

Quick Reference Guide to Rank Insignia of the Armed Forces

The Armed Forces of the world use a system of rank insignia to distinguish between different levels of authority and responsibility. These insignia are typically displayed on uniforms and can include badges, chevrons, shoulder boards, and stars. This comprehensive guide provides a detailed overview of rank insignia used by the Armed Forces, encompassing the major branches of the military.



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Army Rank Insignia

Insignia of the United States Armed Forces – Enlisted

E-1	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7	E-8	E-9
ARMY								
Private (PVT)	Private First Class (PFC)	Corporal (CPL)	Sergeant (SGT)	Staff Sergeant (SSG)	Sergeant First Class (SFC)	Master Sergeant (MSG)	First Sergeant (1SG)	Sergeant Major (SMA)
MARINES								
Private (PVT)	Private First Class (PFC)	Corporal (CPL)	Sergeant (SGT)	Staff Sergeant (SSG)	Sergeant First Class (SFC)	Master Sergeant (MSG)	First Sergeant (1SG)	Sergeant Major (SMA)
NAVY								
Boatswain (BO)	Deck Hand (DH)	Crewman (CR)	Fetty Officer Third Class (OT3)	Fetty Officer Second Class (OT2)	Fetty Officer First Class (OT1)	Chief Petty Officer (CPO)	Senior Chief Petty Officer (SCPO)	Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)
AIR FORCE								
Airman Basic (AB)	Airman (A1)	Airman First Class (AFC)	Senior Airman (SA)	Staff Sergeant (SSG)	Technical Sergeant (TSgt)	MSGT	MSGT	MSGT
COAST GUARD								
Boatswain (BO)	Deck Hand (DH)	Crewman (CR)	Fetty Officer Third Class (OT3)	Fetty Officer Second Class (OT2)	Fetty Officer First Class (OT1)	Chief Petty Officer (CPO)	Senior Chief Petty Officer (SCPO)	Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard (MCPON-CG)
ARMY				NAVY				
Warrent Officer (E-1)	Chief Warrent Officer (E-2)	Chief Warrent Officer (E-3)	Chief Warrent Officer (E-4)	Chief Warrent Officer (E-5)	Chief Warrent Officer (E-6)	Chief Warrent Officer (E-7)	Chief Warrent Officer (E-8)	Chief Warrent Officer (E-9)
MARINES				COAST GUARD				
Warrent Officer (E-1)	Chief Warrent Officer (E-2)	Chief Warrent Officer (E-3)	Chief Warrent Officer (E-4)	Chief Warrent Officer (E-5)	Chief Warrent Officer (E-6)	Chief Warrent Officer (E-7)	Chief Warrent Officer (E-8)	Chief Warrent Officer (E-9)

- **Private (PVT):** No insignia
- **Private First Class (PFC):** One chevron
- **Corporal (CPL):** Two chevrons
- **Sergeant (SGT):** Three chevrons
- **Staff Sergeant (SSG):** Three chevrons with one rocker

- **Sergeant First Class (SFC):** Three chevrons with two rockers
- **Master Sergeant (MSG):** Three chevrons with three rockers
- **First Sergeant (1SG):** Three chevrons with four rockers
- **Sergeant Major (SGM):** Three chevrons with five rockers
- **Command Sergeant Major (CSM):** Three chevrons with six rockers
- **Sergeant Major of the Army (SMA):** Three chevrons with seven rockers

Navy Rank Insignia



- **Seaman Recruit (SR):** No insignia
- **Seaman Apprentice (SA):** One chevron
- **Seaman (SN):** Two chevrons
- **Petty Officer Third Class (PO3):** Three chevrons
- **Petty Officer Second Class (PO2):** Three chevrons with one rocker

- **Petty Officer First Class (PO1):** Three chevrons with two rockers
- **Chief Petty Officer (CPO):** Three chevrons with three rockers
- **Senior Chief Petty Officer (SCPO):** Three chevrons with four rockers
- **Master Chief Petty Officer (MCPO):** Three chevrons with five rockers
- **Command Master Chief Petty Officer (CMDM):** Three chevrons with six rockers
- **Fleet Master Chief Petty Officer (FLTCM):** Three chevrons with seven rockers

Air Force Rank Insignia



- **Airman Basic (AB):** No insignia
- **Airman (Amn):** One chevron
- **Airman First Class (A1C):** Two chevrons
- **Senior Airman (SrA):** Three chevrons
- **Staff Sergeant (SSgt):** Three chevrons with one rocker
- **Technical Sergeant (TSgt):** Three chevrons with two rockers
- **Master Sergeant (MSgt):** Three chevrons with three



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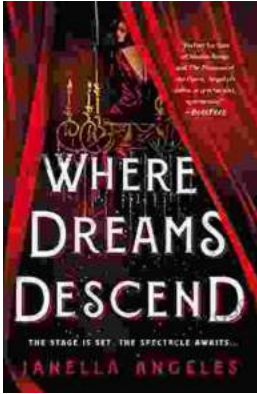
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