

THE UNITED STATES MILITARY  
**OFFICER RANK INSIGNIA**



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Officer ranks in the United States military consist of commissioned officers and warrant officers. The commissioned ranks are the highest in the military. These officers hold presidential commissions and are confirmed at their ranks by the Senate. Army, Air Force and Marine Corps officers are called company grade officers in the pay grades of O-1 to O-3, field grade officers in pay grades O-4 to O-6 and general officers in pay grades O-7 and higher. The equivalent officer groupings in the Navy are called junior grade, mid-grade and flag.

Warrant officers hold warrants from their service secretary and are specialists and experts in certain military technologies or capabilities. The lowest ranking warrant officers serve under a warrant, but they receive commissions from the president upon promotion to chief warrant officer 2. These commissioned warrant officers are direct representatives of the president of the United States. They derive their authority from the same source as commissioned officers but remain specialists, in contrast to commissioned officers, who are generalists. There are no warrant officers in the Air Force.

**ARMY**


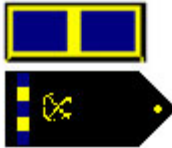


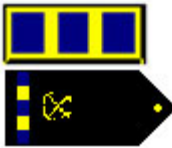


**NAVY**
















**COAST GUARD**





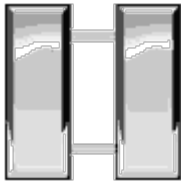

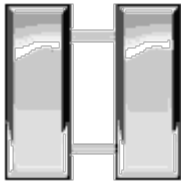
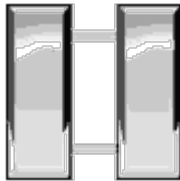




**MARINES**

















**AIR FORCE**

Naval officers wear distinctively different rank devices depending upon the uniform they're wearing. The three basic uniforms and rank devices used are: khakis, collar insignia pins; whites, stripes on shoulder boards; and blues, stripes sewn on the lower coat sleeves.

<b>W1</b>	Warrant Officer 1 WO1 	USN Warrant Officer 1 — WO1 	Warrant Officer 1 WO 	NO WARRANT
	Chief Warrant Officer 2 CW2 	USN Chief Warrant Officer 2 — CWO2  <hr/> USCG 	Chief Warrant Officer 2 CWO2 	NO WARRANT

W3	Chief Warrant Officer 3 CW3	USN Chief Warrant Officer 3 — CWO3 	Chief Warrant Officer 3 CWO3 	NO WARRANT
		USCG 		
W4	Chief Warrant Officer 4 CW4	USN Chief Warrant Officer 4 — CWO4 	Chief Warrant Officer 4 CWO4 	NO WARRANT
		USCG 		
W5	Chief Warrant Officer CW5	USN Chief Warrant Officer CWO5 	Chief Warrant Officer 5 CWO5 	NO WARRANT
				
ARMY		NAVY	MARINES	AIR FORCE
		COAST GUARD		
O1	Second Lieutenant 2LT	Ensign ENS 	Second Lieutenant 2nd Lt. 	Second Lieutenant 2nd Lt. 
				

<p><b>O2</b></p>	<p>First Lieutenant 1LT</p> 	<p>Lieutenant Junior Grade LTJG</p> 	<p>First Lieutenant 1st Lt.</p> 	<p>First Lieutenant 1st Lt.</p> 
<p><b>O3</b></p>	<p>Captain CPT</p> 	<p>Lieutenant LT</p> 	<p>Captain Capt.</p> 	<p>Captain Capt.</p> 
<p><b>O4</b></p>	<p>Major MAJ</p> 	<p>Lieutenant Commander LCDR</p> 	<p>Major Maj.</p> 	<p>Major Maj.</p> 
<p><b>O5</b></p>	<p>Lieutenant Colonel LTC</p>	<p>Commander CDR</p>	<p>Lieutenant Colonel Lt. Col.</p>	<p>Lieutenant Colonel Lt. Col.</p>

				
<p><b>06</b></p>	<p>Colonel COL</p> 	<p>Captain CAPT</p> 	<p>Colonel Col.</p> 	<p>Colonel Col.</p> 
<p><b>07</b></p>	<p>Brigadier General BG</p> 	<p>Rear Admiral Lower Half RDML</p> 	<p>Brigadier General Brig. Gen.</p> 	<p>Brigadier General Brig. Gen.</p> 
<p><b>08</b></p>	<p>Major General MG</p> 	<p>Rear Admiral Upper Half RADM</p> 	<p>Major General Maj. Gen.</p> 	<p>Major General Maj. Gen.</p> 
		<p>Vice Admiral VADM</p>		

<p><b>O9</b></p>	<p>Lieutenant General LTG</p> 	  	<p>Lieutenant General Lt. Gen.</p> 	<p>Lieutenant General Lt. Gen.</p> 
<p><b>O10</b></p>	<p>General GEN <u>Army Chief of Staff</u></p> 	<p>Admiral ADM <u>Chief of Naval Operations</u></p> <p>and</p> <p><u>Commandant of the Coast Guard</u></p>   	<p>General Gen. <u>Commandant of the Marine Corps</u></p> 	<p>General Gen. <u>Air Force Chief of Staff</u></p> 
	<p>General of the Army (Reserved for wartime only)</p> 	<p>Fleet Admiral (Reserved for wartime only)</p> 		<p>General of the Air Force (Reserved for wartime only)</p> 
				