric, 2000.1.12</a>  <a href="#">Fabric, 2000.1.13</a>  <a href="#">Fabric, 2000.1.14</a> </p>
ACCESS POINTS	<p> <a href="#">Clothing</a>  <a href="#">Embroidery</a>  <a href="#">Evzones</a>  <a href="#">Needlework</a>  <a href="#">Vests</a> </p>

## OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Child's red velvet evzone vest embellished with gold braid and sequined ornamentation and white lace-trimmed cuffs. The vest is long sleeved and has a small clasp to keep it closed while being worn. The vest's interior is lined with a silky cloth.

## 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 valour and peculiar dress turned them into a popular image for the Greek soldier, especially among foreigners.

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#### **CITATION**

Vest, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://hellenic.whirlihost.com/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/17/24.

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