

# U.S. MILITARY RANKS

\*insignia and official abbreviations

## COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

(BY PAY SCALE)	ARMY	AIR FORCE	MARINES	NAVY	COAST GUARD
0-10	General (GEN)	General (Gen)	General (Gen)	Admiral (ADM)	Admiral (ADM)
0-9	Lieutenant General (LTG)	Lieutenant General (Lt Gen)	Lieutenant General (LtGen)	Vice Admiral (VADM)	Vice Admiral (VADM)
0-8	Major General (MG)	Major General (Maj Gen)	Major General (MajGen)	Rear Admiral (Upper Half) (RADM)	Rear Admiral (Upper Half) (RADM)
0-7	Brigadier General (BG)	Brigadier General (Brig Gen)	Brigadier General (BGen)	Rear Admiral (Lower Half) (RDML)	Rear Admiral (Lower Half) (RDML)
0-6	Colonel (COL)	Colonel (Col)	Colonel (Col)	Captain (CAPT)	Captain (CAPT)
0-5	Lieutenant Colonel (LTC)	Lieutenant Colonel (Lt Col)	Lieutenant Colonel (LtCol)	Commander (CDR)	Commander (CDR)
0-4	Major (MAJ)	Major (Maj)	Major (Maj)	Lieutenant Commander (LCDR)	Lieutenant Commander (LCDR)
0-3	Captain (CPT)	Captain (Capt)	Captain (Capt)	Lieutenant (LT)	Lieutenant (LT)
0-2	First Lieutenant (1LT)	First Lieutenant (1Lt)	First Lieutenant (1stLt)	Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG)	Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG)
0-1	Second Lieutenant (2LT)	Second Lieutenant (2Lt)	Second Lieutenant (2ndLt)	Ensign (ENS)	Ensign (ENS)

## WARRANT OFFICERS

(BY PAY SCALE)	ARMY	MARINES	NAVY	COAST GUARD
W-5	Chief Warrant Officer (CW5)	Chief Warrant Officer 5 (CWO5)	Chief Warrant Officer (CWO5)	NOT USED
W-4	Chief Warrant Officer (CW4)	Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CWO4)	Chief Warrant Officer (CWO4)	Chief Warrant Officer (CWO4)
W-3	Chief Warrant Officer (CW3)	Chief Warrant Officer 3 (CWO3)	Chief Warrant Officer (CWO3)	Chief Warrant Officer (CWO3)
W-2	Chief Warrant Officer (CW2)	Chief Warrant Officer 2 (CWO2)	Chief Warrant Officer (CWO2)	Chief Warrant Officer (CWO2)
W-1	Warrant Officer (WO1)	Warrant Officer (WO)	NOT USED	NOT USED

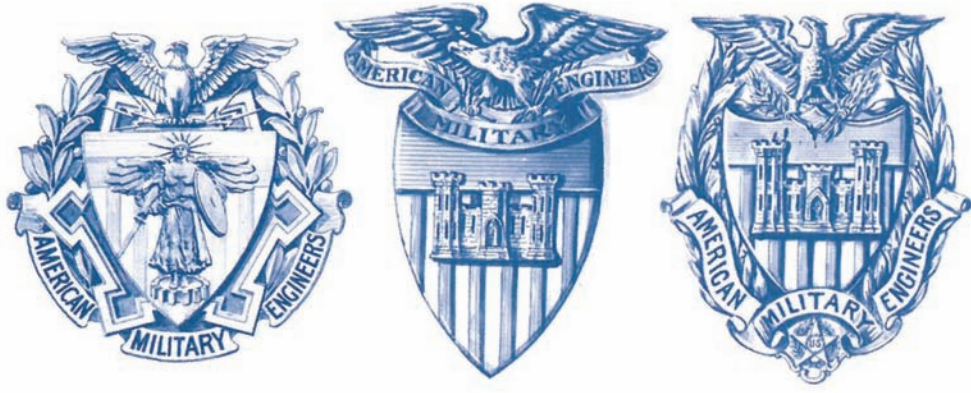
\*Air Force does not use Warrant Officers

## ENLISTED

(BY PAY SCALE)	ARMY	AIR FORCE	MARINES	NAVY	COAST GUARD
E-9	Sergeant Major of the Army (SMA) (C) Command Sergeant Major (CSM) (R) Sergeant Major (SGM)	Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (CMSAF) (L) Command Chief Master Sergeant (CCM) (C) First Sergeant (1st Sgt) (R) Chief Master Sergeant (CMSgt)	Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps (SgtMajMC) (L) Sergeant Major (SgtMaj) (R) Master Gunnery Sergeant (MGySgt)	Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MPCON) (L) Fleet Master Chief Petty Officer (FLTCM) or Force Master Chief Petty Officer (FORCM) (C) Command Master Chief Petty Officer (CMDCM) (R) Master Chief Petty Officer (MCPO)	Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard (MCPOCG) (L) Command Master Chief Petty Officer (CMC) (R) Master Chief Petty Officer (MCPO)
E-8	(L) First Sergeant (1SG) (R) Master Sergeant (MSG)	(L) First Sergeant (1st Sgt) (R) Senior Master Sergeant (SMSgt)	(L) First Sergeant (1stSgt) (R) Master Sergeant (MSgt)	Senior Chief Petty Officer (SCPO)	Senior Chief Petty Officer (SCPO)
E-7	Sergeant First Class (SFC)	(L) First Sergeant (1st Sgt) (R) Master Sergeant (MSgt)	Gunnery Sergeant (GySgt)	Chief Petty Officer (CPO)	Chief Petty Officer (CPO)
E-6	Staff Sergeant (SSG)	Technical Sergeant (TSgt)	Staff Sergeant (SSgt)	Petty Officer First Class (PO1)	Petty Officer First Class (PO1)
E-5	Sergeant (SGT)	Staff Sergeant (SSgt)	Sergeant (Sgt)	Petty Officer Second Class (PO2)	Petty Officer Second Class (PO2)
E-4	(L) Corporal (CPL) (R) Specialist (SPC)	Senior Airman (SrA)	Corporal (Cpl)	Petty Officer Third Class (PO3)	Petty Officer Third Class (PO3)
E-3	Private First Class (PFC)	Airman First Class (A1C)	Lance Corporal (LCpl)	Seaman (SN)	Seaman (SN)
E-2	Private (PV2)	Airman (Amn)	Private First Class (PFC)	Seaman Apprentice (SA)	Seaman Apprentice (SA)
E-1	Private (PV1)	Airman Basic (AB)	Private (Pvt)	Seaman Recruit (SR)	Seaman Recruit (SR)

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**TME**  
The Military Engineer



National Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Administration



U.S. Public  
Health Service



U.S. Coast Guard



U.S. Air Force



Uniformed Services of  
the United States



U.S. Marine Corps



U.S. Navy



US Army Corps  
of Engineers



U.S. Army

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