

# CROW'S NEST



CWO-4, Lester B. Tucker's 1897 Boatswain's Mate 1st Class is unusual, it is the first 1897 rate to ever be in C.N., and it has a red diamond which is under the eagle's feet. Eagle and anchor are blue on white, chevrons are red.

In the 1905 regulations, the eagle's head was raised while the eagle's head here doesn't and remains level. This eagle does not have a sharp beak as the 1905, and unlike the 1905 eagle, its tail feathers are not the same.

**WRITE:**

CWO-4, Lester B. Tucker  
2610 North Heller Road  
Oak Harbor, Washington  
98277-9217

This is the largest issue for now, it could be the same as this or slightly smaller, but to keep it at least 20 pages, or more, we'll need your help to maintain it at those sizes than a smaller puny size, but you'll need to mail us photocopies of your rates, patches and SSI. We can use foreign, as well as U.S. insignia copy and illustrated regs showing insignia from any sea service that is U.S. or foreign, etc!!

Everyone will get credit when their xeroxes are shown, but be sure to pencil in initials or name on each photocopy.



CLEMENT V. KELLY, JR.  
501 WEST 5TH AVENUE  
COVINGTON, LA. U.S.A. 70433

U.S. Marine Corps & U.S. Navy  
Parachute Insignia:

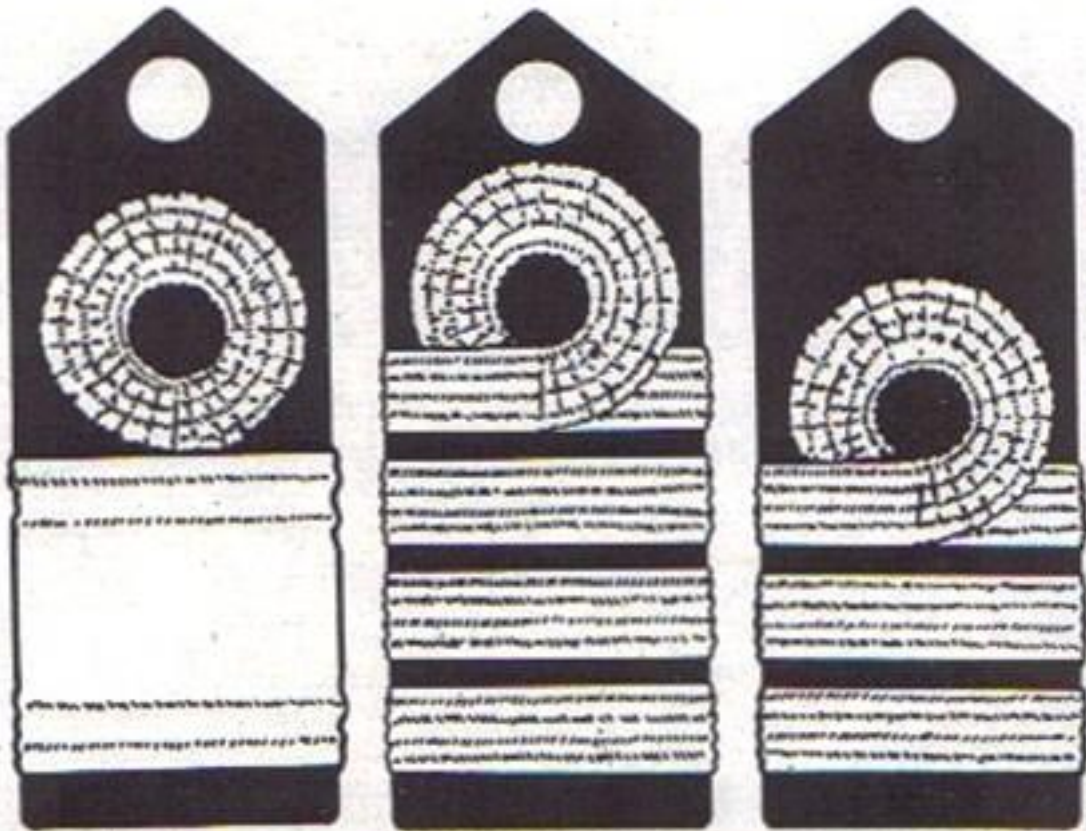
The largest parachute here was white on blue for Naval personnel, and the remaining insignia were for Marines. The U.S.M.C. parachutist badges came in olive-green on khaki, & in yellow on red as well as red on USMC green. Winged parachutes were awarded to Parachute Riggers. (see page 22) Charlie Bish, friend of David F. Sullivan, Jr., was a Marine Parachute Rigger with 89 jumps!

Serge,



**RANK MARKS FOR THE ROYAL NAVY & NAVIES USING A SIMILAR SYSTEM OF RANK IDENTIFICATION:**

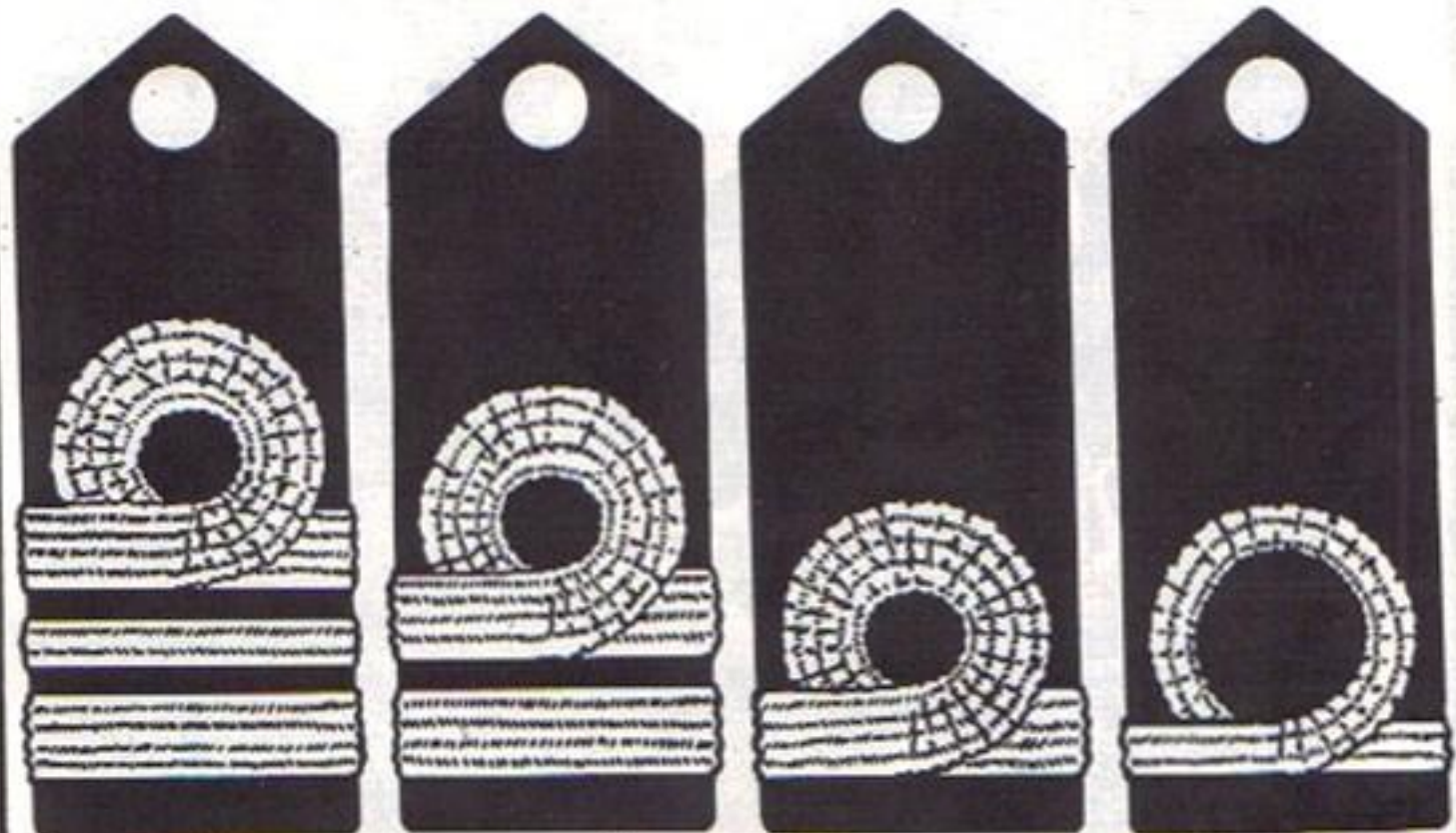
Many foreign navies use the British style naval rank mark on their summer-white uniforms as well as their khaki service uniforms and winter overcoats. It has a "curl" on top of the upper stripe of gold lace. Commodore 1st Class and Admirals have special boards.



COMMODORE 2nd CLASS

CAPTAIN

COMMANDER



LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER

LIEUTENANT

SUB-LIEUTENANT

WARRANT OFFICER



Boatswain's Mate



Gunner's Mate



Turret Captain



Quartermaster



Painter,  
Pattern Maker,  
Carpenter's Mate



Printer



Aviation Machinist's Mate



Photographer



Storekeeper



Musician



Bugler



Aviation Ordnanceman

SPECIALTY AND DISTINGUISHING MARKS

## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RATING BADGES (Part IV)

In part III, issue #4, we erred our identification of the rate for Fire Fighter in describing it as the one, when in fact it was the old one that was replaced with a Maltese-cross in place of the "F" inside of an open diamond, and is also known as a lozenge. Our sincerest apologies for this error of identification.

Dave Sullivan of Warrington, Pennsylvania was kind enough to share with us, illustrations of his U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard rating badges. Issue #3's cover was graced with his CPO Underwater Mechanics rating badge, his Aviation Yeoman 1st Class and Stephen Decatur Rohde's Chief Navy Signalman with a U.S. Army Signal Corps device graced together the cover of #4 of the Crow's Nest newsletter.



Port Securityman



Quartermaster



Radarman



Radioman



Sonar Technician



Storekeeper



Subsistence Specialist

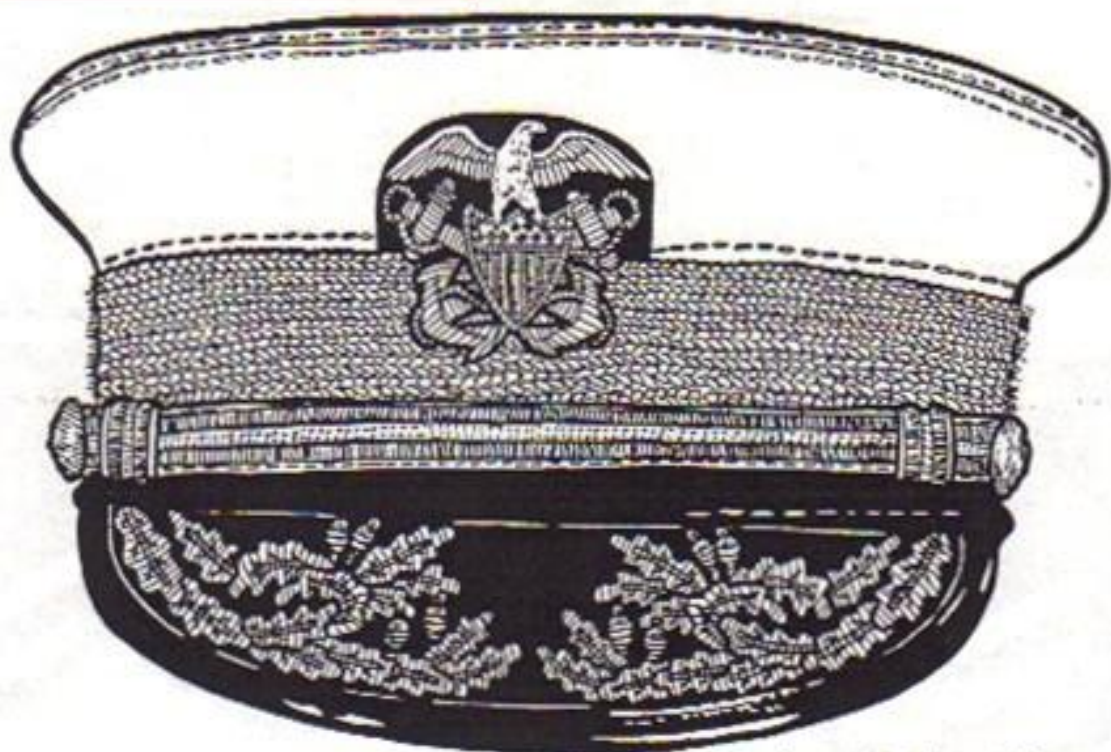


Telephone Technician



Yeoman

NAVAL OFFICERS' HEADGEAR IN WORLD WAR ONE:



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The Phoenix Exchange, Volume 2, Number 1, in their Winter Issue 1988, did an article on the headgear worn by naval officers in WWI (page 10). The above cap was used in the summertime by commissioned officers of flag rank (Commodores and Admirals), while the one below was worn in the winter by Commanders and Captains, it had a badge that could be metal or embroidered like the one shown below. Back issues are available, write to: Military Collector Magazine (PE Back Issues) Postal Box 245, Lyons Station, PA 19536. Or call toll-free: Terry Hanon, editor. 1-800-446-0909. Mastercard & Visa Accepted.



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS CHEVRONS OF WORLD WAR I AND THE 1920s:

Below are chevrons used by the U.S.M.C. during the First World War and changed during the 1930s, an uncertain when they were phased out? I'm sure one of our readers that was in the Corps can tell us when! They came on a red background with yellow stripes and on a khaki background with olive-green stripes, bars and arcs. At some point we saw a change, maybe the 1930s to the beginning of World War Two, in design, where arcs were changed and added with new trade marks and some discontinued. We'd like to show the changes in future issues of the Crow's Nest newsletter with your xeroxes!



Sergeant Major



2nd Leader of Band



Quartermaster Sergeant



Quartermaster Sergeant  
Pay Department



Drum Major



1st Sergeant



Gunnery Sergeant



Sergeant



Corporal



Lance Corporal



Cook, Baker,  
Steward, Mess Attendant



Aerographer



Radioman



Machinist's Mate,  
Engineerman, Boilermaker,  
Water tender



Aviation Metalsmith



Pharmacist's Mate



Chief Commissary Steward



Blacksmith, Shipfitter,  
Molder, Coppersmith,  
Metalsmith



Aviation Carpenter's Mate



Yeoman



Electrician's Mate



Signalman



Torpedoman



Fire Controlman,  
Gun Rangefinder Operator



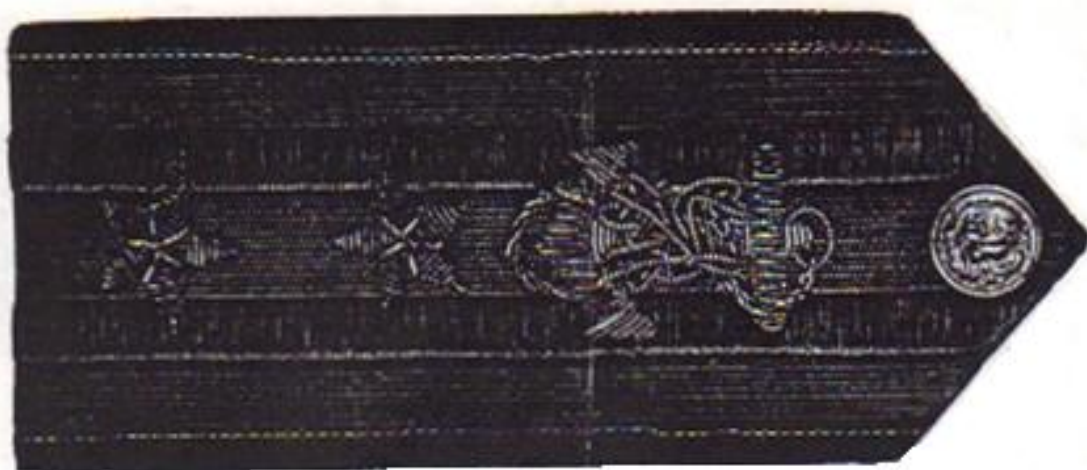
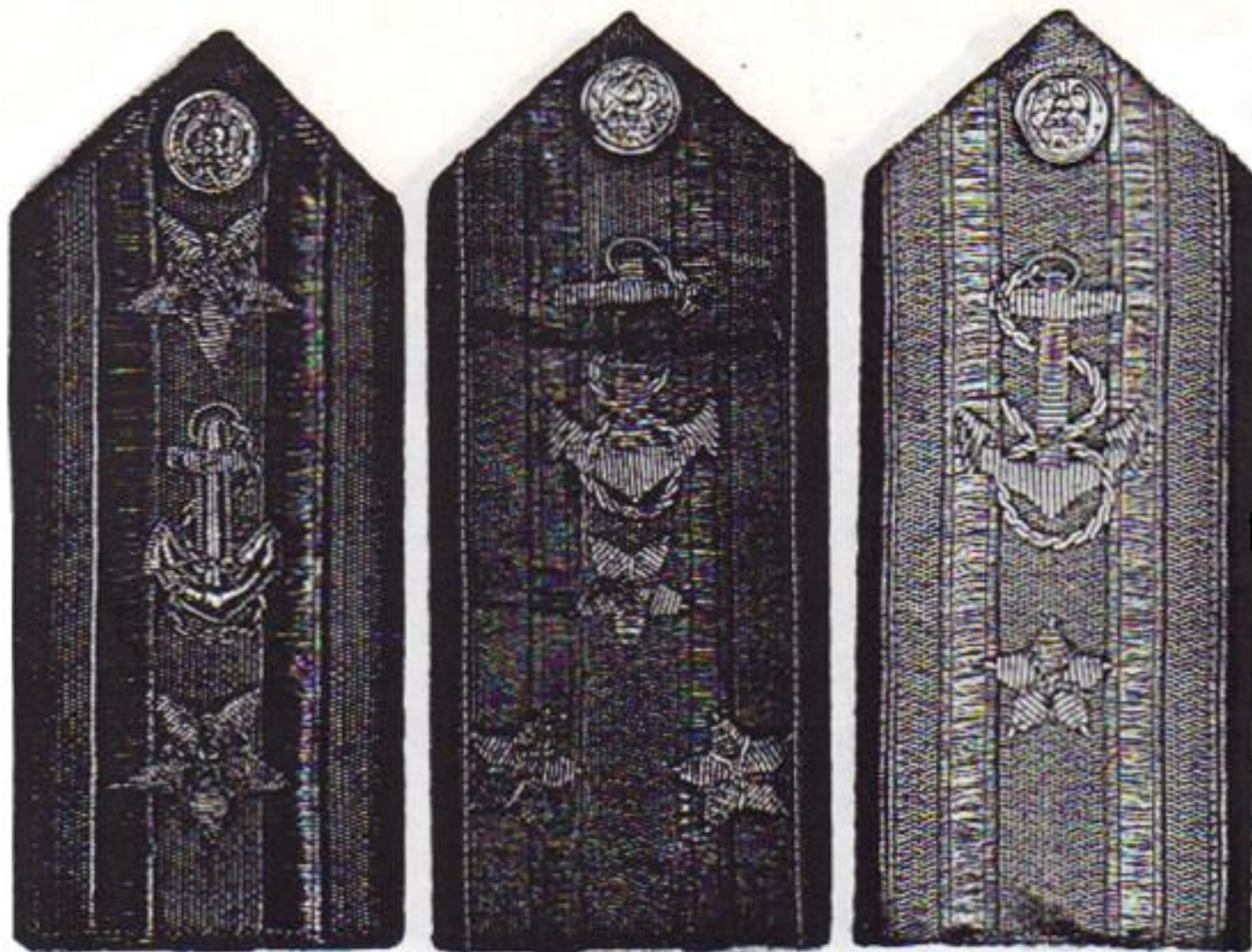
General Utility Aviation

SPECIALTY AND DISTINGUISHING MARKS



RANK MARKS FOR COMMODORES AND ADMIRALS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY - 1898 to 1985 (Part I)

John A. Stacey was kind enough to share this information with our readership. These are rank marks, sometimes referred to as "shoulder boards" by some. The first rank mark is for that of a Rear Admiral (1898-1922), except 1912-1913 when rank marks were not used. Placement of stars to both outboard of anchor with 1922 regulations. The Vice Admiral in the center is pre-WWII and can be seen by the button style. The Commodores' rank mark was used in WWII and is a flat shoulder board. Rear Admiral-Supply of WW2, it's button places date.

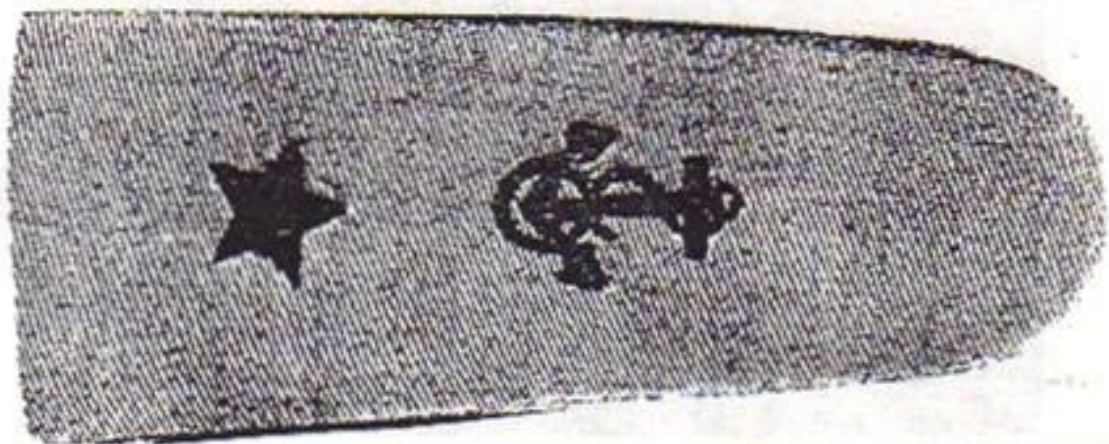


RANK MARKS FOR COMMODORES AND ADMIRALS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY - 1898 to 1985 (Part II)

A special thanks to John A. Stacey for this illustrated page of rank marks. The first is for Rear Admiral, WW2, stars revised 1922 reg, button places this in WWII period. Next is Admiral, post-WWII by button style. The third is Fleet Admiral - late 1950's to the present. The rank mark on the bottom was sent in from Stephen Decatur Rohde, it was for a Commodore and was black on grey and worn from 1943 until 1948.

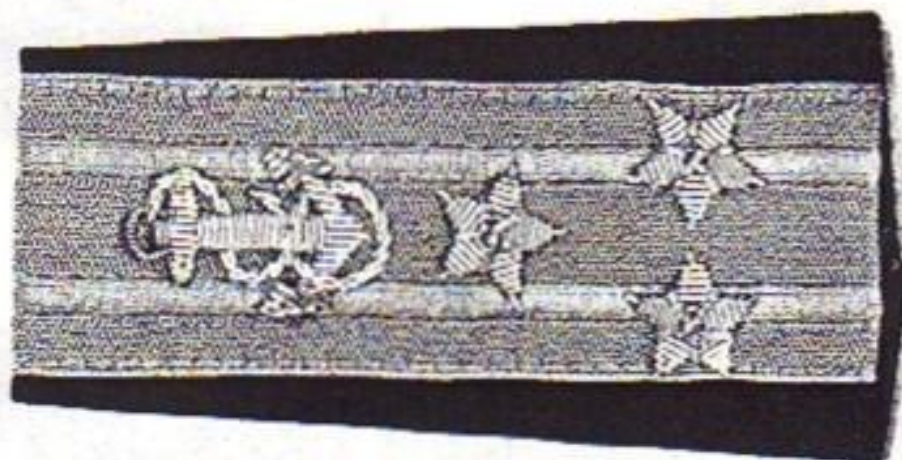


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RANK MARKS FOR COMMODORES AND ADMIRALS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY - 1898 to 1985 (Part III)

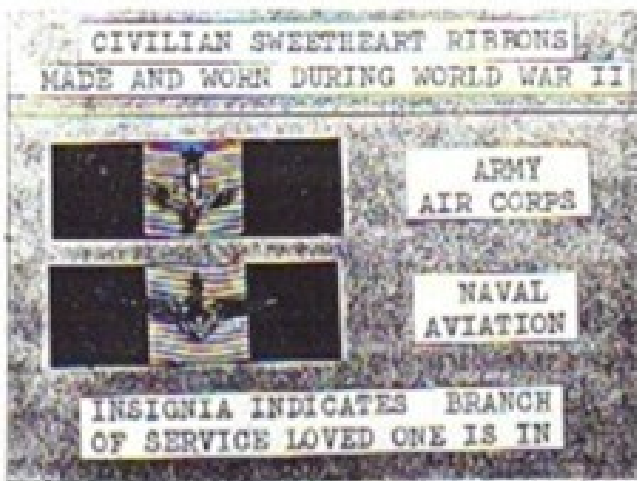
John A. Stacey, author of U.S. NAVY RATING BADGES, SPECIALTY MARKS, DISTINGUISHING MARKS: 1885-1982, sent us these slip-on rank marks. The first is for a Commodore, and it has a one-inch wide strip of gold lace on a black background with a gold star for line officers. It was used from 1981 to 1984 and is the first style which was changed in 1985 and this at that time was called Commodore Admiral. John tells us the Commodore title was changed for Comm. Adm. on 15 September 1981 and revised to Commodore in 1984 regulation. On the right is the second style which was full gold running vertically and is for a Vice Admiral; this was used from 1985 onwards. We would like to show more rank marks in the Crow's Nest, so! send this in and we'll credit you with what we use! Okay? THANK!



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USN OBSERVER (NAVIGATION) WING  
BULLION HAND EMBROIDERED WING,  
THE CENTER IS HARD TO IDENTIFY  
WHEN MADE OF BULLION WIRE. IT  
IS A COMPASS ROSE. ONLY IN USE  
31 MARCH 1945 - 18 MARCH 1947.  
Stephen Decatur Rohde:



Submitted by Stephen Decatur Rohde:

UNUSUAL EMBROIDERED 1c P.O. RATING  
OBVIOUSLY FOREIGN MADE.

UNFINISHED SPECIALTY MARK - UNUSUAL  
P.O. 3c - APPEARS FOREIGN MADE  
STANDARD RED CHEVRON, AND WHITE CROW  
AND SPECIALTY MARK.



Purplish-blue on grey w/light-grey eagle.



GUNNER'S MATE 2nd CLASS (c.1893):

Am not sure if this came from Les Tucker or John Stacey? But, much thanks to both men.



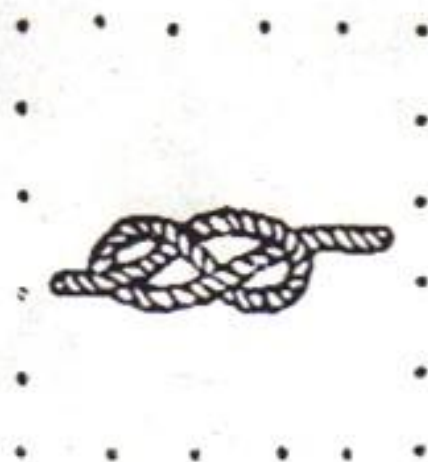
CAPTAINS OF FORECASTLE (1866)

Again, thanks to Les & John. For this one too and all the other badges shown on page 13 of this newsletter.



(Coxswain to Com. in charge)

CAPTAINS OF THE TOPS (1866)



Items from: Michael H. Knight - 946 Clarence Ct., Madison, Wisconsin 53715 (17 Sept.1983)



BRONZE COLOR ON  
KHAKE



WHITE ON BLUE



GREEN ON KHAKE

**1895 U.S. NAVY UNIFORM REGULATIONS:**

Plate XVII of the above shows rates for Gunner's Mate 2nd Class, with a Seaman Gunner bursting-bomb that is superimposed over the chevrons. Has anyone seen Fig. 1 with this emblem or a rate that looked like shown in plate XVII or of the Sailmaker (Fig. 2) for that matter? Issue #2 shows an example of what they looked like and this vaguely resembles that one a little, just a little! Not sure of date of reg, could be for 1893?

FIG 1



FIG 2.



FULL SIZE

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD—SENIOR CHIEF FIREMAN**

In part III of U.S.C.G. Rating Badges, issue #4 (New Year's Special Issue-1993) of Crow's Nest we described the lozenge with the letter "P" as the new rate device for Fireman, however, it's the old rate device. Dave Sullivan us this one shown below as the new Fireman rate device, our grateful thanks to Dave for correcting this for us! Thanks, Dave!

David F. Sullivan, Jr.  
888 Stallion Road  
Warrington, Pennsylvania 18976

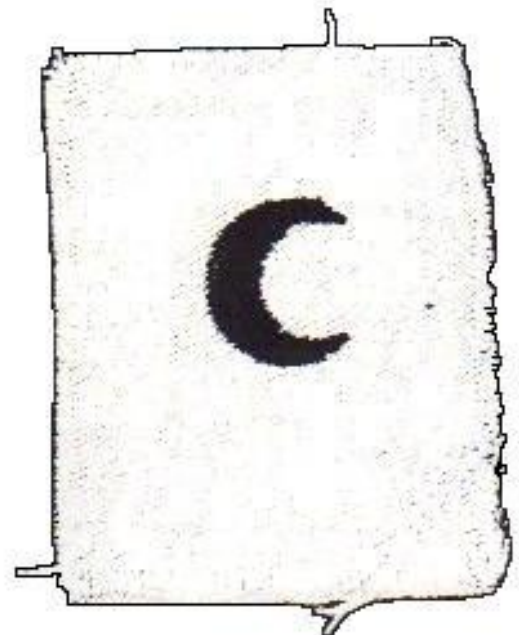
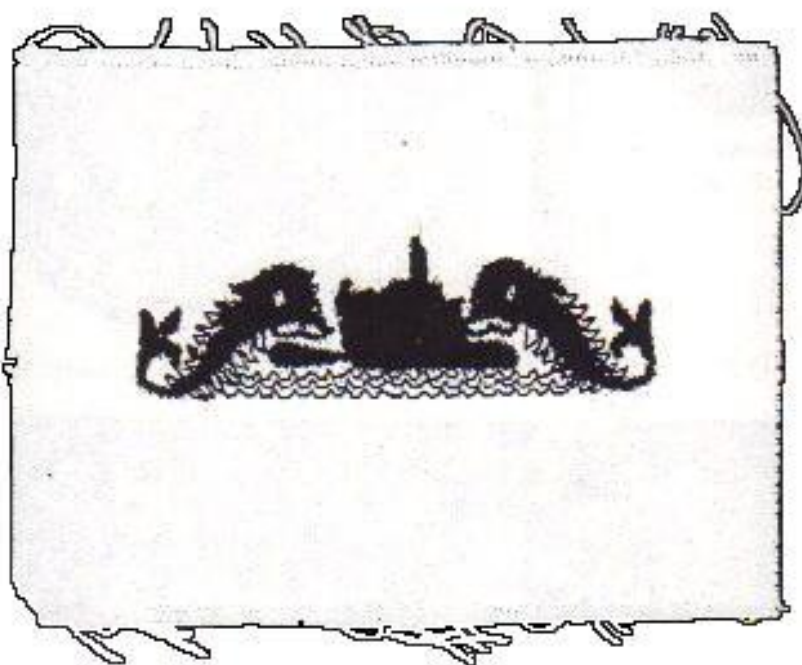




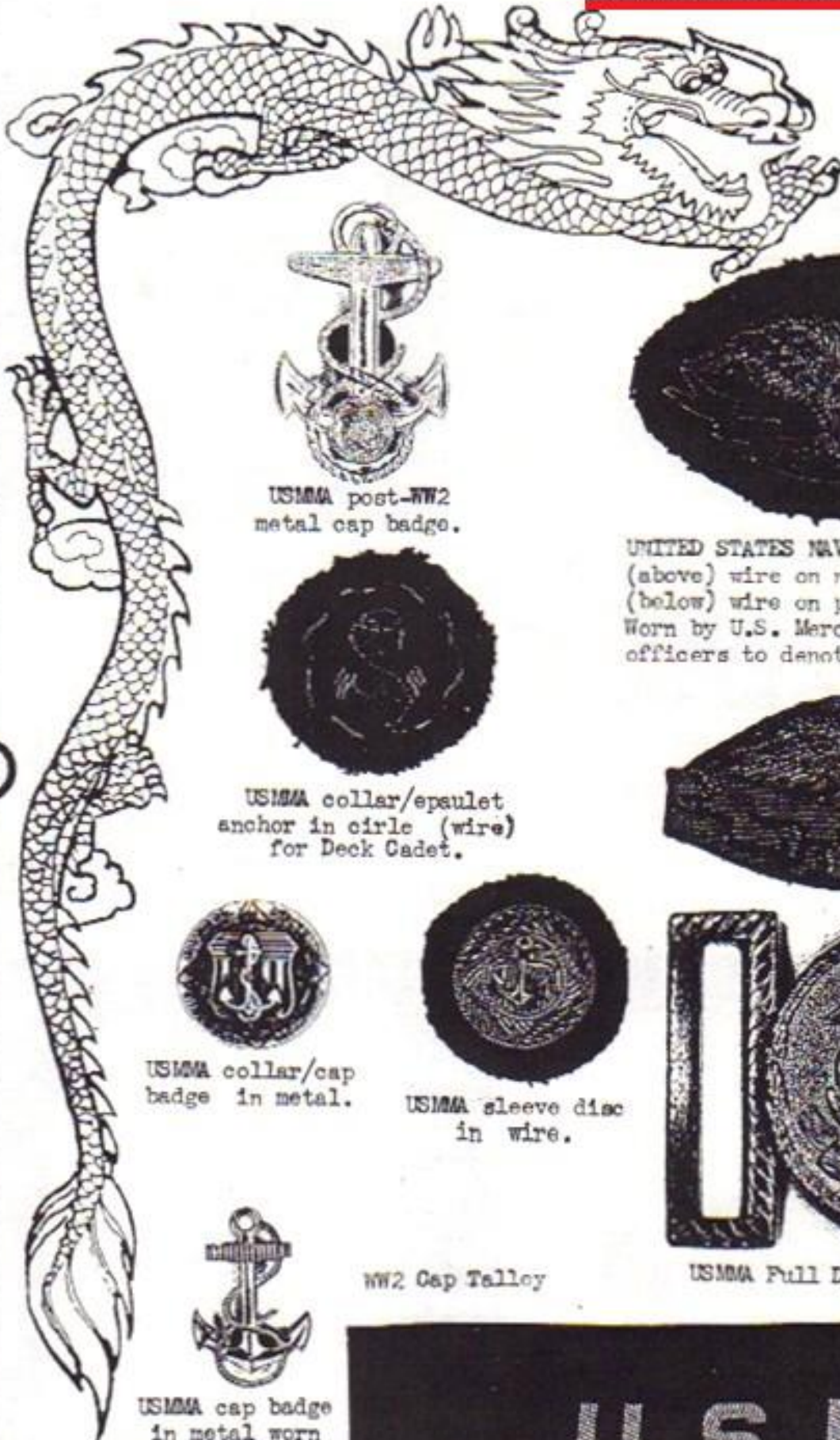
UNITED STATES NAVY SALVAGE DIVER

A diver's helmet outlined black with a red "S" on breastplate on white background. (1943 to 1969) The red "S" was unauthorized and supposed to be in black only!

CW2 Dave Collar (PSC #02, Box 1684, APO AA 34002) sent in these marks. The one on the upper left was a United States Merchant Service WW2 rate for Yeoman 3rd Class, red on a white background. The U.S. Navy Submarine Insignia is black on white (1924-1950). A big difference is the direction the sub is traveling! On the lower right, a crescent in red on a white background. This was for a Ship's Cook, but was it for U.S.M.S.? We also have a red ship's screw for a Machinist's Mate, also on a white background, this could also be for the U.S.M.S. of WW2? Dave has a lot of interesting rates, write to him to see what he has available! Sarge



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COVINGTON, LA. U.S.A. 70430



USMMA post-WW2  
metal cap badge.



UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE pocket badge  
(above) wire on navy-blue.

(below) wire on poplin.  
Worn by U.S. Merchant Marine commissioned  
officers to denote U.S.N.R. affiliation.



USMMA collar/epaulet  
anchor in circle (wire)  
for Deck Cadet.



USMMA collar/cap  
badge in metal.



USMMA sleeve disc  
in wire.



USMMA Full Dress gold belt buckle.



WW2 Cap Talley

USMMA cap badge  
in metal worn  
on over-seas cap.





RARE USN FIRST CLASS PETTY OFFICER CAP INSIGNIA

WORN 1866-1894 ON THE FRONT OF THE BILLED CAP. THIS WAS ALSO USED FOR ALL CPON FROM 1894-1897 BEFORE THE ADOPTION OF THE FOULED ANCHOR WITH THE LETTERS USN. NOTE: NO CANNON BALLS BELOW SHANK OF ANCHOR. ACTUAL SIZE IS 31.5mm. REVERSE HAS U.S. NAVAL CLOTHING FACTORY, AND TWO WIRE PRONGS FOR ATTACHING TO FRONT OF CPO TYPE CAP. THIS IS NOT AN OVERCOAT BUTTON.

Submitted by Stephen Deatur Rohde:

UNOFFICIAL AMPHIBIOUS INSIGNIA OF WORLD WAR TWO:

CW2 Dave Collar sent us this vintage insignia to show in this newsletter.



NEW YORK EMBLEM CORPORATION:

CW2 Dave Collar sent this in, it is interesting because it still has it's original label from an Army/Navy store in WW2, and an original wrapper

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UNITED STATES NAVY diver rate,  
WW2, silver-wire on grey.

Submitted by Clement V. Kelly, Jr.

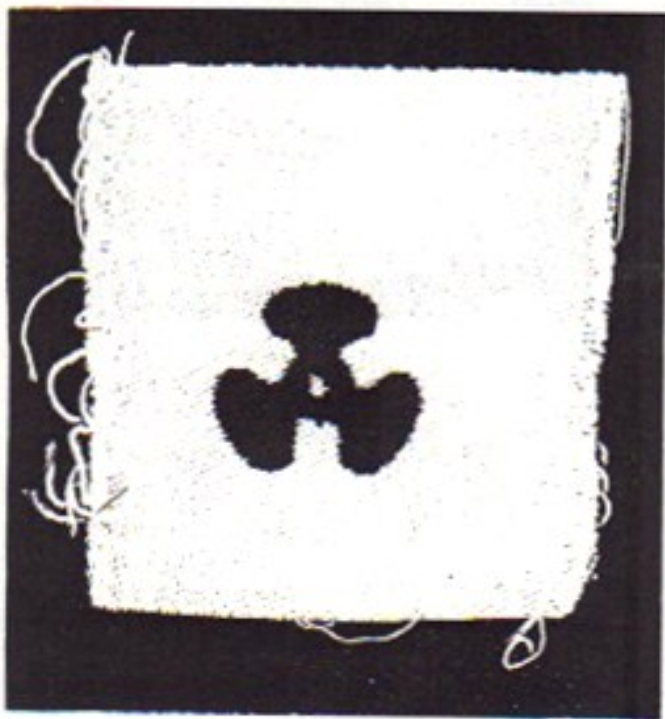
POST SCRIPT: See Clem's U.S.M.M.A.  
material on page 16 :





UNITED STATES NAVY Rate-on Marine Green Wool-  
-Radioman (no chevrons, probably incomplete).  
(Submitted by Clement V. Kelly, Jr.)

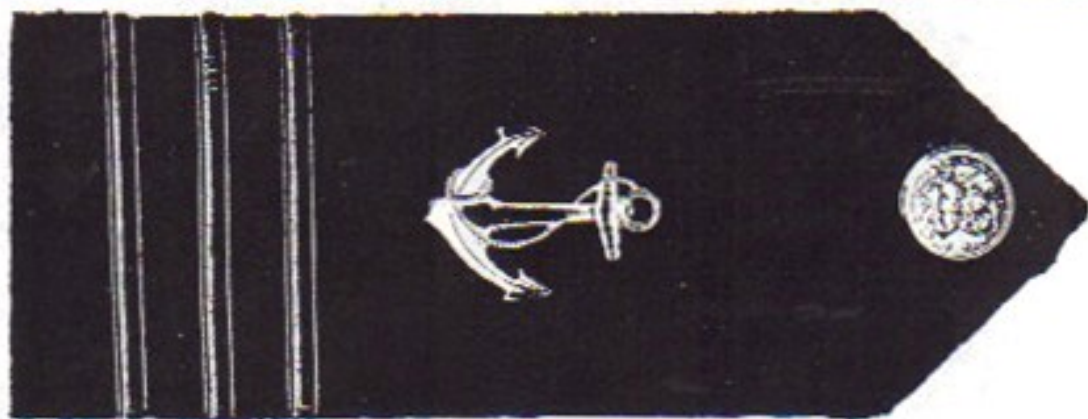
Dave Collar picked this gem in a shop  
down in Panama. Whats unique is that  
it has a red ship's screw on white! A  
really unusual find? Answers anyone?



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Bill Murphy sent in  
these rank marks of  
WW2 vintage. Top is  
for Midshipman USNA  
(cadet lieutenant).  
Bottom is for Chief  
Engineer, in either  
A.T.S./A.T.C., U.S.  
C. & G.S., private  
steamship companies  
and M.S.T.S., as we  
can note this has a  
button with M.S.T.S.  
on it, but replace  
the button and this  
was also used for a  
number of outfits.  
The top one is flat  
while the one below  
is rounded.

William J. Murphy  
10 Village Rd. E.  
Brooklyn, NY 11223



LTC Sheldon W. Kirsner sent a CPO rate which was made for a person's trade in the following skills :

Athletic Instructor,  
Physical Training Instructor,  
Airship Rigger,  
or Aircraft Carburetor Mechanic.

Used from 1942 to 1959, which depends on the above skills.

Interestingly, is this label attached that said : Hensco Finest Quality N.Y., N.Y.

Knaid cloth as background and silver bullion wire eagle and framed "A."

Does anyone try to collect this for labels too? Sheldon sells a good variety of these rates.



WRITE :  
LTC S.W. Kirsner  
2603 Cathedral  
Parkway,  
Saint Louis, MO  
63129

Sheldon collects distinctives and might trade? You can ask for list of bullion rates from him.

Eagle has a red tongue and also, eye in black. It is dead silver & bright silver.

John A. Stacey's book gives a lot of details which tell us what the letters meant in these lozenges.

Letters "D" and "Z" were used by the USCG only!

Letters "J", "L" and "N" were not authorized!

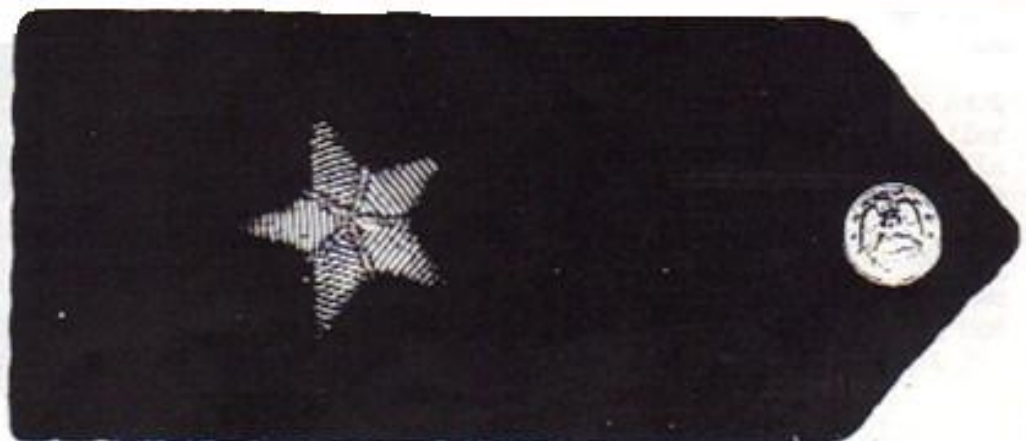
The U.S.C.G also had letters "CW" "PR", "PS" and "TR."

Sarge

**WW2 AVIATION CADET:**

Bill Murphy sent this flat rank mark, it is what was worn by WWII Aviation Cadets which were not yet ensigns.

Puerto Rican police I have seen wore these, for their majors too. Ready-made surplus to save tax dollars down in Puerto Rico I have told.



CW2 Dave Collar, stationed down in Panama sent this in, he found it in an Army/Navy store there a few years ago, question is what it is for?

At first it looks like U.S.C.G.? Its background is white with the emblems in black thread. I have seen this in white on black with no inner-ring a few years ago in Buena Park, California, at Jeff Sharp's Insignia Meetings.



GEMECO, INC (New York):

Colonel Kirsner sells CPO rate he also trades them for D.I.s well, he prefers the latter!!!

Whats nice about these is he has many with manufacturer's labels which help authenticate them as the "REAL THING" over unauthenticated others!

"BACKGROUND ALL WOOL EXCLUSIVE ORNAMENTATION" reads the label on this Ship's Serviceman CPO rating issued from 1944 on.

"U.S. NAVY RATING BADGES" by John A. Stacey describes it on page 40 of his book that I'd highly recommend to all serious rate collectors; it is the best ever printed on this subject!

WRITE:

The Storekeeper  
c/o John C. Helvey  
Post Office Box 117  
Lee's Summit, MO 64063  
Phone: (816) 478-0487

John stocks this book. Also sells USN/USCG rates. Dave also sells rates from WW2 & distinguishing marks too!!!

WRITE:

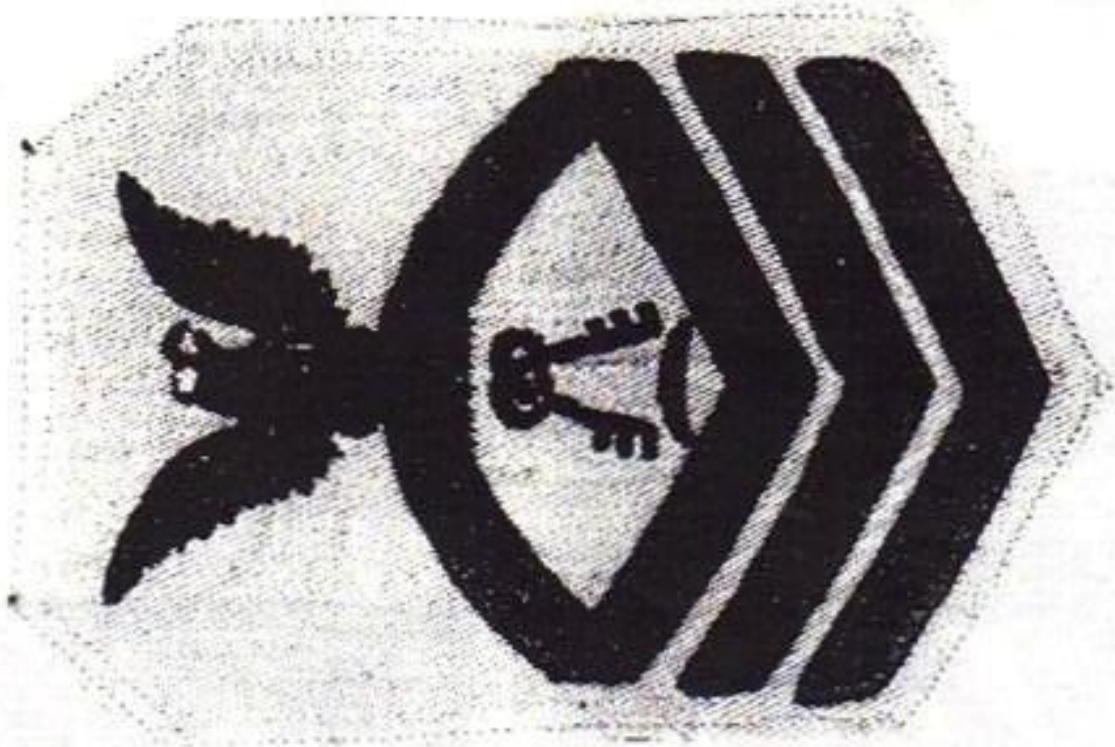
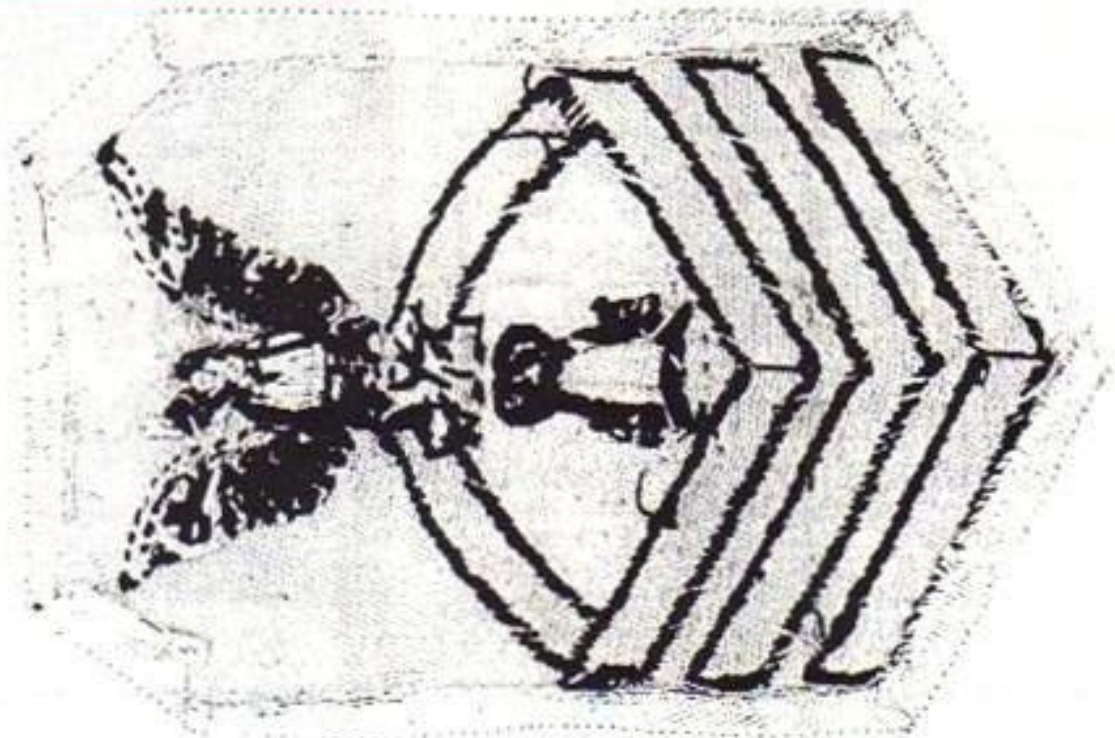
CW2 Dave Collar  
PSC #02, Box 1684  
APO AA 34002



"BACKGROUND ALL WOOL EXCLUSIVE ORNAMENTATION" GEMECO, INC. NEW YORK

**CHIEF COMMISSARYMAN**

THIS IS A HAND MADE RATING BADGE; NOTE EAGLE, SPECIALTY MARK, AND ALL CHEVRONS ARE HAND SEWN. EAGLE FACES TO THE VIEWER'S RIGHT INDICATING THAT IT WAS MADE PRE 1941.



**PARACHUTE RIGGER:**

Charlie Bish was a Marine Parachute Rigger. He had eighty-nine jumps! Charlie has this red on Marine green. Value about \$75.00 to \$100.00!

DPS

**NAVAL TRIVIA:**

The first sailor to officially by an Act of Congress to be made a Commodore in the U.S. Navy was David Glasgow Farragut 1862, later that same year he was made Rear Admiral, it too was a first! In 1864 he was made Vice Admiral and full Admiral in 1866, both were also firsts! He died an Admiral in 1870 at the age of 69 years old.

David Dixon Porter who was Vice Admiral, in the same year succeeded him as Admiral when Farragut died. Stephen Clegg Rowan became the third and last Vice Admiral in the 19th Century when he died in 1889. Henry Thomas Mayo became the 4th VADM in the year 1914.



**WWII NAVY MARKS WORN BY MARINES:**

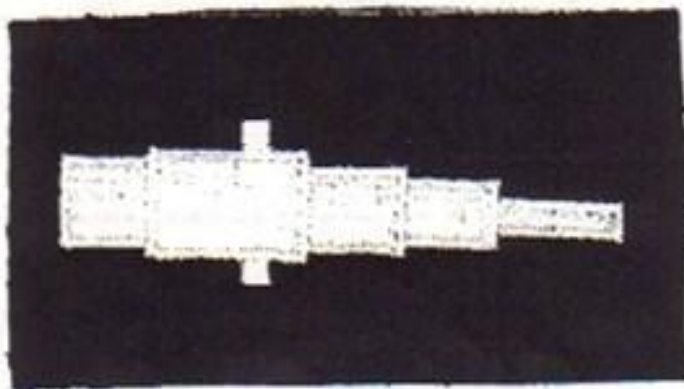
C. Bish has this Gun Captain's mark in red on green. These marks came two ways for Marines: a) red on green for winter service. b) white blue for Dress Blues. I have never seen these marks in gold on blue for Navy or Marines. Please note 1943 National Geographic. Gun Pointer 1st Class, without star Gun Pointer 2nd Class.

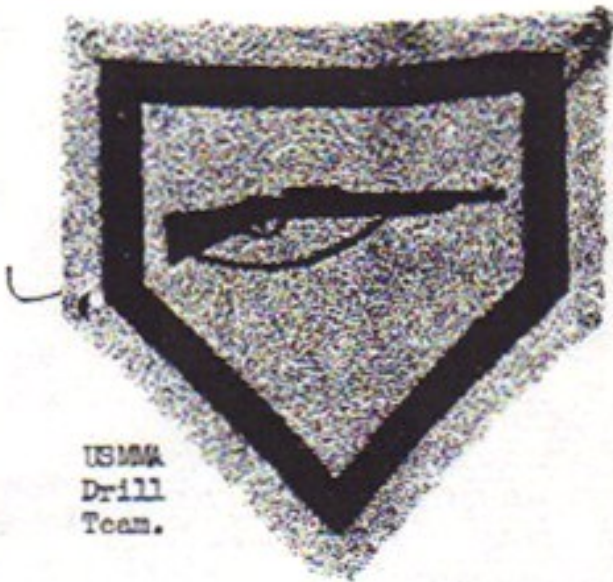
David F. Sullivan  
(USMC - 1647416)

Clement V. Kelly, Jr.'s article appeared in issue #6 of the newsletter in which he also describes these marks in great detail, but his include other specialty marks as well.

He tells of them also appearing on khaki in green designs, and yellow on red too! Clem mentioned red on olive.

Sarge





USMA  
Drill  
Team.



USMA 5th Company  
shoulder patch.

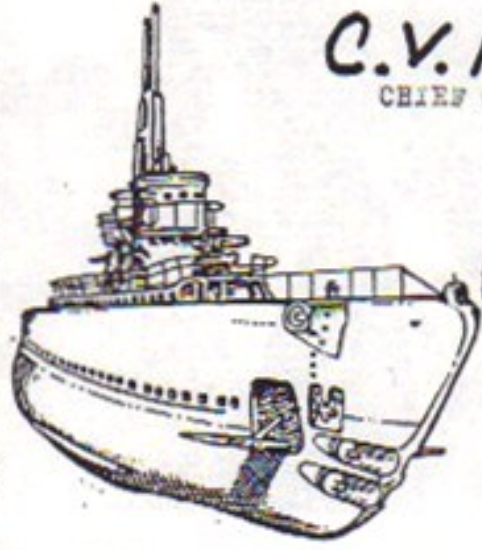
Above patches submitted by C.V.Kelly  
Below patch from Stephen D. Rohde.



HARRY S. WOOD  
Machinist's Mate  
Sea Dog  
USCGC 154  
43-4  
85c

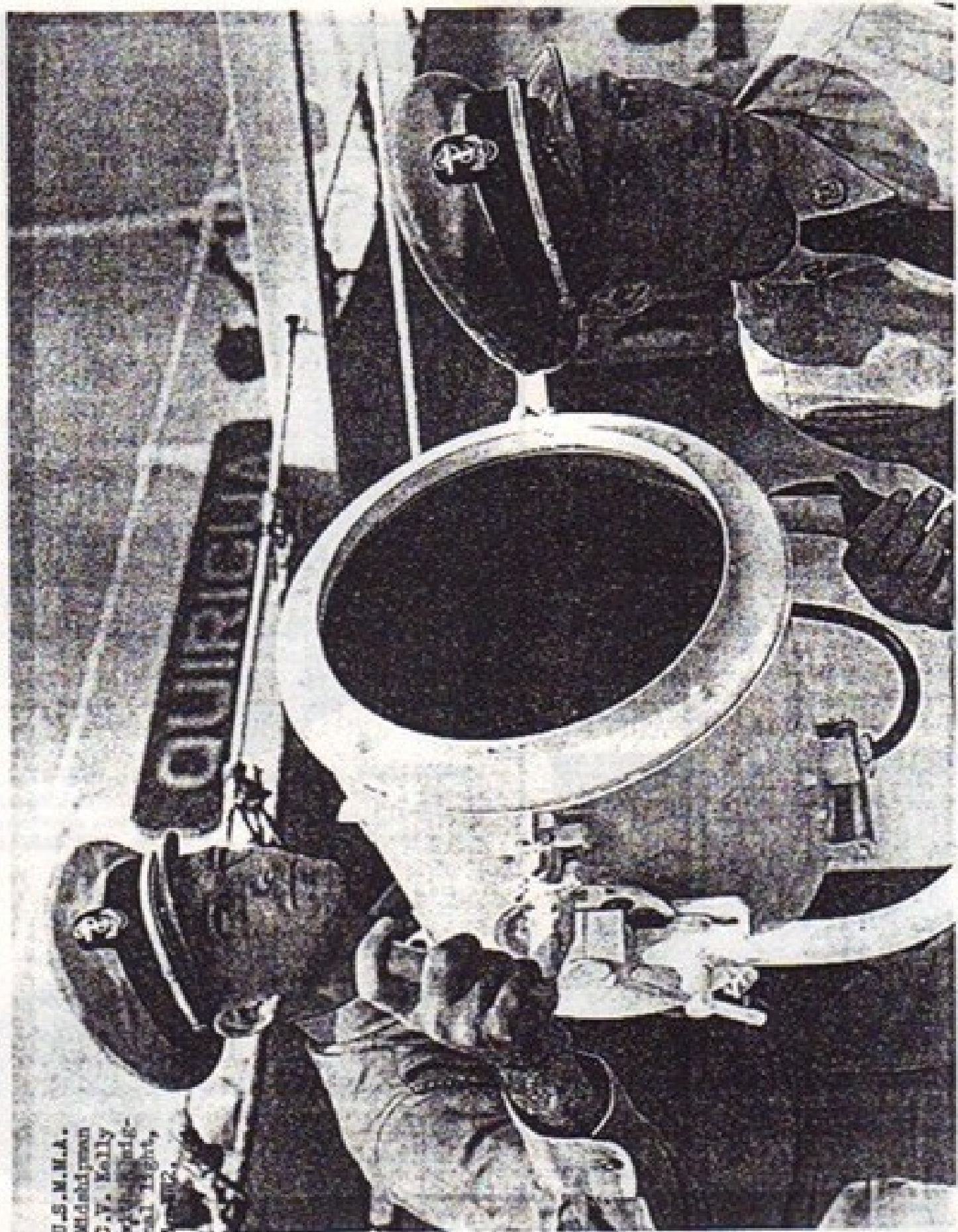
MORE LABELS: This one was sent in from Clem.  
It has a red ship's screw and eagle on green,  
with a separate red piece with green chevrons  
for a Machinist's Mate 2nd Class. NOTE LABEL!

C.V. Kelly  
CHIEF OFFICER



USMA "Plebe"  
pocket patch.

U.S.N.M.A.  
Midshipman  
C.V. Kelly  
with "Indic-  
cal Light"  
No. 102.



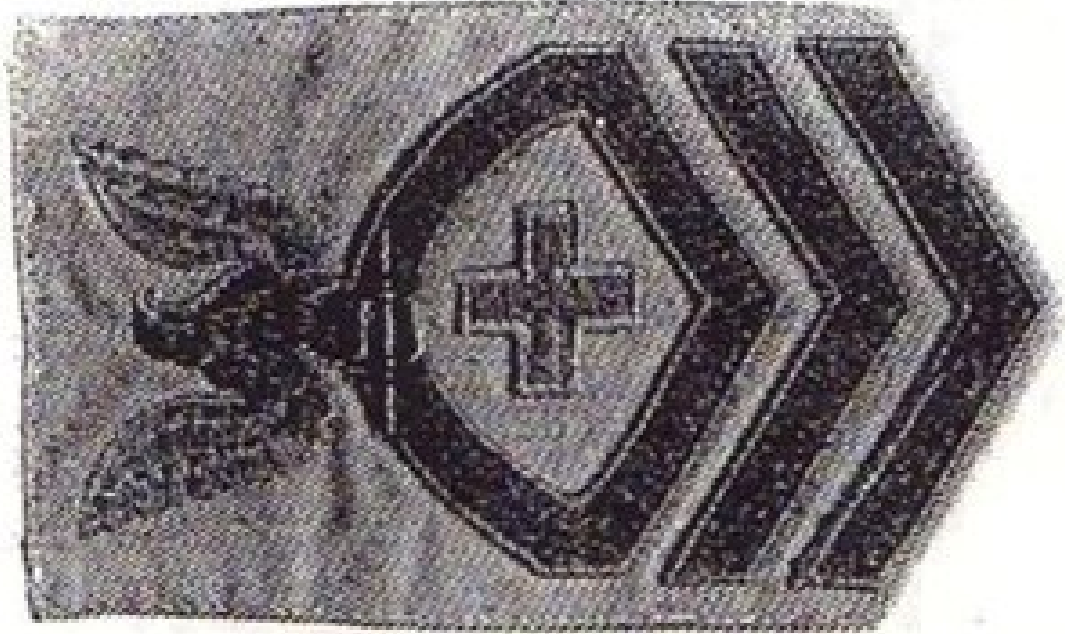


**U.S. NAVY PHARMACIST'S MATES ATTACHED TO THE MARINE CORPS**

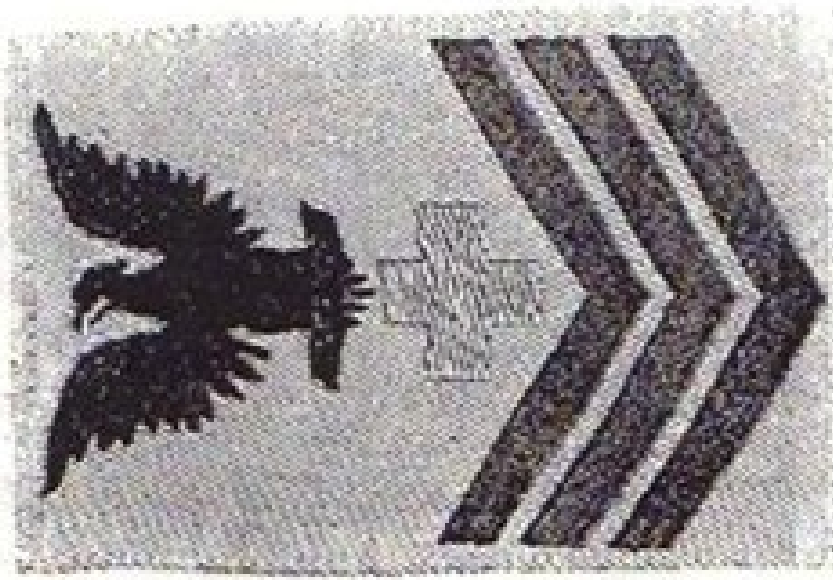
THESE NAVY PETTY OFFICER STYLE RATING BADGES ARE MADE ON KHAKI FOR USE ON THE MARINE CORPS KHAKI SHIRT.



POST 1941 CROW FACING LEFT

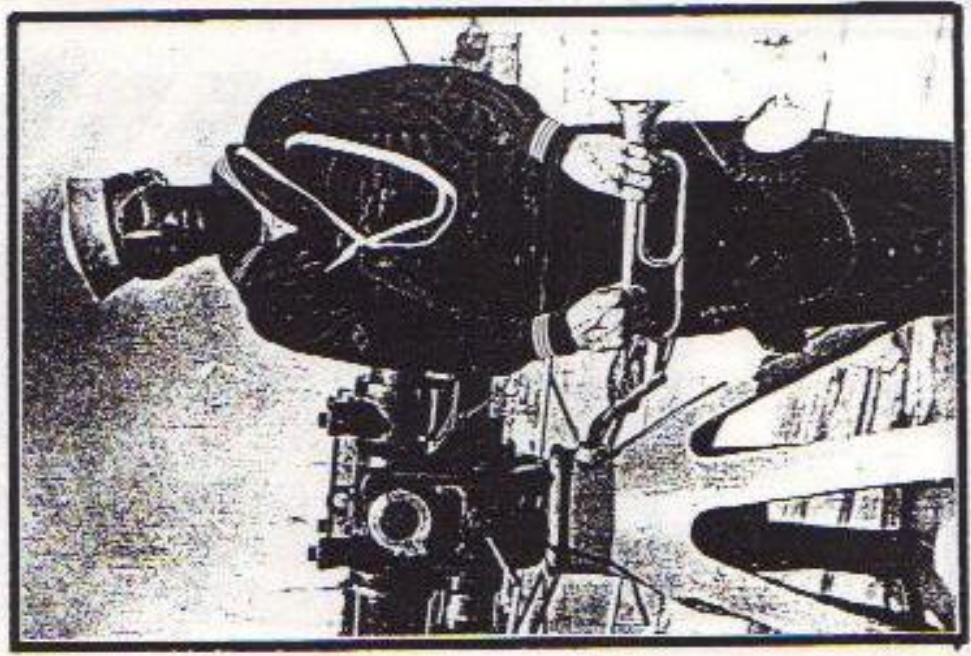
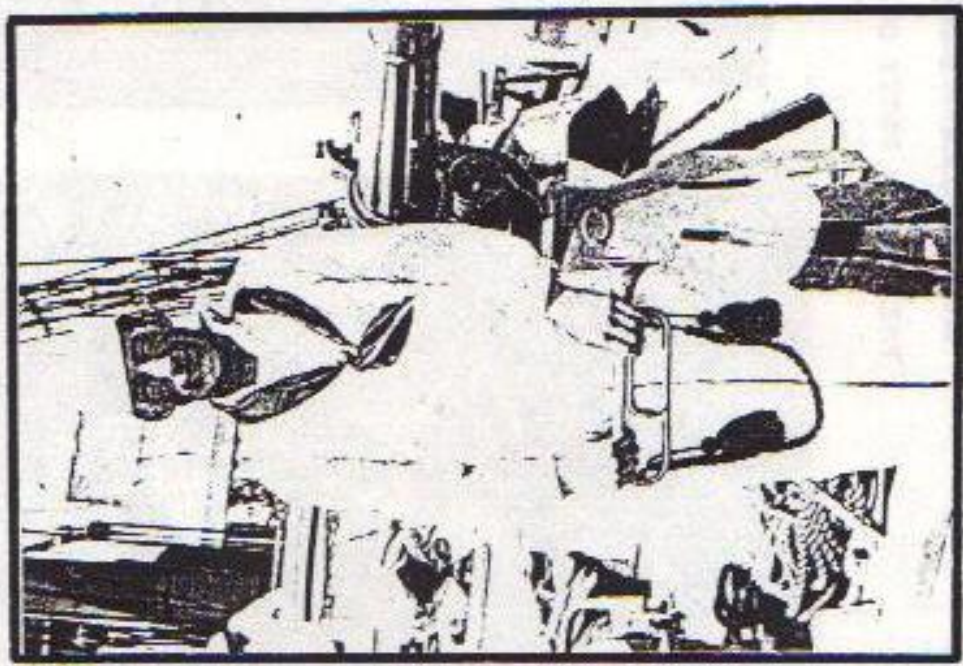


PRE 1941 CROW FACING RIGHT



BEYO EMBROIDERED RATING BADGE - MADE IN WWII, BUT THIS TYPE OF MANUFACTURE RARELY SEEN

**USCG BUGLER DISTINGUISHING MARK**  
WHITE ON NAVY BLUE WORN ON THE UPPER RIGHT ARM.  
BUGLER DM IS JUST VISIBLE ON THE WHITE UNIFORM,  
CLEARER ON THE BLUE UNIFORM. A RARE USCG WWI ITEM.



NEED ONE

WW II

YELLOW RIBBON  
ON RED FELT

Dave Sullivan

888 Stallion Road,  
Warrington, PA 18976



SLOP  
CHEST



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FOR SALE!

LTC RAFI Y.A. SHARIF  
STARFLEET MARINES  
POST OFFICE BOX 1681  
GLEN BURNIE, MD 21060

WWI USMC great coat w/insignia, \$100.



WANTED: Aviation Pilot rating badge on aviation green cloth. Need both gold/yellow wing on blue wing versions. Also needed are Specialist N (any color, any rate) and Chief Pharmacists' Mate on khaki with red cross, green chevrons and eagle. John Stacey, 11703 Old Fort Rd., Fort Washington Maryland 20744.

U.S. NAVY RATING BADGES, SPECIALTY MARKS, DISTINGUISHING MARKS: 1885 - 1982, by John A. Stacey, describes this facsimile of the 1897 rating badge for a chief boatswain on page 4 and an illustration of same on page 5. He said "The eagle, still facing its left, took on a posture with the wings pointing upward rather than horizontally as in 1886, basically the same as is worn today. There were three minor variations in the eagle of the 1894 rating badge from that of today: the eagle's head was held level as in the 1886 pattern, looking directly at the shoulder of the wing rather than upward; the eagle leaned on its right on the perch, and the tail feathers formed a smooth curve below the perch rather than pointed feather tips."

The illustration on the right represents this rate, BUT! the reader must be made aware that I've never seen this, and this is ONLY my own idea of what it looked like and I based this on John's illustration (No.3) in that book he wrote. Very likely it might some resemblance to the "real McCoy?"

Anyone who is extremely fortunate to possess rate, we'd be in your debt .... if you made us a photocopy of this! Any example would be greatly appreciated of this rate!!!



MIDSHIPMEN PETTY OFFICER RATING BADGES



Brigade CPO  
(USNA only)



Regimental CPO  
(USNA only)



Battalion CPO



Company CPO



Mustering  
Petty Officer  
Platoon



Platoon  
Petty Officer  
First Class



Platoon  
Petty Officer  
Second Class



Dear Fellow Collector,

Thanks for your interest. The bulk of this stuff comes from an ex-Army-Navy store in Panama that I bought out, sort of a WWII time capsule. It helps if you ask for alternate items, some of these things I have a lot of, some I have only two or three. Some of the better patches I may have only one.

If you have a want list of patches, exotic or mundane, send it on down. Occasionally I have some different USN and USMC rates of different types in, as well as other nautical items. Items are clean, intact, and unissued, if any item has flaws I'll let you know. Please include appropriate postage for items, and insurance or any other special mail features if you want it. I have trouble cashing checks here, so money orders are preferred, I will take checks if its all you can provide. Happy Hunting!

CW2 Dave Collar  
POC #02 Box 1684  
APO AA 34002

011-507-86-3821 (Dial direct or your operator should assist you but warning, it is expensive to call).

List of Rates, SSI, Strikers, Distinguishing Marks prices each. All unissued.

Airship Rigger PO1 on blue \$20; PO2 \$15; PO3 \$10; white PO1 \$10; PO2, PO3 \$7.

Aviation Carpenter's Mate blue PO1 \$8; PO2 \$7; white PO1 \$7, PO2, PO3 \$6.

Aviation Pilot white PO2 (1944 date) \$30.

Fire Control Technician blue (1946-1955) PO1, PO2, PO3 \$5.

Gunner's Mate, CPO in Indigo blue on white, head right \$5; PO1, PO2 blue \$4.

Mailman (M in circle with cancellation mark) white CPO, PO1, 2; blue PO1, 2 \$5.0

Motor Machinist (letters MD), CPO, PO1 PO2 blue \$5; PO1, PO2 white \$5; CPO grey \$5.

\* Pharmacist's Mate (shown on right with black embroidered cross) PO1 white \$6; CPO \$8. (not shown!); PO1, 2, 3 blue, CPO khaki \$5.0

Pipefitter blue PO1, 2, 3 \$6.

Steward (Cook) CPO, PO2, 3 blue, CPO khaki, gray \$5.0; PO3 white \$3.

Turret Captain, eagle's head and gun faces right; PO2, 3 blue, PO2, 3 white \$6.0.

U.S.C.G. Specialty rate, D in diamond.

Dog/Horse handler, PO1 white \$20.

IBM Operator (I in diamond) PO1, 2, 3 white \$5; PO1, 2 blue nips \$3.

Transport Airman/Pilot (V in diamond) PO1 white \$8.

Specialty Rate (X in diamond) PO1, 3 white \$6.

UNOFFICIAL "General Aviation" rate

PO2, 3 white \$8.

PT boat patch, black embroidery on white cotton, the rarest of all the PT boat patches, \$35.

Mosquito boat on black wool, \$25.

" " " white cotton, \$20.

Coast Guard black wool patch like shown in Smith-Pels book, \$25.

Underwater Mechanic striker, white \$10.

Parachute man on white, minute rust mark, \$20.





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Dave Sullivan is looking for one U.S.M.C. sergeant major chevrons, red on yellow to be worn on the Dress Blue uniform tunics.

David F. Sullivan, Jr.  
888 Stallion Road  
Warrington, Pennsylvania  
18976

## GOLD ON RED DRESS

DAVID F. SULLIVAN, JR.  
1647416 U.S.M.C.



### UNDERWATER MECHANIC 1st CLASS:

Bill Murphy sent us this rare rate. This was only used between 2 April through the 9th of June, 1948. John C. Helvey had a rate like this for sale last year at \$180 for it and \$170 for it in PO2 as well! It definately is a real collectible.



1956 - 1958



Larry Karadin sent in the Plotter (bomb range marker) goldwire on blue. (above) and Radar Plotter, goldwire on blue, on the illustration below. Both Royal Navy

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Submitted by Bill Murphy of Brooklyn, New York

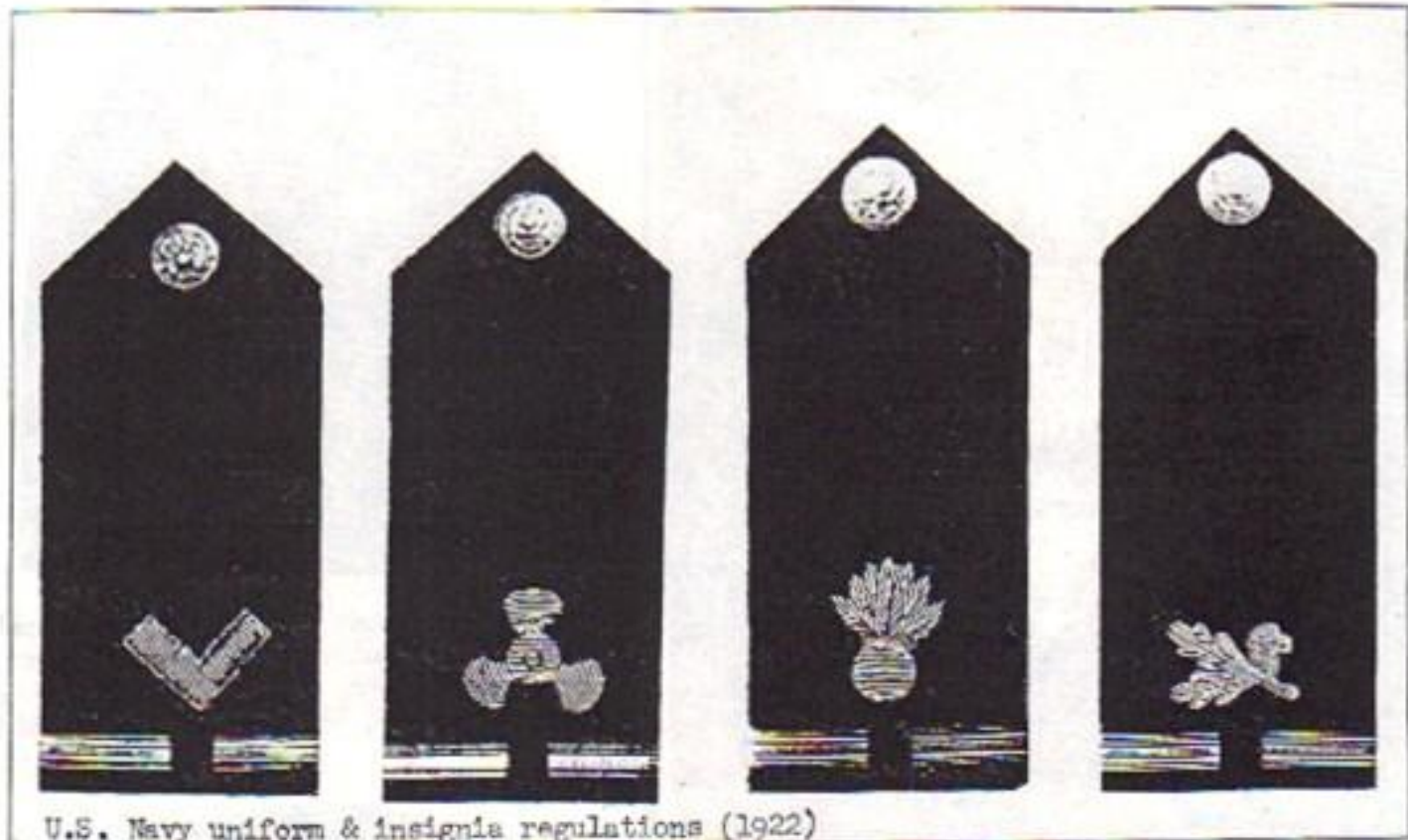


S.D.Rohde



**RADIOMAN (RM) THIRD CLASS PETTY OFFICER**

FOREIGN MADE RATING BADGE - NOTE THE EXTRA LARGE EAGLE, ALSO DIFFERENT TYPE SPARKS AND CHEVRON



U.S. Navy uniform & insignia regulations (1922)

CARPENTER.

MACHINIST.

GUNNER.

PAY CLERK.

SHOULDER MARKS FOR WARRANT OFFICERS.

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS BADGET

Bill Murphy described having red letters (and insignia) on khaki background.



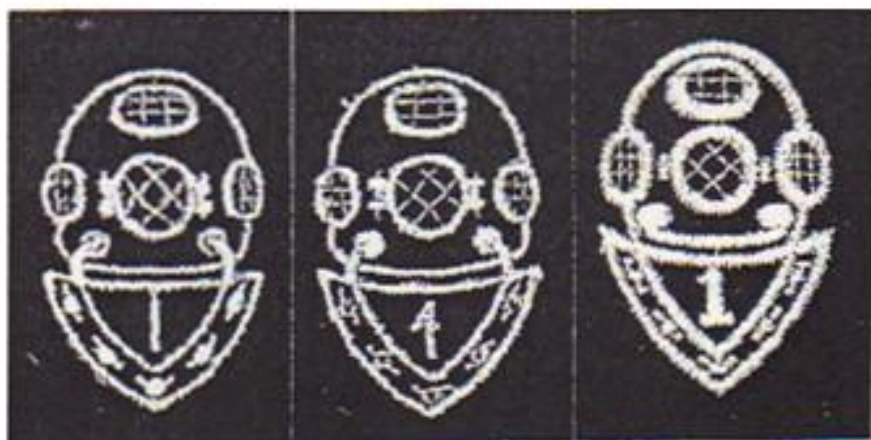
WRITE: William J. Murphy  
10 Village Rd. E.  
Brooklyn, NY 11223



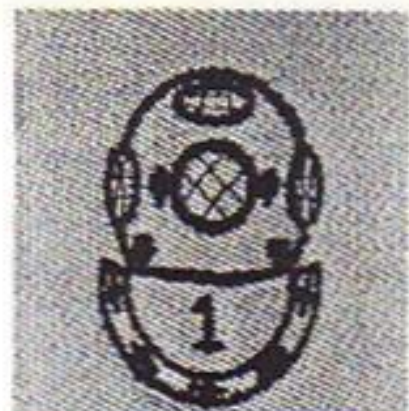
(c.1886)  
Larry Karadin

Machinist's  
Mate 3rd Class

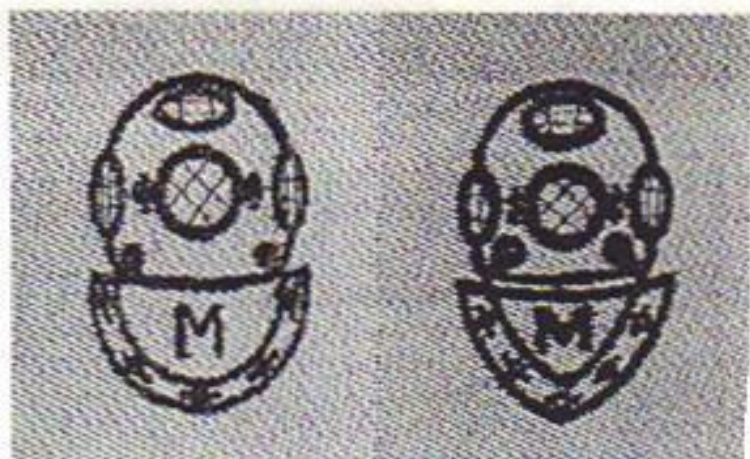




**DIVER 1st CLASS CLOTH DM**  
 THREE VARIATIONS OF THE NUMERAL  
 ONE ON THE BREAST PLATE



**DIVER 1st CLASS CLOTH DM**  
 BLUE ON KHAKE FOR USE ONLY  
 ON CPO KHAKE UNIFORM



**MASTER DIVER CLOTH DM**  
 TWO VARIATIONS BLUE ON KHAKE FOR  
 USE ONLY ON CPO KHAKE UNIFORM



**DIVER 2nd CLASS CLOTH DM**  
 LARGE DISTORTED DIVER HELMET  
 AND BREAST PLATE



**SALVAGE DIVER CLOTH DM**  
 SILVER BULLION WIRE ON KHAKE  
 CLOTH WITH RED EMBROIDERED "S"  
 IN BREAST PLATE



**SALVAGE DIVER CLOTH DM**  
 BLUE ON WHITE WITH RED "S"  
 IN BREAST PLATE



**DIVER 3rd CLASS CLOTH DM**  
 NO AUTHORIZATION FOR A NAVY  
 DIVER 3rd CLASS

CAN ANY ONE IDENTIFY THE SCHOOL ST. L.N.S.?  
AND WHAT IS THE PERSON'S RATING?  
GOLD CIRCLE, ANCHORS, LETTERS, AND RED  
CHEVRONS ON WHITE CANVAS.



Submitted by Stephen Decatur Rohde

USN SEAMAN GUNNER DISTINGUISHING MARK  
NAVY BLUE ON KHAKI FOR USE ON CPO COAT  
NOT OFTEN SEEN ON KHAKI  
(REF. JOHN STACEY'S BOOK PAGE 69)



S.D.Rohde

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CULVER SUMMER NAVAL SCHOOL

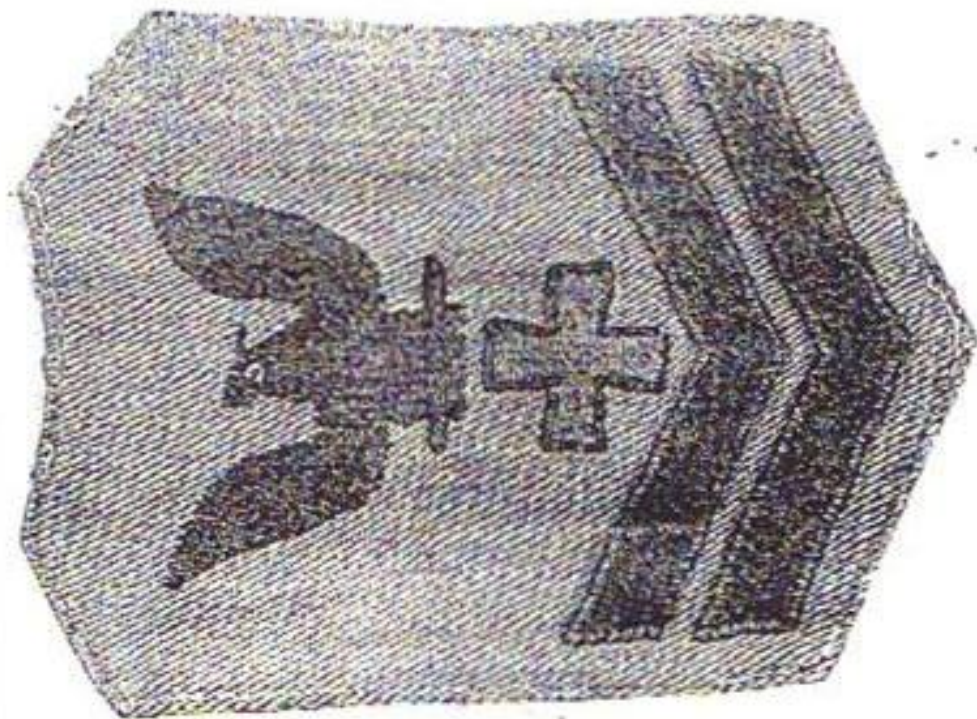
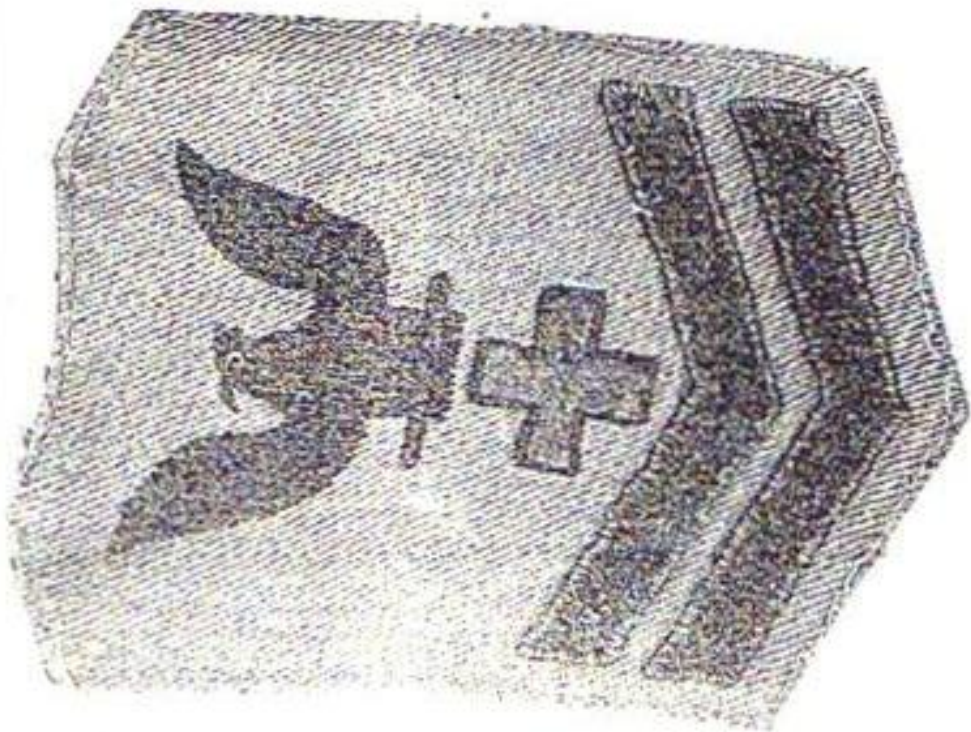
Submitted by S.D. Rohde. C.S.N.S is  
located on Culver Lake (Indiana)...



L.Karadin  
Contributor:

Bugle-  
Master  
PO1

U.S. NAVY PHARMACIST'S MATES ATTACHED TO THE MARINE CORPS



BACKGROUND MATERIAL IS KIAMI TWILL. EAGLE IS BROWN HAND EMBROIDERED. RED CROSS AND MARINE GREEN CHEVRONS ARE HAND STITCHED TO THE TWILL. EAGLE HAS RED TONGUE AND BLACK EYE OUTLINED IN WHITE. CHEVRON MATERIAL IS WOOL. Stephen Decatur Role



## U.S. NAVY KHAKI OFFICER'S UNIFORM CORPS DEVICES

KHAKI WORKING UNIFORMS FOR SUBMARINERS (OFFICERS AND CPOs) WERE AUTHORIZED IN 1931 BECAUSE OF THE DIRTY QUARTERS IN WHICH THEY WORKED. IN 1940 KHAKI UNIFORMS WERE AUTHORIZED FOR OTHER PERSONNEL AS WELL. TO INDICATE RANK AND BRANCH, THE OFFICER'S UNIFORM HAD BLACK CUFF BRAID AND AN EMBROIDERED CORPS DEVICE ABOVE THE BRAID. THIS UNIFORM WAS MODIFIED IN 1941 BY REMOVING THE CUFF BRAID AND CORPS DEVICE, AND PLACING LOOPS ON THE SHOULDERS TO ACCOMMODATE THE STANDARD NAVY SHOULDER MARK. THESE 1931 UNIFORMS ARE RARELY FOUND AS ALL WERE CONVERTED TO MEET THE NEW REGULATIONS.



Larry Karadin sent in these rates. The one on the left was for Underwater Mechanic (PO1) and the one on the right was for an Athletic - Instructor (CPO) (1942-1944); also used for Airship Rigger (1948-1955); and for Physical Training Instructor (1944-1948) & Aircraft Carburetor Mechanic (1956-1959).

FRENCH - Old basic submarine badge worn by seamen who had followed a special course in the Toulon Submarine School. Replaced in 1975 by a circular badge. Gold sub, silver toned compass rose. C.V.Kelly, Jr



Submarine badge made of COAL. Given to those who attended the launching of the U.S.S Pennsylvania and to "Plank Owners".



A sterling silver, Submarine crewman's pin, hand-made aboard the Sub (probably). A fish wearing boxing gloves, and a sailor's "White Hat", holding a torpedo. Sub unknown?



SPECIALTY MARKS - LETTERS (The Specialist Ratings)

Have Collar sent in this WW2 era rate. This one is for the following occupations in the U.S. Navy :

Teacher (also: Service School Instructor)	1942-48
{ " Recruit Instructor	}
{ " Instructor	
Teacher (Draftsman)	1943-1944
Teacher (Firefighter)	1942-1943
Teacher (Recognition)	1943-1948
Etcetera, Etc	

The list goes on and on, for further reading, see U.S. Navy Rating Badges: 1885-1982 by John A. Stacey

Clement V. Kelly, Jr. said this submarine patch was from the Vietnam era, bought in Pusan, Korea, and was probably for work coveralls. Its golden-yellow (design and frame) on black twill.

POST SCRIPT: We need interesting things like this! The Crow's Nest will try to use your unusual stuff.



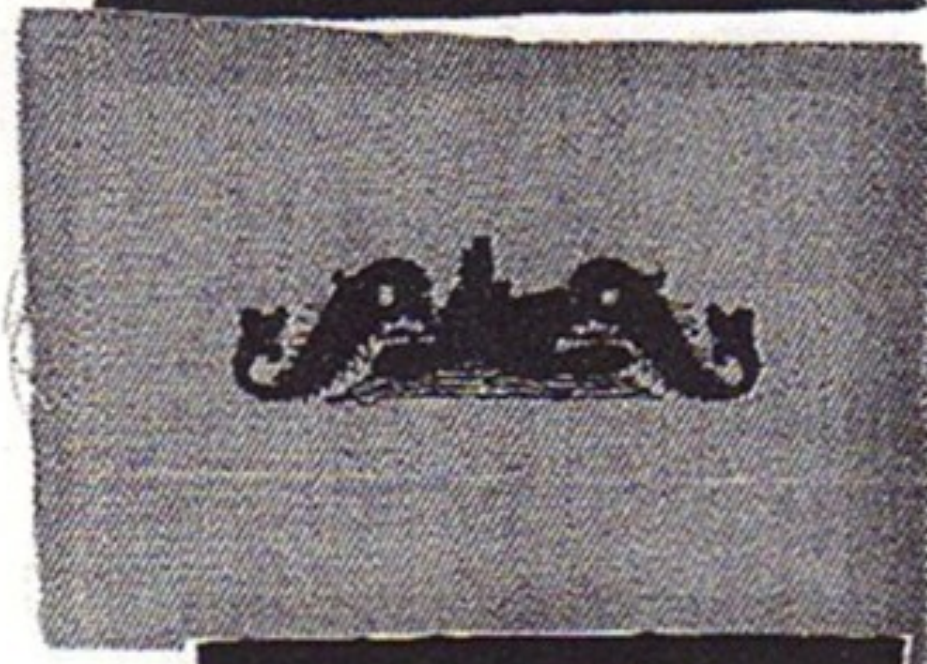
CLEMENT V. KELLY, JR.  
501 WEST 5TH AVENUE  
COVINGTON, LA. U.S.A. 704

Some United States Navy  
submarine badges from my collection.

This one is a WW2 era  
set of dolphins which  
are silver-wire, on a  
navy-blue wool back-  
ground.



Another WW2 era  
badge, its blue  
cotton embroi-  
dery on poplin,  
a khaki colored  
twill.



Yet another WW2 era badge.  
White cotton embroidery on  
navy-blue wool.

NOTE: See the Vietnam era  
submarine badge on page 37.



SPECIALTY MARKS - LETTERS (The Specialist Ratings)

Another rate that Dave Gollar sent in to us. This particular rate represented many occupations which needed to be classed somewhere by a growing U.S.N. A sampling of over three dozen categories:

Air Stations Operations Desk - Time Shack	1943-48
Archivist	1945-1961
Artist	1945-1961
Bombing Training Instructor (V-10)	1945-1946
Cartographer (To Draftsman)	1943-1948
Engineering Draftsman (To Draftsman)	1943-1948
Fingerprint Expert	1945-1961
Interpreter (To ESX) Linguist	1945-48 & 1948-1961
Journalist (General Service Rating)	1945-1948
Naval Correspondant	1945-1948
Pigeon Trainer	1943-1961
Plastics Expert	1943-1961
Telephone Switchboard Operator	1943-1948
Topographic Draftsman (To Draftsman)	1943-1948

U.S.Navy Rating Badges, Specialty Marks, Distinguishing Marks: 1885-1982 by John A. Stacey.



These Royal Navy trade badges are from Larry Karadin's collections.

The goldwire airplane on blue was Telegraphist-Air Gunner, that was in the Fleet Air Arm.

Below that is a Mechanic, and its red on blue. A ship's screw with a 3-spoked wheel and a crown.

WRITE:

Laurence J. Karadin  
3873 Croydon Road  
Norton, Ohio 44203



ILLUSTRATOR DRAFTSMAN (DM) 1961 - present:

Below is a rate for Illustrator Draftsman 1st Class, a rate I held while serving in the Maryland Naval Militia in the port-city of Baltimore back in the early 1970's. They were responsible for the upkeep of the U.S.S. Constellation and several other de-commissioned United States naval ships, including a submarine as well! We had 35 cadets, as well as 35 adult militiamen, including myself. Of course I was the only enlisted adult, Chief Illustrator Draftsman. All of young people ranged in rank from Cadet Seaman Recruits to Petty Officer 1st Class. We had two Rear Admirals among the 34 commissioned adults. One was a CWO-4 who served Electrical Officer for the sub, he had silver dolphins and sub, but he had a Maryland coat-of-arms on that badge.

Officers wore a coat-of-arms of Maryland on the cap badge, this originally used to be all gold and cast as 1-piece construction.

1972-1974 I had been with them, so can't say as to whatever was used before and afterwards?

Myself? I have started to have a go at collecting DM rates & strikers. I've next to nothing in this area of course.

WRITE: Sarge Booker  
\*Crow's Nest  
P.O. Box 881  
San Fernando  
California  
91340-0881



I ain't wealthy and good-looking, but I can afford to throw a little cash away! Now, of course business is business I always say and I am to buy what I want! Crow's Nest will be mailed free and I'm not planning to ask nor accept money as its a joint-effort. It belongs to each, and everyone and it can be copied, plus added with ads, and your own comment as its public domain.

I only put it into what you see, but you contribute the photocopies, plus comments, PLEASE pencil your names, or initials so the xeroxes show who's sent whatever, we want to credit you for your material.

POST SCRIPT: When photocopying white rates or specialty marks, put behind a piece of black paper so it'll show the shape of the badge that fades in bright light from the photocopier!!!

WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS, PHOTOCOPIES AND REPORTS!

We especially need U.S.M.C., U.S.C.G. & U.S.C.G.Aux.