

CROW'S NEST



Stephen Decatur Rohde describes the rate on the left as follows : Gold anchors and gold chevrons, and M.M.A.

Issue #5 also had the M.M.A. rate on it and it had a silver eagle and silver (FO2). Its also from S.D. Rohde.

This issue is special in that it has pages and pages of insignia from encyclopedias I'd saved in an album for ten years. I searched thrift stores in both Orange County, and in Los Angeles County.

Suspicious clerks had often asked me why it was that I only would certain volumes; they thumb through them to "discover" if perhaps they were selling the dusty tomes too cheap and ask for more, but as the word: "INSET" precedes "INSIDIA", they'd usually keep a price the same as the people who populate a second-hand bookstore seem to believe those who collect insignia are loaded with money and desperate to give it away in a panic to have such-and-such!!!

ENCYCLOPEDIA INSIGNIA

Who hasn't gone through a private or non-profit thrift store or second-hand bookstore and sought out books on military uniforms and insignia or through an encyclopedia and looked up: Air Force; Army; Badges; Coast Guard; Decorations; Flags; Heraldry; INSIGNIA; Marine Corps; Medals; Navy; Orders; or UNIFORMS and got upset whenever we forget to check one of those categories and feel like kicking ourselves afterwards when we are half-way home we suddenly remember? Or worse, we should have bought the darned book and we get back and they're closed or the book was sold or misplaced when a bored customer saw us looking at it and worse, is a collector as well and will not part it or will sell at a substantial profit just to help you out! Am I right or not? Inside these covers are those that I "did" buy and want to share with you, but I can only warn you ... make yourself a photocopy of this newsletter before you show it to another collector, else he or she might "forget" to give it back to you or will make a heartfelt plea for a copy and cause you to make an un-necessary trip to the conder, and you'll forget your original copy and find someone else "found" it first and left! If you have a page from your encyclopedia on insignia, send us a copy to publish....

NAVY INSIGNIA OF RANK



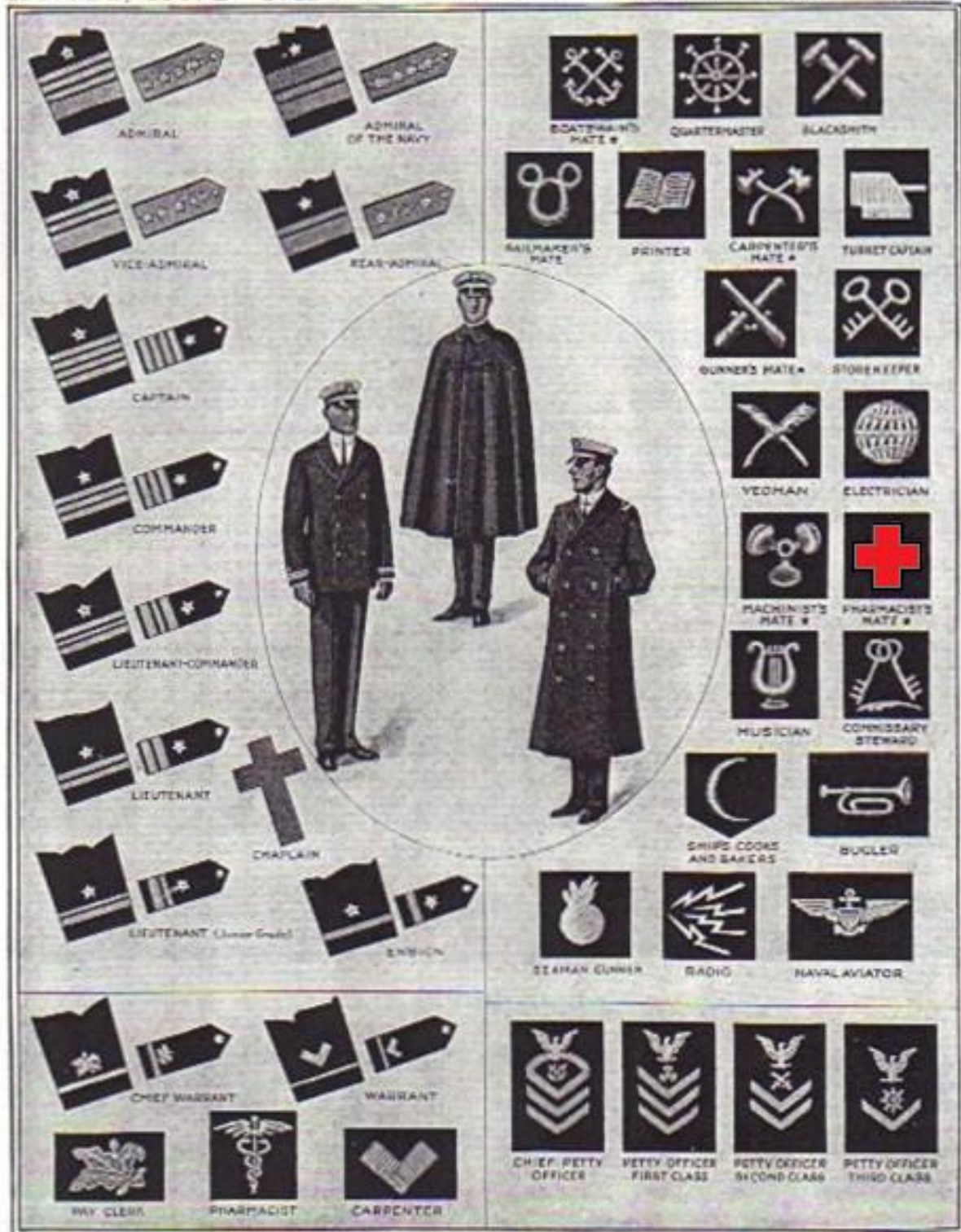
SPECIALTY MARKS



U. S. NAVY INSIGNIA

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ARMY AND NAVY DURING THE WORLD WAR



was worn in place of the "branch of service" insignia. The American naval officer's rank was designated by gold stripes on his sleeves, or by insignia on the shoulder loops of his overcoat. Beginning with the Ensign's half-inch sleeve stripes, each additional half stripe meant one grade higher. There was no half stripe between Commander and Captain, however. The two-inch stripe was worn only by Admirals, and here full or double stripes marked each advance in rank. The star designated a line officer. The grade above Captain is shown by stars and anchors instead of stripes on the shoulder loops. Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers wore a narrow stripe and ranked below commissioned officers but above Chief Petty Officer. The Chief Petty Officer wore his rate badge of red and silver on his upper sleeve, as did all Petty Officers. The insignia shown at the upper right hand were part of the rate badge and indicated the branch of service. These branches marked with a star also had the Warrant grades.



Chief Petty Officer's Cap



Chief Petty Officer's Blue Coat



Rating Badge for Chief Petty Officer (Damage Controlman)

SLEEVE MARKINGS for rating groups and pay grades



Chief Petty Officer



Petty Officer 1st Class



Petty Officer 2nd Class



Petty Officer 3rd Class



Seaman 1st Class
Fireman 1st Class
Airman 1st Class



Seaman 2nd Class
Fireman 2nd Class
Airman 2nd Class



Apprentice Seaman
Fireman 3rd Class
Airman 3rd Class



1st Class (Yeoman)



2nd Class (Quartermaster)



3rd Class (Messman)

Rating Badges for Petty Officers



Blue Cap and White Hat



Blue Dress Jumper

Seamen, Hospitalmen, Dentalmen, and Stewards wear white stripes on blue uniforms, blue on white uniforms.

Firemen wear red stripes on all uniforms. Airmen wear emerald green stripes on all uniforms.

DISTINGUISHING MARKS worn on upper right sleeve



Gun Pointer First Class



Seaman Gunner



Master Horizontal Bomber



Master Diver



Gun Range Finder Operator



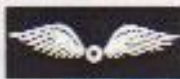
Aircraft Machine Gunner First Class



Gun Captain



Aircraft



Aviation Utility

DISTINGUISHING MARKS worn on left breast



Submarine Service



Submarine Combat Patrol



Balloon Pilot



Parachutist



Naval Aviation Pilot



Combat Air Crew



Blue Undress Jumper

SPECIALTY MARKS worn on upper left sleeve



Fire Controlman



Parachute Rigger



Sonarman



Torpedoman's Mate



Redarman



Aviation Ordnanceman



Aviation Machinist's Mate



Machinist's Mate



Printer



Boatswain's Mate



Aerographer's Mate



Aviation Boatswain's Mate



Fire Control Technician



Radioman



Personal Man



Engineer



Electronics Technician



Commissaryman



Electrician's Mate



Storkkeeper



Gunner's Mate



Hospital Corpsman



Underwater Mechanic



Bandmaster Musician



Steward

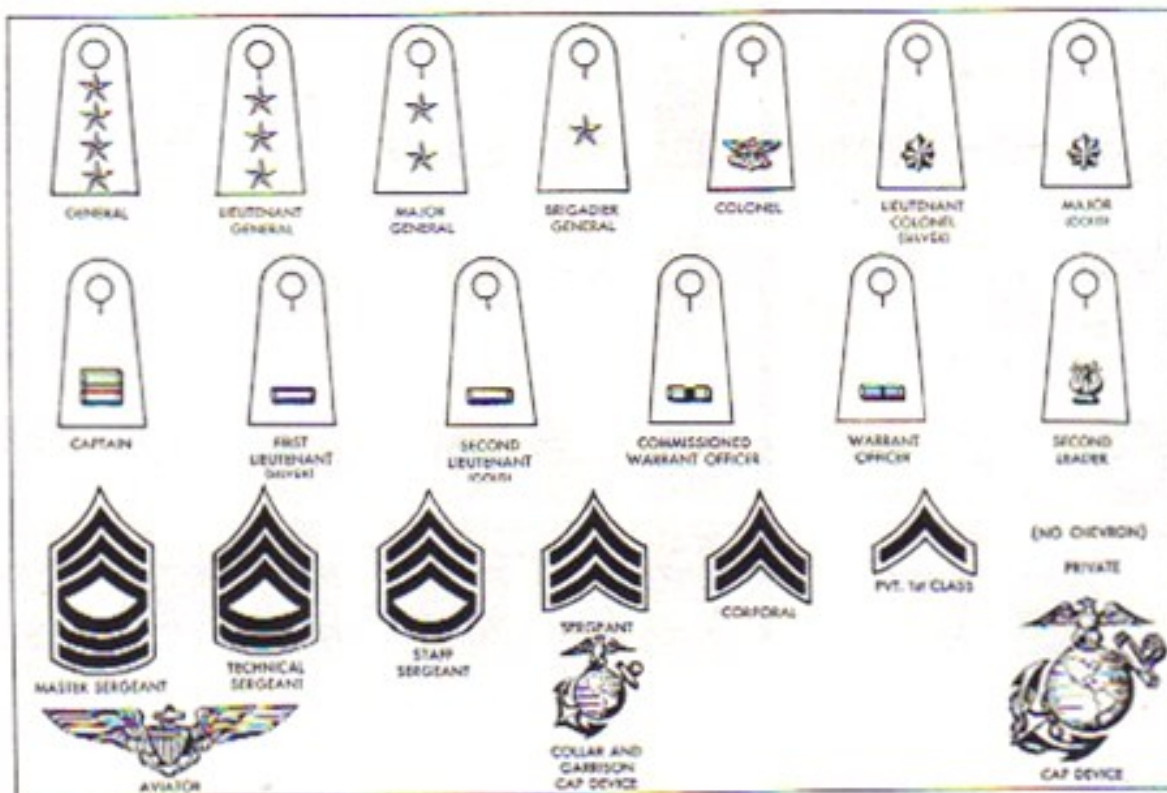


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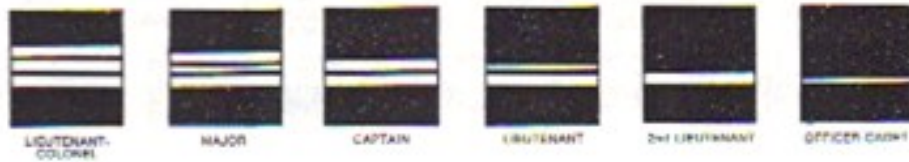


INSIGNIA OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY tell the rank and something of the wearer's duties.

United States Marine Corps Insignia.



RANK INSIGNIA IN CANADA'S ARMED FORCES SINCE 1968



PRIOR TO 1968

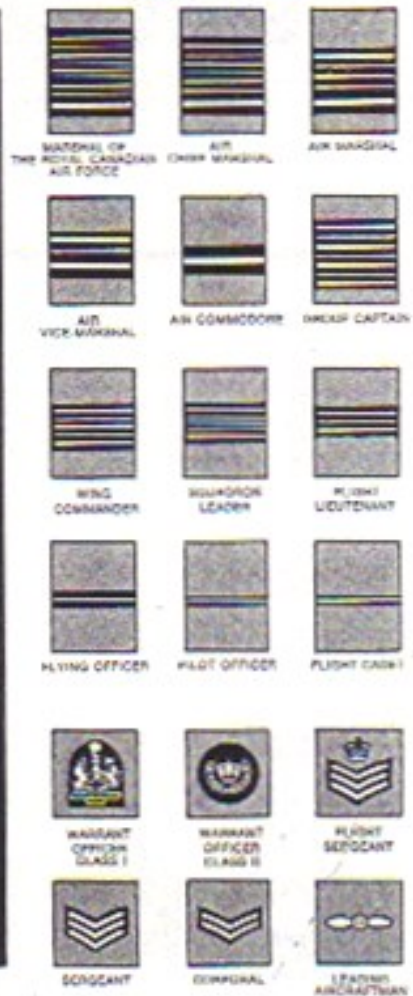
NAVY



ARMY



AIR FORCE



ENLISTED MEN SLEEVE INSIGNIA
RIGHT SLEEVE, OR SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Navy, U.S. 125



LEFT SLEEVE, OR GENERAL RATINGS



UNIFORMS, INSIGNIA, AND AWARDS

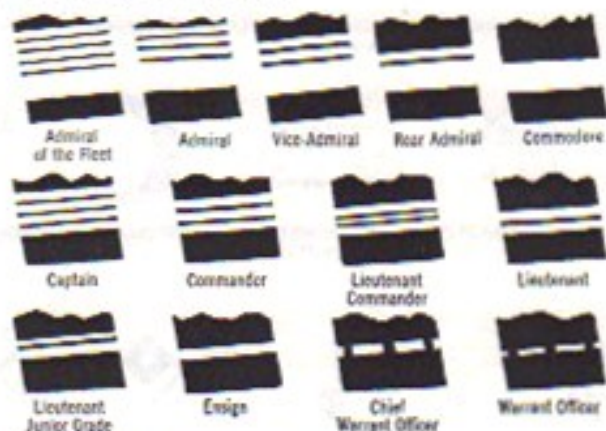
SHOULDER MARKS FOR COMMISSIONED AND WARRANT OFFICERS



OFFICERS' CORPS DISTINGUISHING INSIGNIA



SLEEVE STRIPES FOR COMMISSIONED AND WARRANT OFFICERS



AWARDS OF HONOR AND MERIT



Officers of Flag Rank



Captains and Commanders



Lieutenant Commanders
and Lower Ranks

Officers' Caps



Officers' White Dress and Blue Service Coats

The braid (zig-zag) on the white dress coat is worn by an aide or naval attaché.

Insignia Worn above the Left Breast Pocket



MARKS OF RANK AND SERVICE—U. S. NAVY

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS—RANK AND CORPS



WARRANT OFFICERS—RANK AND SPECIALTY



ENLISTED MEN—RATING AND SPECIALTY



These insignia are shown as they appear on a blue uniform. Commissioned and warrant officers have gold-embroidered insignia; the insignia for enlisted men are white on red. An officer's rank is shown by the number and size of stripes; the star indicates a line officer (gunnery, navigation, or other combat duty). Officers of other corps wear their device in place of the star. Seamen or firemen who do not have a rating and specialty wear a white or red tape around the shoulder.

Enlisted Men's Specialty Marks

Indicates duties and rating.
(Worn on left sleeve)

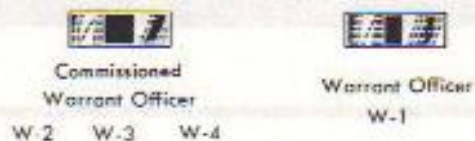
Administrative and Clerical	 Forkman (FM)	 Communication Technician (CT)	 Yeoman (YM)	 Personal Mail (PM)	 Janitor (JM)
	 Postal Clerk (PC)	 Mailroom Assistant (MA)	 Storekeeper (SK)	 Drinking Clerk (DK)	 Commissaryman (CS)
Electronics	 Electronic Technician (ET)	 Data System Technician (DS)	Precision Equipment	 Instrumentman (IM)	 Optician (OP)
Deck	 Boatman's Mate (BM)	 Quartermaster (QM)		 Helmsman (HM)	 Sailmaker (SM)
Engineering and Hull	 Reactor's Mate (RM)	 Engineman (EM)	 Machinery Repairman (MR)	 Reelman (RT)	 Shipfitter (SF)
	 Welder (WL)	 Electrician's Mate (EM)	 I.C. Electrician (IC)	 Damage Controlman (DC)	 Patternmaker (PR)
Medical	 Hospital Corpsman (HC)	Dental	 Dental Technician (DT)	Steward	 Steward (SS)
Aviation	 Aviation Machinist's Mate (AM)	 Air Controlman (AC)	 Aviation Fire Control Technician (AF)	 Aviation Electronics Technician (AE)	 Aviation Structural Mechanic (AS)
	 Aviation Electrician's Mate (AE)	 Training Devicesman (TD)	 Aviation Boatswain's Mate (AB)	 Photographer's Mate (PM)	 Aviation Ordnanceman (AO)
	 Aviation Storekeeper (AS)	 Aviation Support Equipment Technician (AS)	 Aviation Antisubmarine Warfare Technician (AA)	 Photographic Intelligence Mate (PI)	 Parachute Rigger (PR)
Ordnance	 Torpedoman's Mate (TM)	 Gunner's Mate (GM)	 Fire Control Technician (FT)	 Mortar (MO)	 Missile Technician (MT)
Construction	 Engineering Aide (EA)	 Painter (PA)	 Sheetworker (SW)	 Construction Electrician (CE)	 Utilities Mate (UM)
Miscellaneous	 Lithographer (LI)	 Electrician Overboard (EO)	 Musician (MB)	 Equipment Operator (EO)	 Construction Mechanic (CM)

INSIGNIA OF THE U. S. MARINES

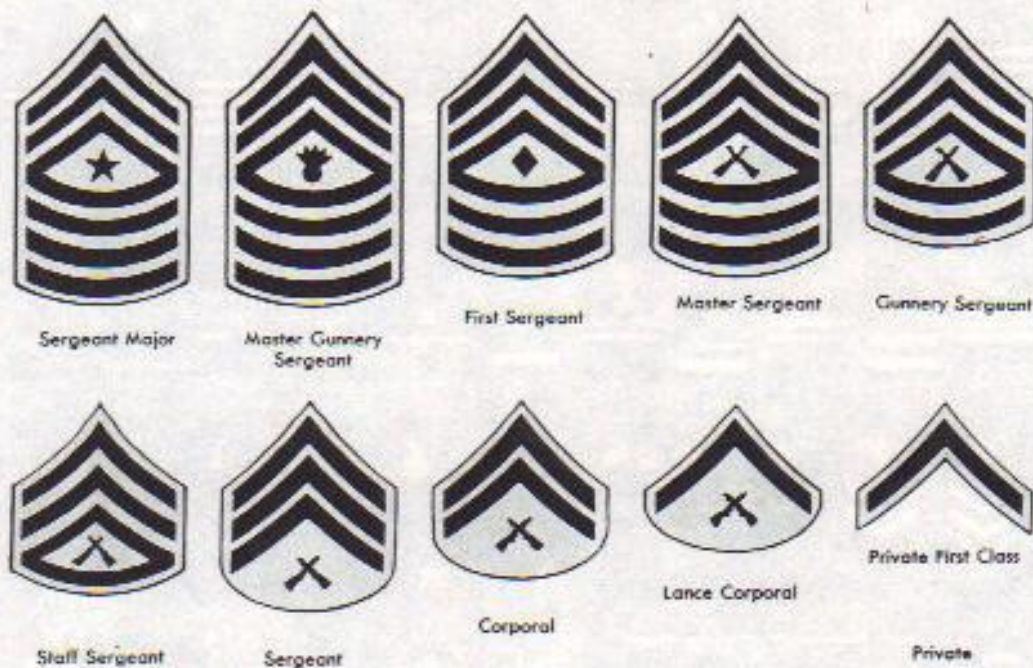
Commissioned Officers



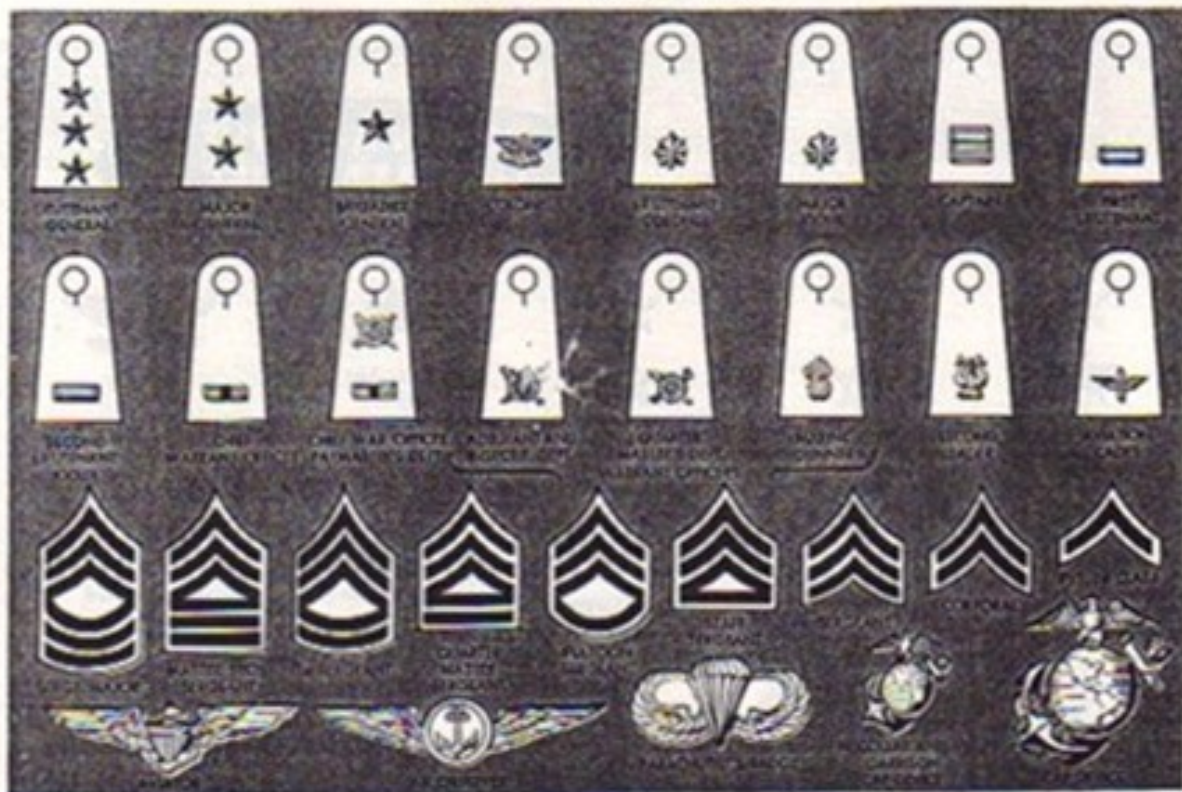
Warrant Officers



Enlisted Personnel



United States Marine Corps Insignia.



In the top three rows are shoulder marks, sleeve stripes, and distinguishing devices of the U.S. Navy. In the last row Navy badges are shown.



OFFICERS

Basic colors of uniforms: Army—summer, khaki; winter, Army Green; dress, blue. Navy—summer, white or khaki; winter, blue. Air Force—summer and winter (dress and duty), blue. Marine—summer, khaki; winter, forest green; dress, blue. Metal officers' insignia are shown as follows: gold (gray), silver (white outline), and enamel (black and gray).

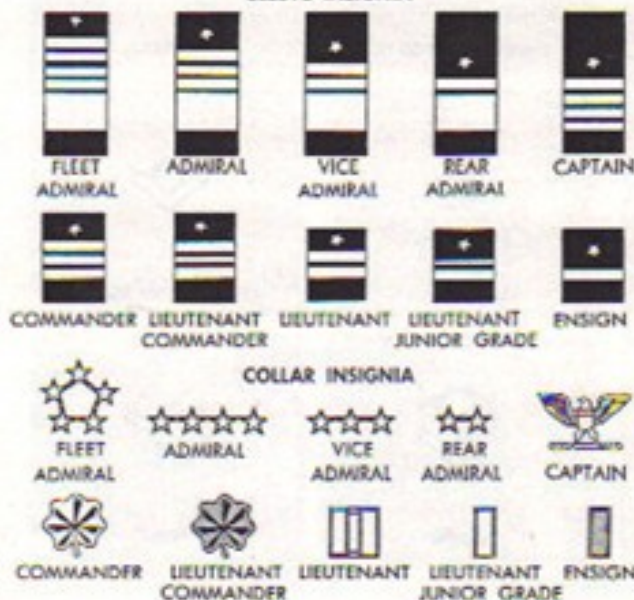


LIEUTENANT



CAP INSIGNIA

SLEEVE INSIGNIA



ENLISTED



PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS



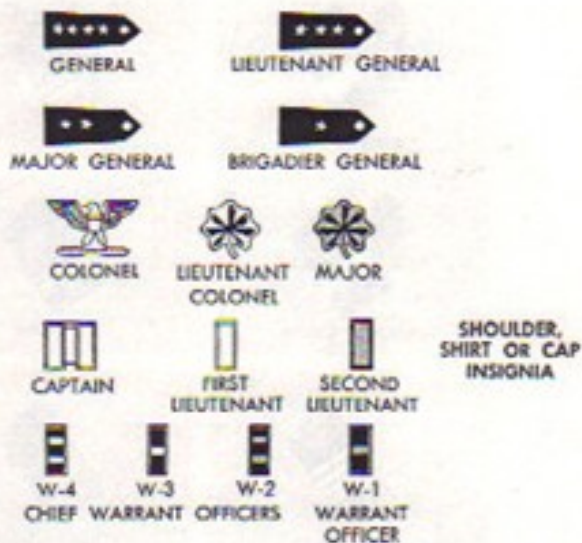
OFFICERS



CAPTAIN



CAP INSIGNIA





















ENLISTED



STAFF SERGEANT



RANK INSIGNIA OF THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS		WARRANT OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN	
 GENERAL	 LIEUTENANT COLONEL	 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER	 MASTER CORPORAL
 LIEUTENANT GENERAL	 MAJOR	 MASTER WARRANT OFFICER	 CORPORAL
 MAJOR GENERAL	 CAPTAIN	 WARRANT OFFICER	 PRIVATE (HIGHER STATUS)
 BRIGADIER GENERAL	 LIEUTENANT	 SERGEANT	 PRIVATE
 COLONEL	 SECOND LIEUTENANT		



Ranks are standardized within the Canadian forces, but Maritime Command personnel are known by former Navy ranks in naval surroundings. For example, a sailor with the official rank of "private" has a shipboard rank of "able seaman." Servicemen of the Canadian Armed Forces are issued a single style of basic uniform (left). The uniform worn by Canadian servicewomen is patterned somewhat after the men's garb. The wearer's service command—land, sea, or air—is marked by distinctive badges worn on the collar of the dark-green uniform. The cap badges may also differ.



Pin-on device

FIG. 626.—Items of Navy Nurse Corps uniforms

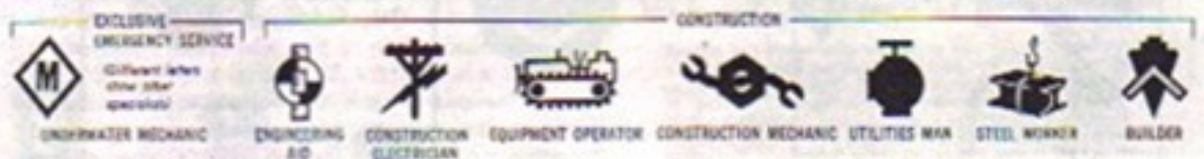
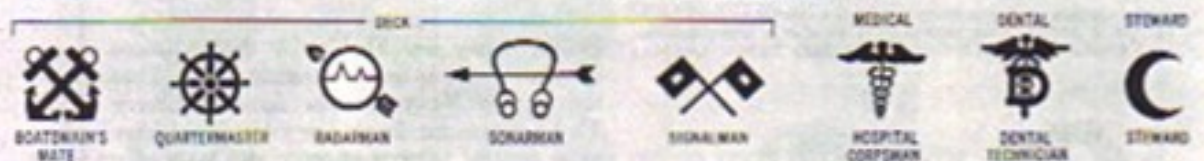
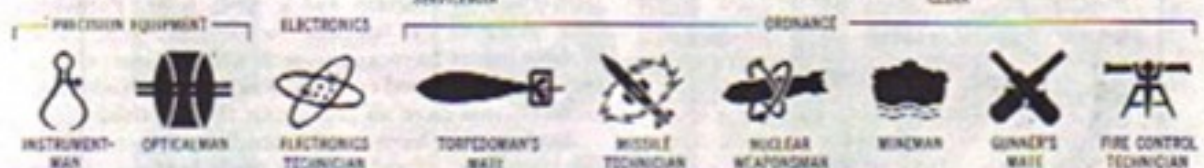
INSIGNIA OF BRANCH OR SPECIALTY—U. S. ARMED FORCES

U. S. NAVY

BRAST INSIGNS



SPECIALTY MARKS FOR ENLISTED RATINGS (By Group)



DISTINGUISHING MARKS FOR SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS



The specialist marks of Navy enlisted men are part of the rating badge. Enlisted men may also earn a distinguishing sleeve

mark. The white Navy "E" indicates that the wearer's ship, squadron, or unit has won the Battle Efficiency Pennant.

ARMY

NAVY

AIR FORCE

OFFICER GRADES (cont.)

SECOND
LIEUTENANT
GOLD



ENSIGN



SECOND
LIEUTENANT
GOLD



WARRANT
OFFICER



WARRANT
OFFICER



WARRANT
OFFICER



ENLISTED GRADES
non-commissioned officers

MASTER
SERGEANT



MASTER
SPECIALIST



CHIEF
PETTY OFFICER



MASTER
SERGEANT



SERGEANT
1st. CLASS



SPECIALIST
1st. CLASS



PETTY OFFICER
1st. CLASS



TECHNICAL
SERGEANT



SERGEANT



SPECIALIST
2nd. CLASS



PETTY OFFICER
2nd. CLASS



STAFF
SERGEANT



CORPORAL



SPECIALIST
3rd. CLASS



PETTY OFFICER
3rd. CLASS



AIRMAN
1st. CLASS



PRIVATE
1st. CLASS



SEAMAN



AIRMAN
2nd. CLASS



APPRENTICE
SEAMAN



AIRMAN
3rd. CLASS




























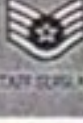




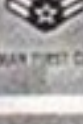
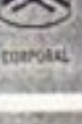




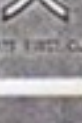

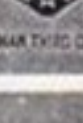
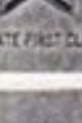




PRIVATE (NONE)

SEAMAN
RECRUIT



AIRMAN
BASIC (NONE)

MARKS OF ENLISTED GRADES—U. S. ARMED FORCES

ARMY		NAVY AND COAST GUARD		AIR FORCE		MARINE	
 SERGEANT MAJOR	 CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT	 CHIEF PETTY OFFICER*	 CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT	 SERGEANT MAJOR	 MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT		
 FIRST SERGEANT	 MASTER SERGEANT	 SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER*	 SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT	 FIRST SERGEANT	 MASTER SERGEANT		
 SERGEANT FIRST CLASS	 SPECIALIST (E-7)	 CHIEF PETTY OFFICER	 MASTER SERGEANT	 GUNNERY SERGEANT			
 STAFF SERGEANT	 SPECIALIST (E-6)	 PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS	 TECHNICAL SERGEANT	 STAFF SERGEANT			
 SERGEANT	 SPECIALIST (E-5)	 PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS	 STAFF SERGEANT	 SERGEANT			
 CORPORAL	 SPECIALIST (E-4)	 PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS	 AIRMAN FIRST CLASS	 CORPORAL			
 LANCE CORPORAL		 SEAMAN	 AIRMAN SECOND CLASS	 LANCE CORPORAL			
 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS		 SEAMAN APPRENTICE	 AIRMAN THIRD CLASS	 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS			
 RECRUIT		 SEAMAN RECRUIT	 AIRMAN	 PRIVATE			

The specialist marks of Army enlisted men denote personnel with no command responsibility as distinguished from non-

commissioned officers who command troops. All United States military marks of enlisted grades are worn on sleeves.

INSIGNIA OF BRANCH OR SPECIALTY—U. S. ARMED FORCES

U. S. ARMY

INSIGNIA OF BRANCH



COMBAT ARMS



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



SPECIAL STAFF



OTHER ARMY INSIGNIA AND BADGES



* The green "D", "N", "V", "M", and "T" superimposed over the insignia refer to respectively Dental, Nurse, Veterinary, Medical Service, and Medical Specialist corps.

U. S. AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE BADGES



MISCELLANEOUS INSIGNIA



U. S. NAVY

COMMISSIONED OFFICER COLLAR INSIGNIA



WARRANT OFFICER COLLAR INSIGNIA



See the warrant officer collar insignia section for use by commissioned officers.

Army insignia of branch are worn on the lapels. Air Force wings, page 328). Navy officer and warrant officer insignia badges are worn on the breast (see also picture of astronaut shown on this page are worn on the collars of caps.

INSIGNIA—UNITED STATES NAVY

1. OFFICERS

Insignia of Rank



Insignia of Different Branches

The insignia given below are placed above the stripes of the insignia of rank. Thus, a star set above the stripes indicates a line officer.



The following badges are worn over the left breast pocket.



2. ENLISTED MEN

Insignia of Rank and Service



INSIGNIA—U. S. NAVY (continued)

Specialty Marks

The following marks are set between the chevrons and the eagle on the insignia of rank of petty officers. Seaman (first and second class and apprentice) do not wear specialty marks.



Distinguishing Marks

These marks, which indicate special abilities, are worn on the sleeve, generally midway between the shoulder and the elbow. They are worn on the left sleeve in the case of the deck force; on the right sleeve, in the case of mechanics and engineers, known as the "black gang."



INSIGNIA—U. S. MARINES

Insignia of Rank and Service



Insignia of Different Branches



INSIGNIA OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

pay grade	ENLISTED									COMMISSIONED											
	E-1	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7	E-8	E-9	W-1	W-2	W-3	W-4	O-1	O-2	O-3	O-4	O-5	O-6	O-7	O-8
NAVY																					
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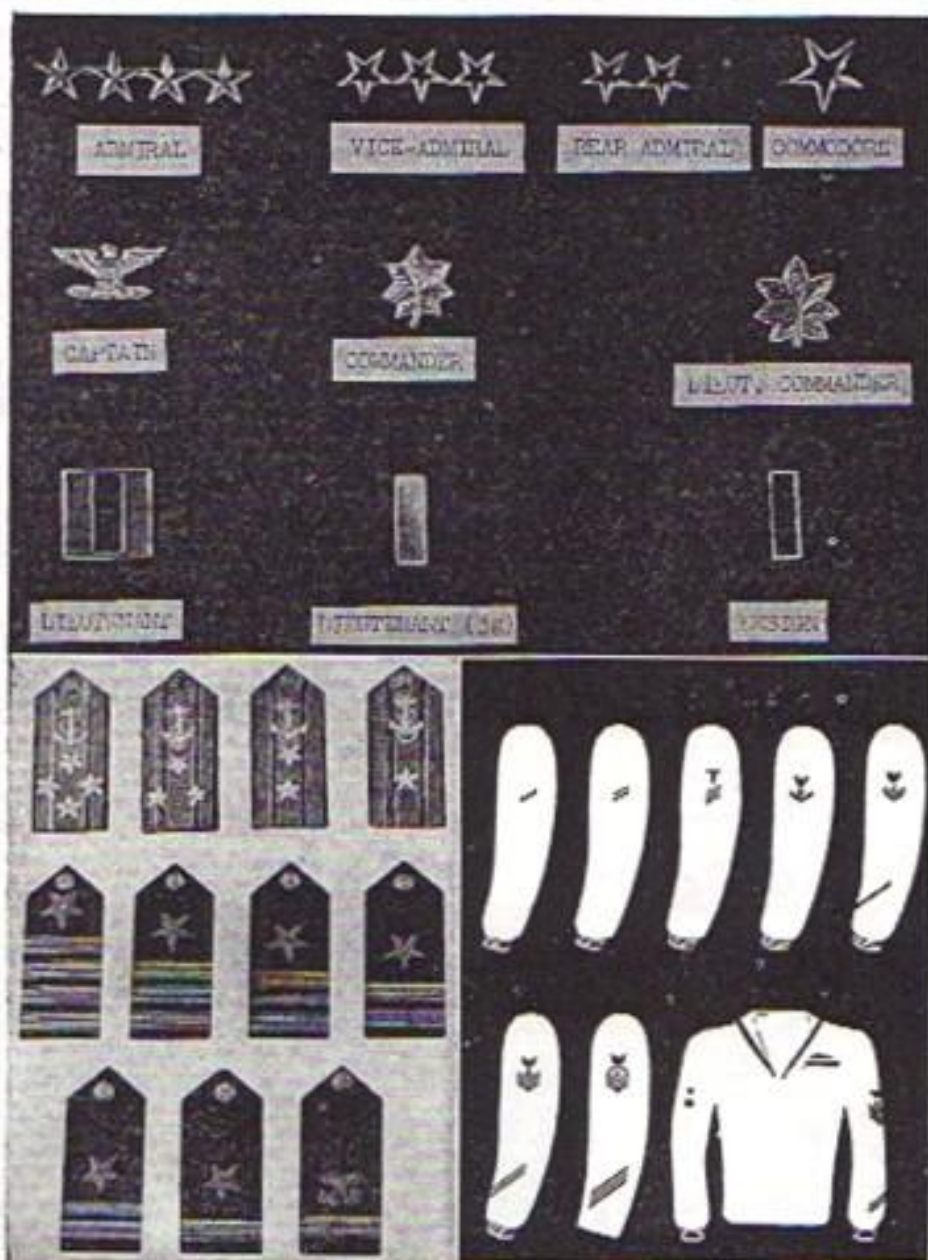
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Several pages contained U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army insignia, we want to assure you we are **NOT** abandoning naval and marine insignia and this is only a temporary inconvenience at work! Sometimes it is difficult to separate artwork from encyclopedias as these people lump it all together in one "melting-pot" and don't realize their error! All kidding aside, we hope you will like this special edition and would like to do more if you will send us photocopies or actual pages from your own encyclopedias. It is okay to show other branch rank insignia for comparison! We also need regs to show here also! Some of the light colours will show up as grey, please forgive that inconvenience. The Compton's Encyclopedia from 1969 was the earliest I could find. Sorry that I forgot the names of the other encyclopedias, at the time I cut them out I didn't know that we will be not showing them. Write: Sarge Booker, P.O.Box 881, San Fernando, CA 91340-0881 *

INSIGNIA

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INSIGNIA



INSIGNIA OF THE U.S. NAVY. Top: Pin-on miniature rank devices for officers. Bottom, left: Officers' epaulettes. Top row, left to right, admiral, vice admiral, rear admiral, commodore; middle row, captain, commander, lieutenant commander, lieutenant; bottom row, lieutenant (JG), ensign, chief warrant officer. Bottom, right: Rating marks and specialty badges for enlisted men. Top row, seaman recruit, seaman apprentice, seaman, petty officer 3rd class, petty officer 2nd class; bottom row, petty officer 1st class, chief petty officer, front of blouse. Each forearm stripe shows 4 years of service.

UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA OF THE U.S. NAVY

OFFICERS' UNIFORMS



BREAST INSIGNIA

The emblems are worn by officers and enlisted men on the left breasts of their uniforms to indicate specialisation. Emblems marked with an asterisk may be worn only by an officer.



OFFICERS' RANK INSIGNIA

Line Officers

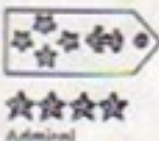
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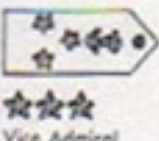
shoulder mark



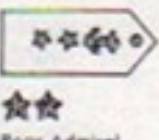
khaki shirt
center mark



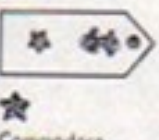
Admiral



Vice Admiral



Rear Admiral



Commodore



Captain



Commander



Lieutenant
Commander



Lieutenant



Lieutenant
Junior Grade



Ensign

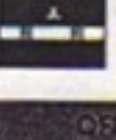


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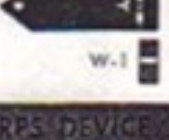
WARRANT
OFFICERS



W-2



W-3



W-1

OFFICERS' SPECIAL CORPS DEVICE

The following are the special corps devices worn by officers in the U.S. Navy. They are worn on the left breast of the uniform jacket.

The following are the special corps devices worn by warrant officers in the U.S. Navy. They are worn on the left breast of the uniform jacket.



MARKS OF OFFICERS' RANKS—U. S. ARMED FORCES

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

ARMY AND AIR FORCE



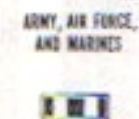
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MARINES



ARMY AND AIR FORCE



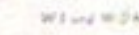
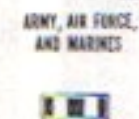
NAVY



MARINES



WARRANT OFFICERS



COAST GUARD



Navy officers also wear metal insignia (like those worn by Army officers of the equivalent grades) on collars of summer

khaki uniforms. Rank marks of Coast Guard officers bear a shield in place of the Navy star.

OFFICERS SLEEVE INSIGNIA

SPECIAL CORPS DEVICES:



LINE



MEDICAL



SUPPLY



Christian



Jewish



CIVIL ENGINEER



DENTAL



MEDICAL SERVICE



BAND



NURSE



BOATSWAIN OR OPERATIONS



SURFACE ORDNANCE



MINI WARFARE



SHIP'S CLERK



ELECTRONICS



MACHINIST



SHIP REPAIR



ELECTRICIAN



AVIATION ORDNANCE



AVIATION ELECTRONICS



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COMMUNICATIONS



AVIATION OPERATIONS



AEROGRAPHER

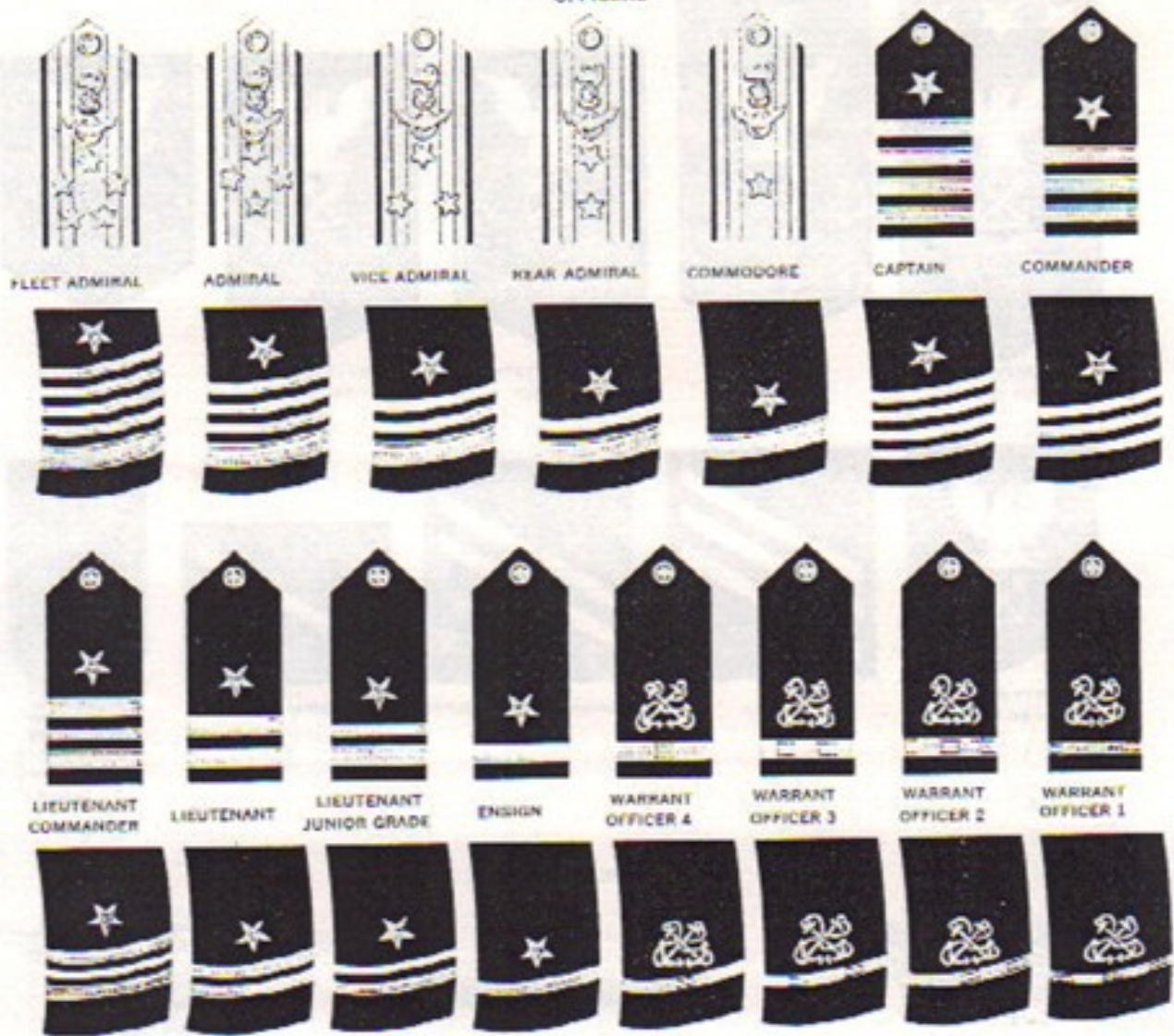


AVIATION MAINTENANCE

U.S. NAVY INSIGNIA

SHOULDER AND SLEEVE INSIGNIA

OFFICERS



COLLAR INSIGNIA

OFFICERS



WARRANT OFFICERS



U.S. NAVY INSIGNIA

SLEEVE INSIGNIA
ENLISTED MEN



MASTER CHIEF
PETTY OFFICER



SENIOR CHIEF
PETTY OFFICER



CHIEF PETTY
OFFICER



PETTY OFFICER
FIRST CLASS



PETTY OFFICER
SECOND CLASS



PETTY OFFICER
THIRD CLASS



SEAMAN



SEAMAN SECOND CLASS



SEAMAN RECRUIT



SERVICE BAR,
FOUR YEARS
OF SERVICE

BRFAST INSIGNIA



AVIATOR



FLIGHT SURGEON



AVIATION OBSERVER



FLIGHT NURSE



AIRCREWMAN



PARACHUTIST



COMBAT AIRCREWMAN



SUBMARINE MEDICAL



DEFENSE DEPARTMENT
IDENTIFICATION BADGE



SUBMARINE COMBAT PATROL



SUBMARINE



SUBMARINE
ENGINEERING DUTY



NAVAL RESERVE
MERCHANT MARINE

Insignia of the U.S. NAVY

Commissioned Officers



Enlisted Personnel



Warrant Officers



ENLISTED MEN



PRIVATE
FIRST CLASS



LANCE CORPORAL



CORPORAL



SERGEANT



STAFF SERGEANT



GUNNERY SERGEANT



MASTER SERGEANT



FIRST SERGEANT



MASTER GUNNERY
SERGEANT



SERGEANT MAJOR

OFFICERS



SECOND LIEUTENANT



FIRST LIEUTENANT



CAPTAIN



MAJOR



LIEUTENANT COLONEL



COLONEL



BRIGADIER GENERAL



MAJOR GENERAL



LIEUTENANT GENERAL



GENERAL

WARRANT OFFICERS



WARRANT
OFFICER W-1



CHIEF WARRANT
OFFICER W-2



CHIEF WARRANT
OFFICER W-3



CHIEF WARRANT
OFFICER W-4

CAP INSIGNIA



ENLISTED MEN



OFFICERS

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RANK INSIGNIA OF THE

ENLISTED MEN

WARRANT

AIR FORCE

ARMY

MARINE CORPS

NAVY AND COAST GUARD*

	E-1	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7	E-8	E-9	E-9 ¹	W-1	W-2
AIR FORCE	AIRMAN	AIRMAN THIRD CLASS	AIRMAN SECOND CLASS	AIRMAN FIRST CLASS	STAFF SERGEANT	TECHNICAL SERGEANT	MASTER SERGEANT	SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT	CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT	CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT OF THE AIR FORCE	GOLD SKY BLUE WARRANT OFFICER W-1	GOLD SKY BLUE CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER W-2
ARMY	PRIVATE	PRIVATE	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	CORPORAL	SERGEANT	STAFF SERGEANT	SERGEANT FIRST CLASS	FIRST SERGEANT	SERGEANT MAJOR	SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE ARMY	GOLD BROWN WARRANT OFFICER W-1	GOLD BROWN CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER W-2
MARINE CORPS	PRIVATE	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	LAND CORPORAL	CORPORAL	SERGEANT	STAFF SERGEANT	GUNNERY SERGEANT	FIRST SERGEANT	SERGEANT MAJOR	SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE MARINE CORPS	GOLD SCARLET WARRANT OFFICER W-1	GOLD SCARLET CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER W-2
NAVY AND COAST GUARD*	SEAMAN RECRUIT	SEAMAN APPRENTICE	SEAMAN	PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS	PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS	PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS	CHIEF PETTY OFFICER	SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER	MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER	MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE NAVY	GOLD BLUE WARRANT OFFICER W-1	GOLD BLUE CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER W-2

* Rank marks of Coast Guard officers bear a shield in place of the Navy star.
 † Only one person in each branch of the service holds this rank.

ENLISTED MEN'S UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA



RATING BADGES

PETTY OFFICERS



Service stripes
Chief Petty Officer's winter uniform

LOWER 3 PAY GRADES



Enlisted man's summer (white) and winter (blue) uniforms

Each service stripe indicates four years of service

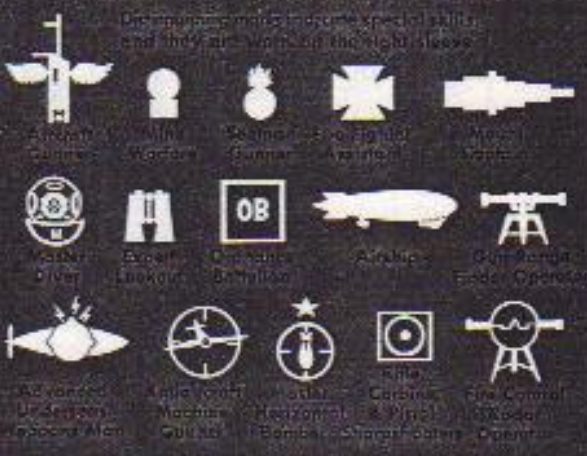
GENERAL SERVICE RATING MARKS

Specialty marks show on a rating man's sleeve and rating. They are worn on the left sleeve.



MARKS FOR SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

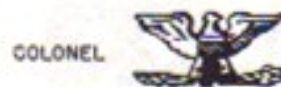
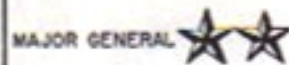
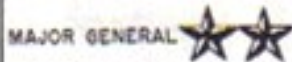
Distinction marks measure special skills and they are worn on the right sleeve.



ARMY

NAVY
OFFICER GRADES

AIR FORCE



SPECIAL SKILL BADGES



SUBMARINE



AVIATOR



FLIGHT SURGEON



COMBAT AIRCREW

WARRANT OFFICERS' SPECIALTY INSIGNIA



AVIATION
TECHNICIAN



CIVIL
ENGINEER



TORPEDOMAN



MACHINIST



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ORDNANCE
TECHNICIAN



AEROGRAPHER

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SOME ENLISTED SPECIALTY MARKS



ENGINE MAN



SIGNALMAN



GUNNER'S
MATE



BOATSWAIN'S
MATE



MACHINIST'S
MATE



ELECTRICIAN'S
MATE



STOREKEEPER



AEROGRAPHER'S
MATE



COMMISSARY
MAN



ELECTRONICS
TECHNICIAN



SONARMAN



STEWARD

CAP INSIGNIA



CHIEF PETTY
OFFICERS



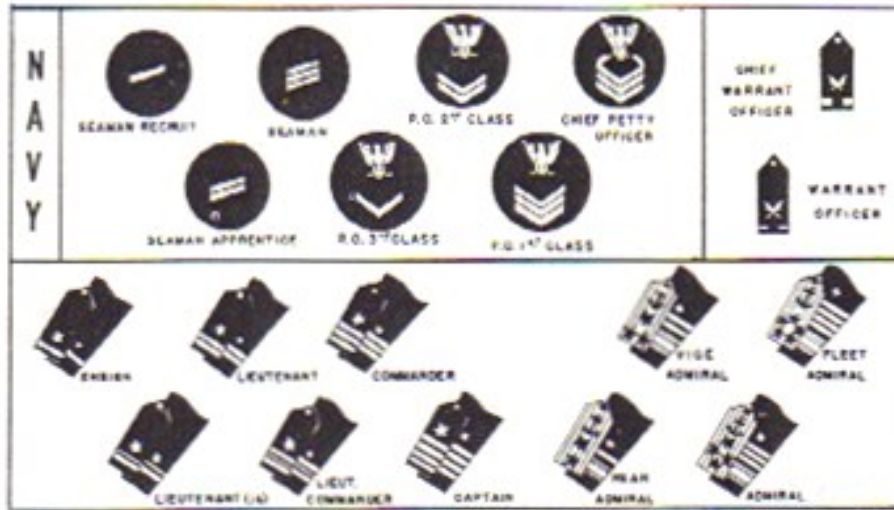
OFFICERS



SPACE-AGE INSIGNIA OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

At left is the Air Force astronaut wings insignia. It is worn on the left breast of the space pilot's uniform. The naval astronaut wings, right, are worn in a similar position on the uniform by Navy, as well as Marine, astronauts.

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OFFICERS' AND ENLISTED MEN'S GRADE INSIGNIA



Today

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Insignia of the U.S. NAVY

Commissioned Officers' Line and Corps Insignia

(Worn on sleeves and shoulders)



Warrant Officers' Line and Corps Insignia

(Worn on collar)



Breast Insignia

(Worn on left breast by officers and enlisted men)

Indicates field of specialization.



Enlisted Men's Distinguishing Marks

(Worn on right sleeve)

Indicates special skills.

