



# Marine Corps & Cadet Rank Structure



# Purpose

This lesson introduces you to the Marine Corps Rank Structure, including information on officer and enlisted rank, grades, and insignia.



# Lesson Objectives

1. Identify Marine Corps officer rank, grade, and insignia.
2. Identify Marine Corps enlisted rank, grade, and insignia.
3. Differentiate between Marine Corps officer and enlisted rank and insignia.
4. Identify Marine Corps officer and enlisted rank structure in sequence.
5. Identify MCJROTC officer & enlisted rank insignia.



# Key Words

- **Rank** - an official position such as a Sergeant or a Captain.
- **Insignia** - a device attached to the uniform that indicates a person's rank.
- **Warrant Officer** - prior enlisted Marine officers who are technical experts.



# Background

Rank and grade in the Marine Corps is used for:

- personnel planning
- recruitment
- selection for training
- development of training needs
- promotions
- assignments



# History

Through the ages, the rank has included symbols such as **feathers**, **sashes**, **stripes**, and **showy uniforms**.





# History

- **Chevrons** (enlisted insignia) are V-shaped stripes whose use in military go back to at least the 12<sup>th</sup> Century.
- The British & French used chevrons (the French word for “**roof**”) to signify **length of service**.





# Marine Corps Rank Structure

Rank, grade, and insignia identify Marines as **officers** and **enlisted**.







# Marine Corps Rank Structure

- **Enlisted** is a anyone who “commits” to military service with specific job specialty.
- A **Warrant Officer** is a prior enlisted Marine with specialties in a certain field such as knowledge, training, and experience with particular systems or equipment.
- A **Commissioned Officer** holds a rank of second lieutenant or above.



# Marine Corps Rank Structure

## Responsibility & Authority:

Officers

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Warrant Officers

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Enlisted

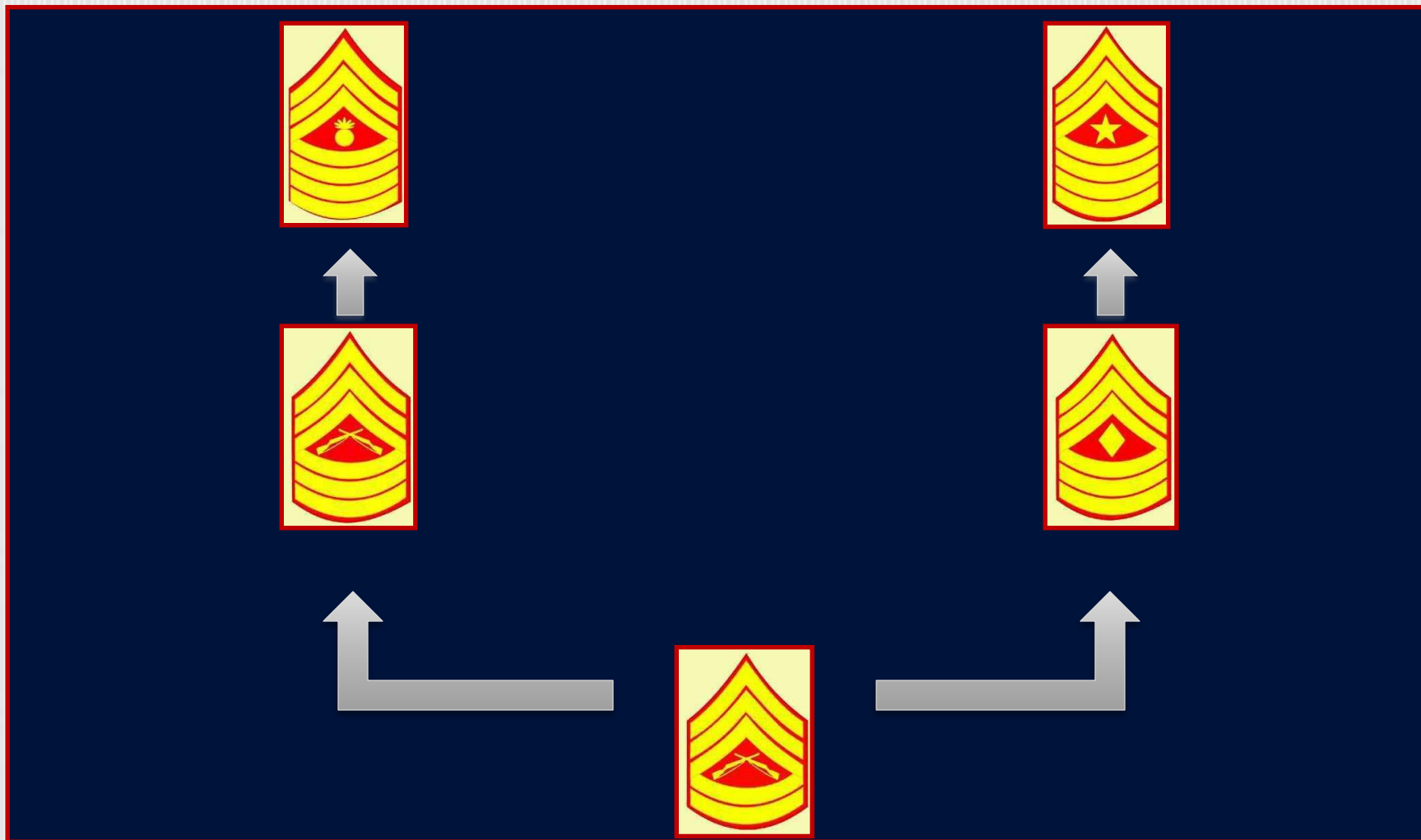


# Enlisted Rank Structure

	E-1	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6
Enlisted						
	Private	Private First Class	Lance Corporal	Corporal	Sergeant	Staff Sergeant
	E-7	E-8		E-9		
						
	Gunnery Sergeant	Master Sergeant	First Sergeant	Master Gunnery Sergeant	Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major of the M.C.



# Path to Rank of E-9















# Warrant Officer Rank Structure

	W-1	W-2	W-3	W-4	W-5
Warrant Officer					
	Warrant Officer	Chief Warrant Officer-2	Chief Warrant Officer-3	Chief Warrant Officer-4	Chief Warrant Officer-5



# Officer Rank Structure

	0-1	0-2	0-3	0-4	0-5	0-6
Company and Field Grade Officer						
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	Captain	Major	Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel
	0-7	0-8	0-9	0-10		
General Officer						
	Brigadier General	Major General	Lieutenant General	General		



# General (“Flag”) Officers

“Be My Little General”

	0-7	0-8	0-9	0-10
General Officer				
	<u>B</u> rigadier General	<u>M</u> ajor General	<u>L</u> ieutenant General	<u>G</u> eneral



# Lesson Question

Of the ranks displayed, which is a Staff Sergeant?

A.



B.



C.







# Lesson Question

Of the ranks displayed, which is the highest?



Lieutenant  
Colonel

B.



Major



# Lesson Question

Of the ranks displayed, which is the highest?

A.



CWO-2



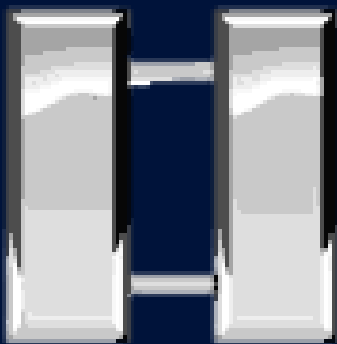
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# Lesson Question

Of the ranks displayed, which is the lowest?

A.



Captain

B.



Lieutenant  
Colonel

C.



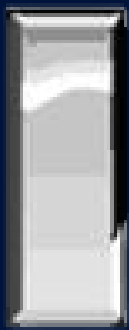
Major



# Lesson Question

Because of rank alone, which of the ranks displayed has the greatest responsibility?

A.



1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant

B.



Gunnery  
Sergeant

C.



Private  
First Class



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$O-2^J$				4,741.20	4,839.00	4,992.90	5,253.00	5,454.00	5,603.70	5,603.70	5,603.70	5,603.70
$O-1^J$				3,818.70	4,077.60	4,228.50	4,382.40	4,533.90	4,741.20	4,741.20	4,741.20	4,741.20

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# MCJROTC Cadet Enlisted Insignia

- The cadet **enlisted** insignia contains a Lamp of Learning device in lieu of crossed rifles used in the Marine Corps.
- The **Lamp of Learning** signifies:
  - Intensive study;
  - A source of intellect;
  - Moral and spiritual illumination.



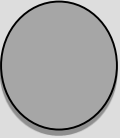
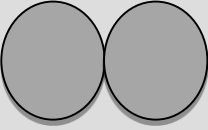
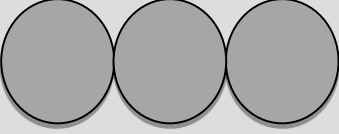
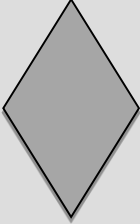
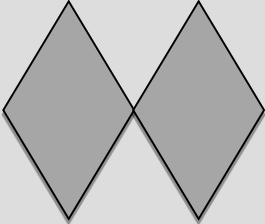
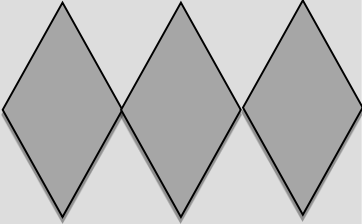


# Cadet Enlisted Rank Structure

								
Cadet Private	Cadet Private First Class	Cadet Lance Corporal	Cadet Corporal	Cadet Sergeant	Cadet Staff Sergeant	Cadet Gunnery Sergeant	Cadet 1 <sup>st</sup> Sergeant	Cadet Sergeant Major



# Cadet Officer Rank Structure

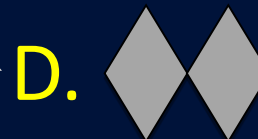
					
<b>Cadet Second Lieutenant</b>	<b>Cadet First Lieutenant</b>	<b>Cadet Captain</b>	<b>Cadet Major</b>	<b>Cadet Lieutenant Colonel</b>	<b>Cadet Colonel</b>





# Lesson Question

Match the USMC rank insignia with its equivalent Cadet rank insignia?



The background of the slide is a digital camouflage pattern, specifically the Marine Corps' "MARPAT" (Marine Pattern). It consists of irregular, pixelated shapes in shades of brown, tan, and black, designed for concealment in arid and semi-arid environments.

# **Marine Corps Ranks**

## ***Review***



# Cadet Private First Class (C/ PFC)





# Cadet Lance Corporal (C/ LCpl)





# Cadet Corporal (C/ Cpl)





# Cadet Sergeant (C/ Sgt)







# Cadet Staff Sergeant (C/ SSgt)





# Cadet Gunnery Sergeant (C/ GySgt)







# Cadet First Sergeant (C/ 1stSgt)



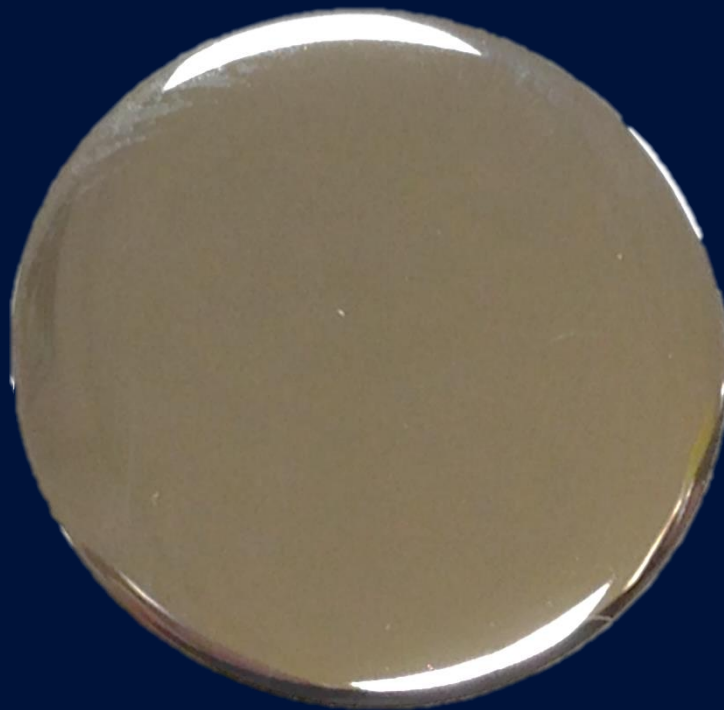


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# Cadet Second Lieutenant (C/ 2ndLt)





# Cadet First Lieutenant (C/ 1stLt)



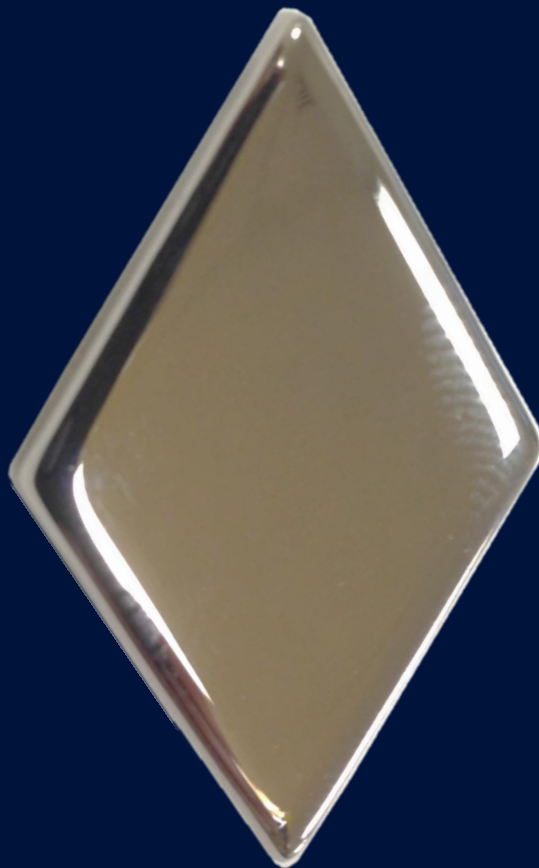


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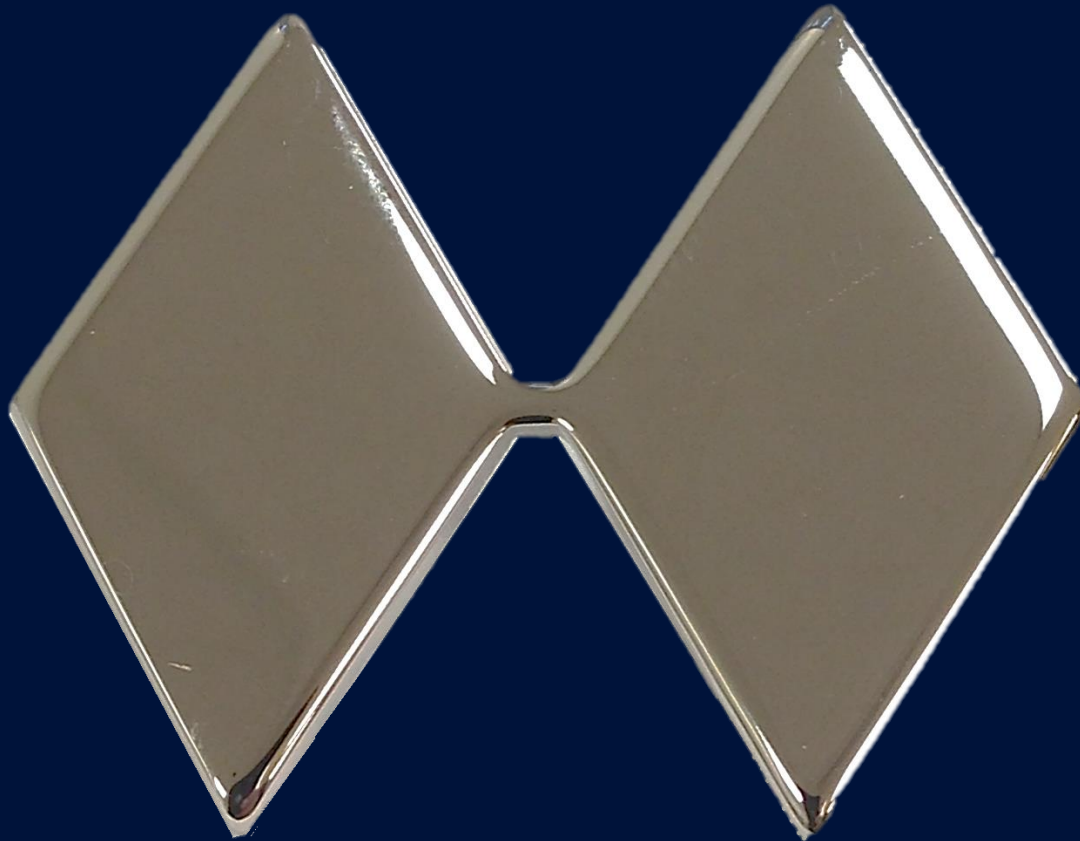


# Cadet Major (C/ Maj)





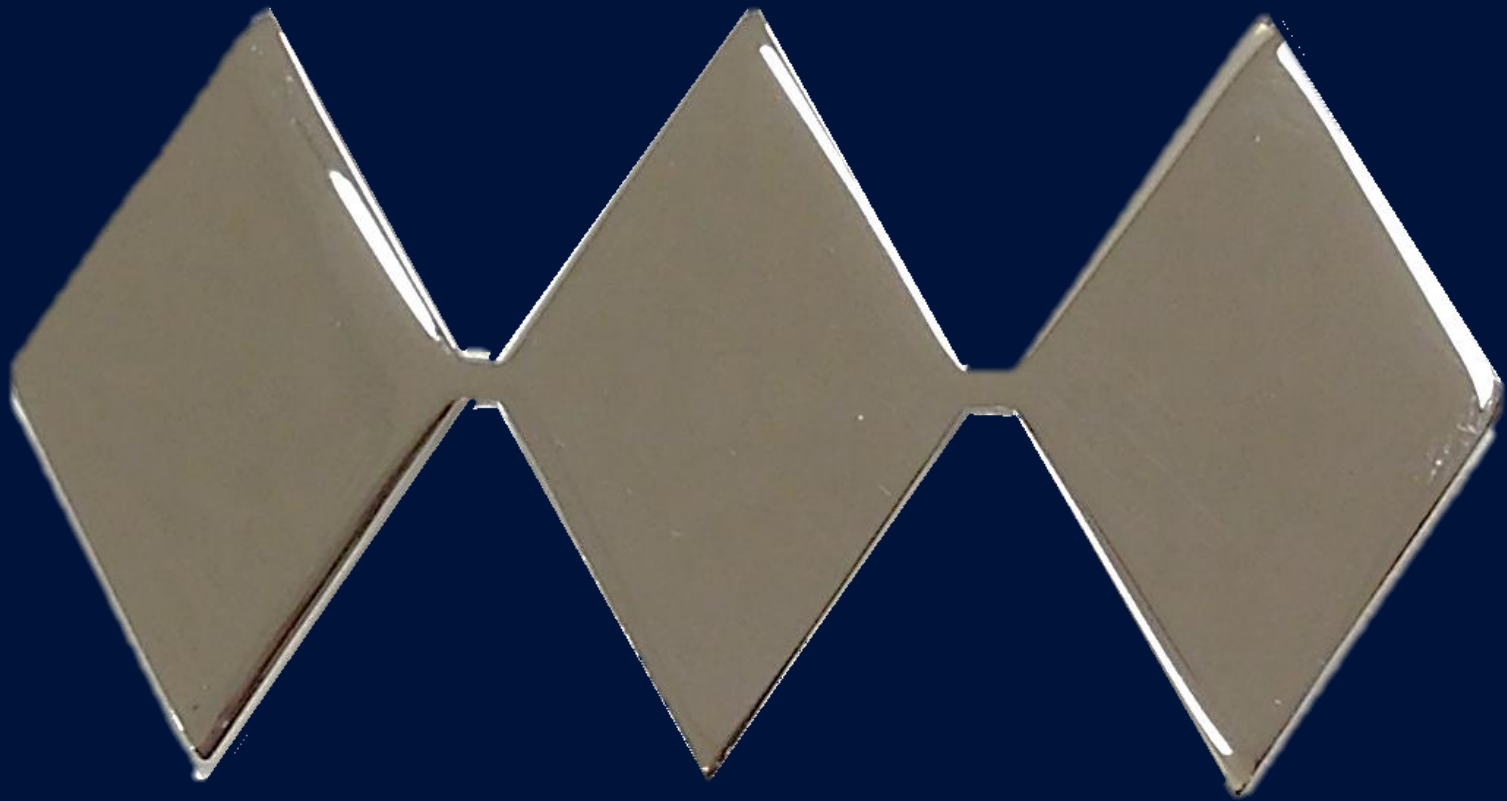
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# Cadet Colonel (C/ Col)







# E-2 Private First Class (PFC)





# E-3

## Lance Corporal (LCpl)





# E-4 Corporal (Cpl)





# E-5 Sergeant (Sgt)





# E-6

## Staff Sergeant (SSgt)





# E-7

## Gunnery Sergeant (GySgt)





# E-8

## Master Sergeant (MSgt)





# E-8

## First Sergeant (1stSgt)







E-9

Master Gunnery Sergeant (MGySgt)





# E-9

## Sergeant Major (SgtMaj)





# E-9

## Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps (SMMC)





# Warrant Officer (WO)



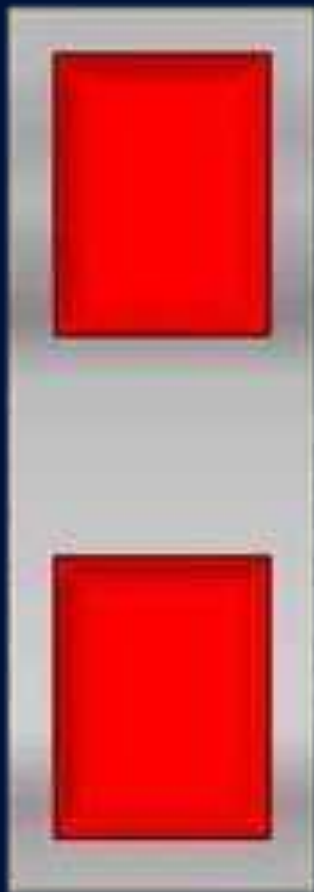


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# Chief Warrant Officer-3 (CWO-3)





# Chief Warrant Officer-4 (CWO-4)





# Chief Warrant Officer-5 (CWO-5)







# O-1

## Second Lieutenant (2ndLt)





# O-2

## First Lieutenant (1stLt)





# O-3 Captain (Capt)





# O-4 Major (Maj)





# O-5

## Lieutenant Colonel (LtCol)





# O-6 Colonel (Col)





# O-7

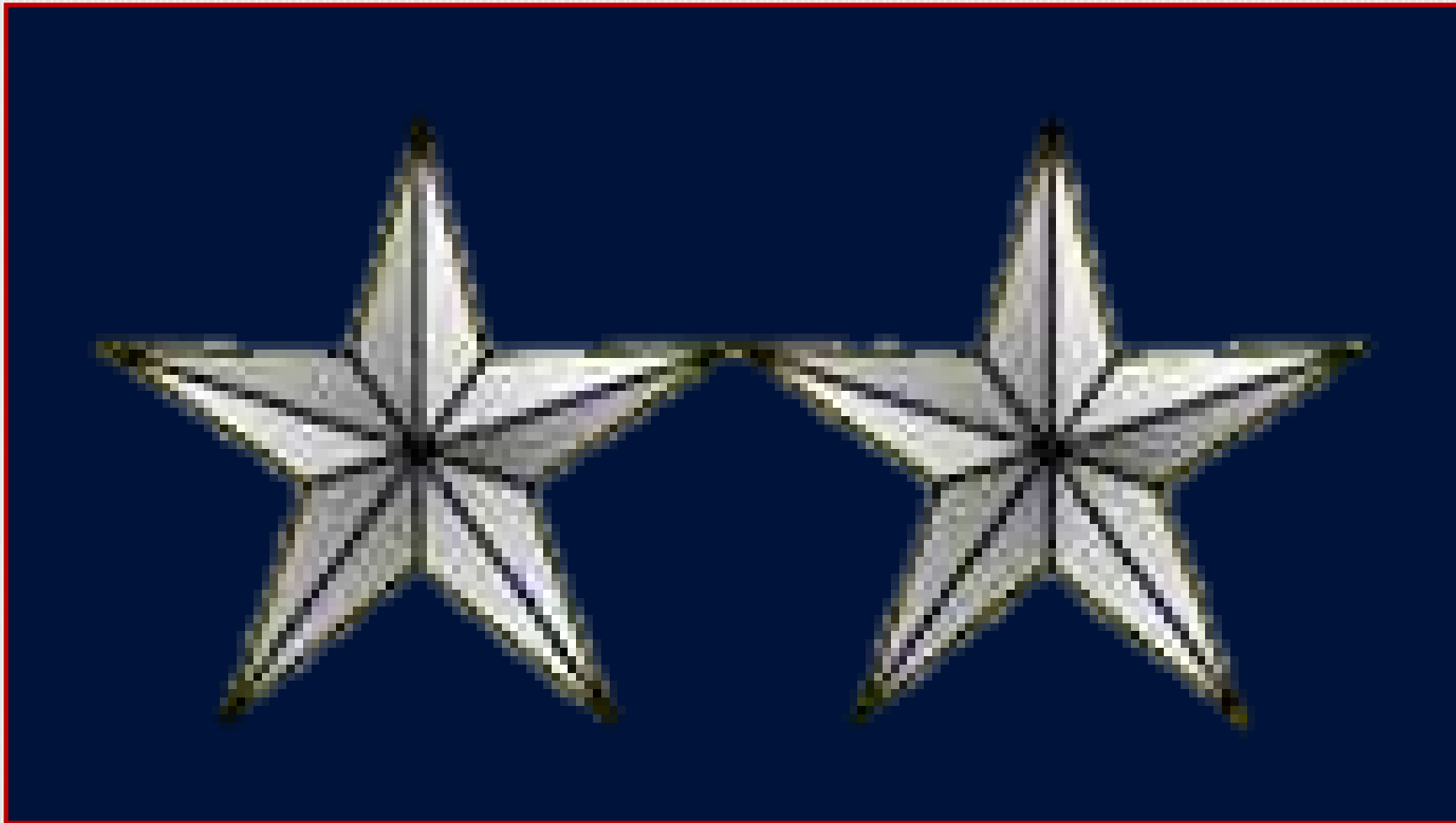
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## Major General (MGen)







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## Lieutenant General (LtGen)





# O-10

## General (Gen)





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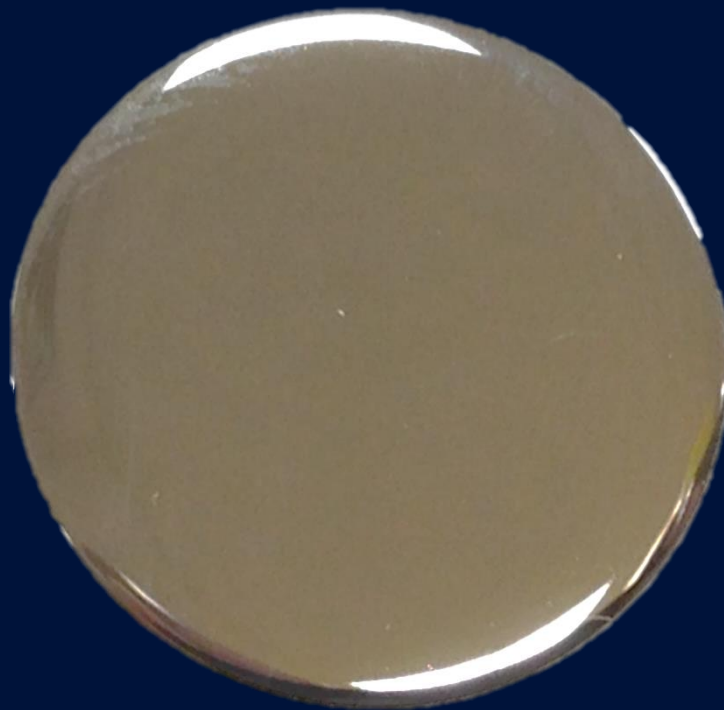


# Cadet Corporal (C/ Cpl)





# Cadet Second Lieutenant (C/ 2ndLt)





# E-9

## Sergeant Major (SgtMaj)







# O-5

## Lieutenant Colonel (LtCol)





# Cadet Sergeant (C/ Sgt)







E-9

Master Gunnery Sergeant (MGySgt)





# Cadet First Sergeant (C/ 1stSgt)





# Cadet First Lieutenant (C/ 1stLt)





# Chief Warrant Officer-4 (CWO-4)





# E-2 Private First Class (PFC)





# E-4 Corporal (Cpl)





# Chief Warrant Officer-5 (CWO-5)





# Cadet Private First Class (C/ PFC)







# E-5 Sergeant (Sgt)





# O-9

## Lieutenant General (LtGen)





# O-6 Colonel (Col)



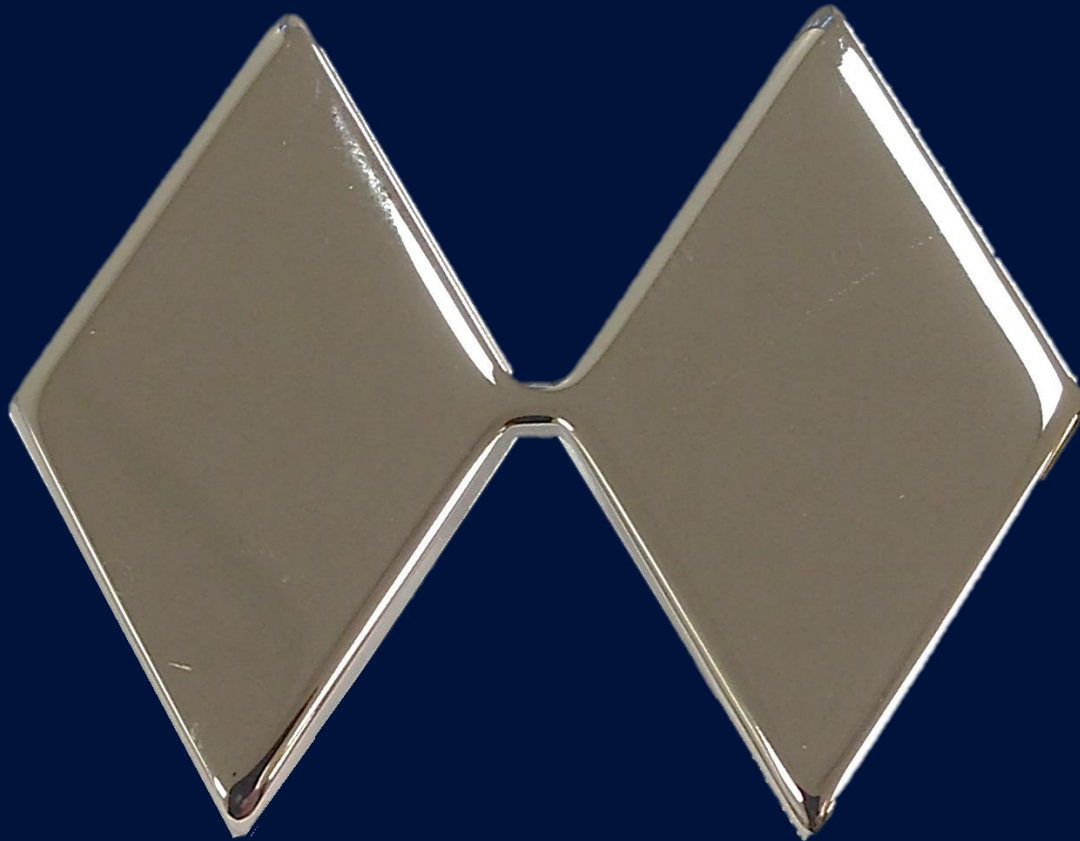


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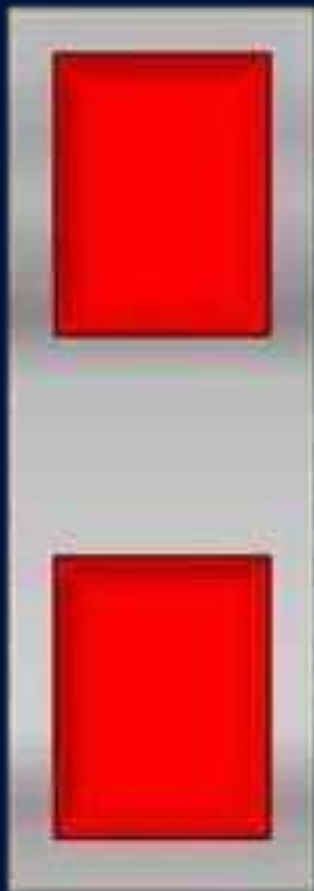
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# Chief Warrant Officer-3 (CWO-3)





# Cadet Lance Corporal (C/ LCpl)







# O-2

## First Lieutenant (1stLt)





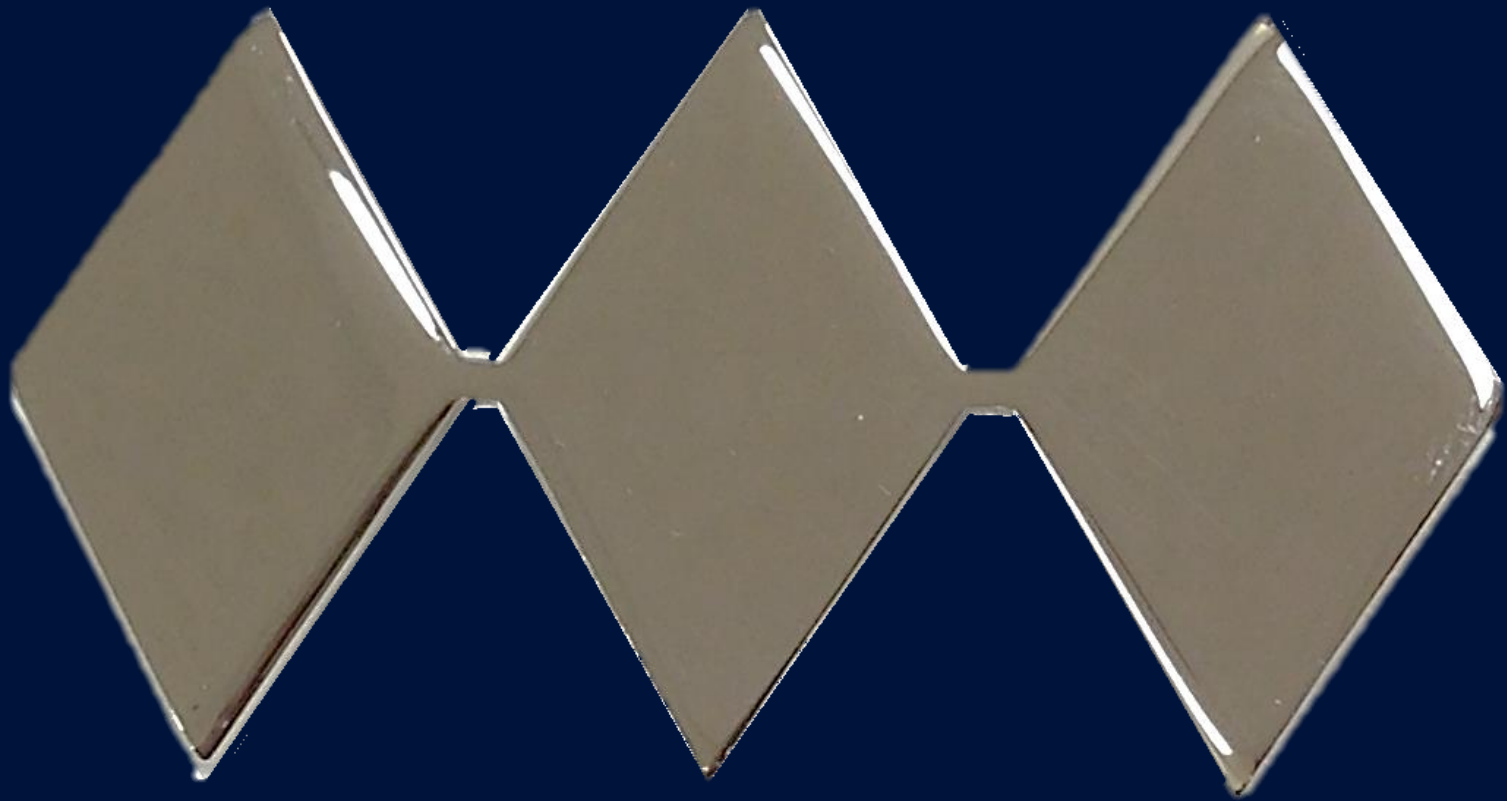
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## Gunnery Sergeant (GySgt)





# Cadet Colonel (C/ Col)





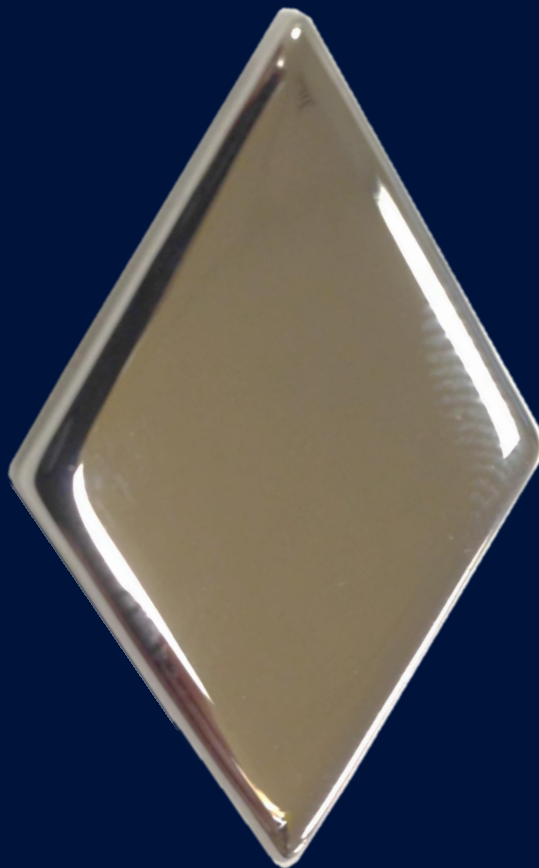
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## Master Sergeant (MSgt)





# Cadet Major (C/ Maj)





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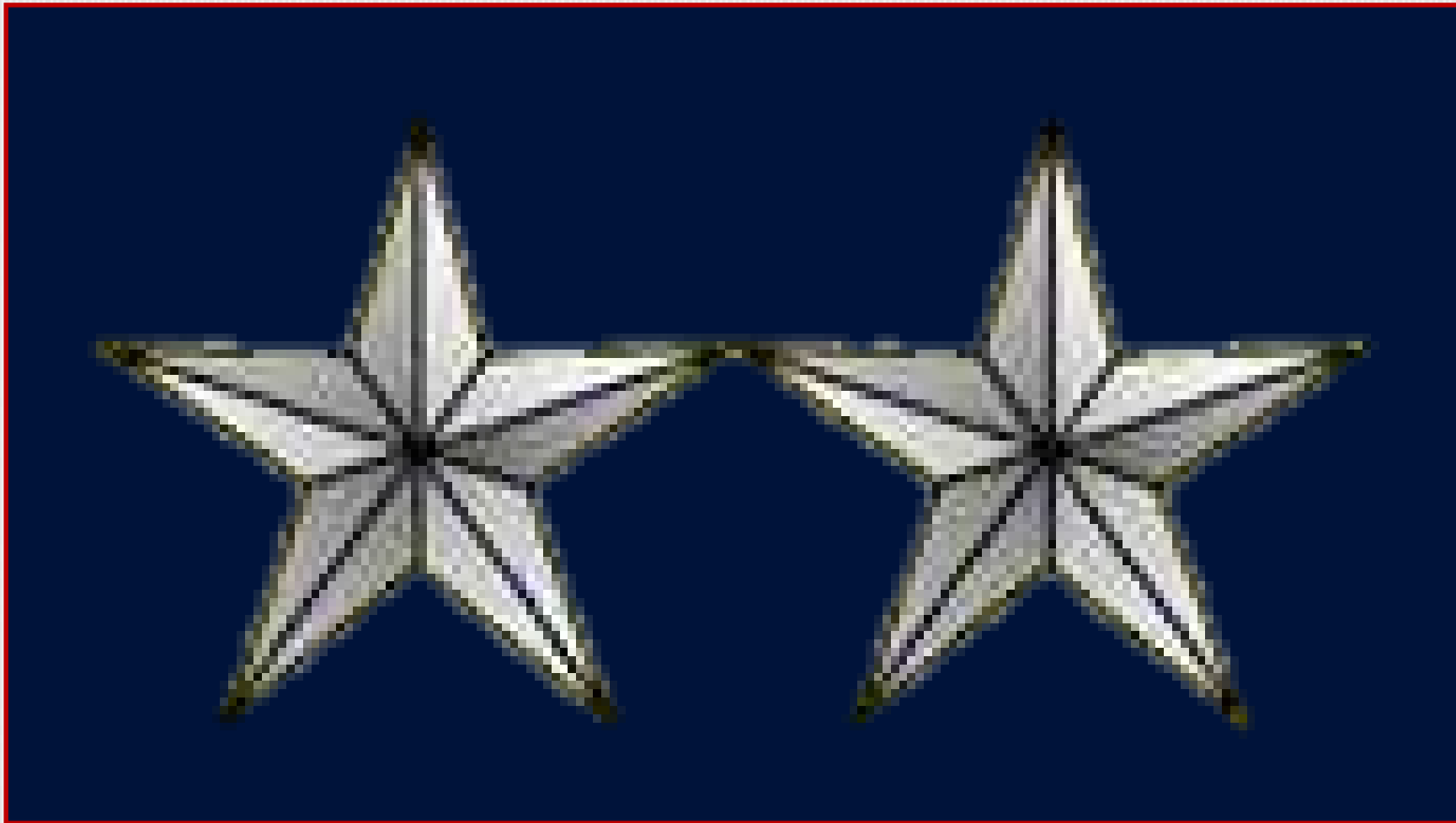
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# O-8

## Major General (MGen)





# Cadet Staff Sergeant (C/ SSgt)







# E-9

## Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps (SMMC)





# O-3 Captain (Capt)





# Chief Warrant Officer-2 (CWO-2)





# E-3

## Lance Corporal (LCpl)





# O-10 General (Gen)





# O-1

## Second Lieutenant (2ndLt)





# O-4 Major (Maj)





# Cadet Gunnery Sergeant (C/ GySgt)







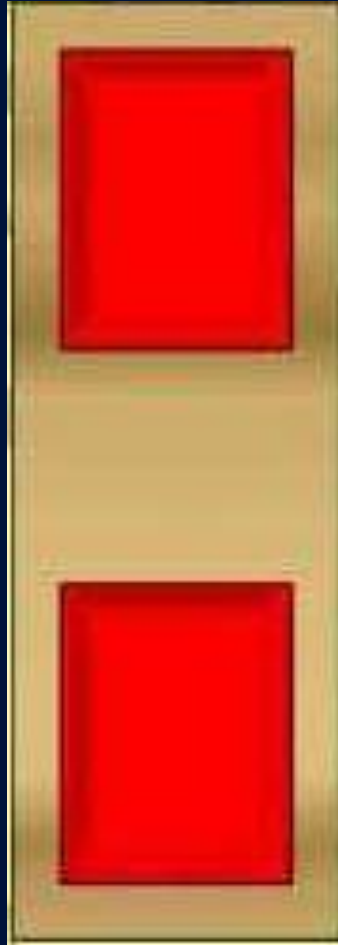
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## Brigadier General (BGen)





# Warrant Officer (WO)





# Cadet Captain (C/ Capt)

