





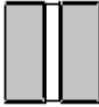




























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RANK INSIGNIA OF NAVY COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Navy officers wear their rank devices in different places on their uniforms, depending upon the uniform. The three **basic** uniforms and the type of rank devices are: **khakis** (a working uniform) — pins on the collar; **whites** — stripes on shoulder boards; and, **blues** — stripes sewn on the lower sleeve. Shoulder boards are also worn on bridge coats and reefers. The collar devices are also worn on the right side of the garrison cap (a miniature officer's crest is worn on the left) and slightly larger devices are worn on the epaulets of the raincoat and working jacket.
















Additionally, line officers wear a star above the stripes of the shoulder boards or sleeves but staff and warrant officers wear specialty insignia.

Pay Grade	Rank	Abbreviation	Collar	Shoulder	Sleeve
O-1	Ensign	ENS			
O-2	Lieutenant Junior Grade	LTJG			
O-3	Lieutenant	LT			
O-4	Lieutenant Commander	LCDR			
O-5	Commander	CDR			

Pay Grade	Rank	Abbreviation	Collar	Shoulder	Sleeve
O-6	Captain	CAPT			
O-7	Rear Admiral (lower half)	RDML			
O-8	Rear Admiral (upper half)	RADM			
O-9	Vice Admiral	VADM			
O-10	Admiral	ADM			
O-11	Fleet Admiral*	FADM			

* The rank of Fleet Admiral has been reserved for war time use only. The last Fleet Admirals were in World War II. Fleet Admirals during that war were Chester W. Nimitz, William D. Leahy, Ernest J. King, and William F. Halsey.











RANK INSIGNIA OF NAVY WARRANT OFFICERS

Pay Grade	Rank	Abbreviation	Collar	Shoulder	Sleeve
W-1 [†]	Warrant Officer	WO1			
W-2	Chief Warrant Officer	CWO2			
W-3	Chief Warrant Officer	CWO3			
W-4	Chief Warrant Officer	CWO4			
W-5*	Chief Warrant Officer	CWO5			

[†] The grade of Warrant Officer (W-1) is no longer in use. W-5 was established in the Navy in 2002.
















SPECIALTY INSIGNIA — STAFF CORPS

Commissioned officers in the Navy are either Line officers or Staff Corps officers. Those of the Staff Corps are specialists in career fields which are professions unto themselves, such as physicians, lawyers, civil engineers, etc. Staff Corps officers wear their specialty insignia on the sleeve of the dress blue uniforms and on their shoulder boards in place of the star worn by Line officers. On Winter Blue and khaki uniforms, the specialty insignia is a collar device worn on the left collar while the rank device is worn on the right.

			
Medical Corps	Dental Corps	Nurse Corps	Medical Service Corps
			
Chaplain Corps (Christian)	Chaplain Corps (Jewish)	Chaplain Corps (Muslim)	Supply Corps
			
	Civil Engineer Corps	Judge Advocate General's Corps	

SPECIALTY INSIGNIA - LDO AND WARRANT

Commissioned officers in the Navy are either Line officers or Staff Corps officers. Some have advanced through the enlisted rates and are designated for duty in certain technical fields. These are Limited Duty Officers (LDO) and commissioned warrant officers (CWO). CWOs and Staff corps LDOs wear their specialty insignia on the sleeve of the dress blue uniforms and on their shoulder boards in place of the star worn by Line officers. On Winter Blue and khaki uniforms, the specialty insignia is a collar device worn on the left collar while the rank device is worn on the right.

			
Boatswain	Engineering Technician	Repair Technician	Ordnance Technician
			
Diving Officer	Aviation Boatswain	Aviation Ordnance Technician	Aviation Electronics Technician
			
Air Traffic Control Technician	Ship's Clerk	Data Processing Technician	Cryptologic Technician
			
Aerographer	Security Technician	Aviation Maintenance Technician	