

RP 0101- Identify Rank Structure of Armed Forces Personnel

TERMINAL LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. In a military environment, identify the rank and rate structure of Armed Forces Personnel, per the reference. (RP0101)

ENABLING LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Without the aid of references, identify rank equivalencies between the rank structures of Armed Forces personnel, per the student handout. (RP0101a)
2. Without the aid of references, given a list to choose from, identify the equivalent rank insignia of Armed Forces personnel, per the student handout. (RP0101b)
3. Without the aid of references, given a description or title, identify the seniority between rank/pay grade of Armed Forces personnel, per the student handout. (RP0101c)

1. Rank Structures Equivalencies

Junior Enlisted

PAYGRADE	MARINE CORPS	NAVY	ARMY	AIR FORCE
E-1	Private NONE	Seaman Recruit NONE	Private NONE	Airman Basic NONE
E-2	Private First Class 	Seaman Apprentice 	Private 	Airman 
E-3	Lance Corporal 	Seaman 	Private First Class 	Airman First Class 

Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO)

PAYGRADE	MARINE CORPS	NAVY	ARMY	AIR FORCE
E-4	<p>Corporal</p> 	<p>Petty Officer Third Class</p> <p>HAT / COLLAR</p> 	<p>Corporal</p>  <p>Specialist</p> 	<p>Senior Airman</p> 
E-5	<p>Sergeant</p> 	<p>Petty Officer Second Class</p> <p>HAT / COLLAR</p> 	<p>Sergeant</p> 	<p>Staff Sergeant</p> 

Staff Non-Commissioned Officer (SNCO)

PAYGRADE	MARINE CORPS	NAVY	ARMY	AIR FORCE
E-6	<p>Staff Sergeant</p> 	<p>Petty Officer First Class</p> <p>HAT / COLLAR</p> 	<p>Staff Sergeant</p> 	<p>Technical Sergeant</p> 
E-7	<p>Gunnery Sergeant</p> 	<p>Chief Petty Officer</p> <p>HAT / COLLAR</p> 	<p>Sergeant First Class</p> 	<p>Master Sergeant</p>  <p>First Sergeant</p> 

E-8	Master Sergeant (Technical) 	Senior Chief Petty Officer <small>HAT / COLLAR</small> 	Master Sergeant (Technical) 	Senior Master Sergeant (Technical) 
	First Sergeant (Administrative) 		First Sergeant (Administrative) 	First Sergeant (Administrative) 

PAYGRADE	MARINE CORPS	NAVY	ARMY	AIR FORCE
E-9	Master Gunnery Sergeant (Technical) 	<small>HAT / COLLAR</small> 	Sergeant Major (Technical) 	Command Chief Master Sergeant (Technical) 
	Sergeant Major (Administrative) 	Command Master Chief (Administrative) 	Command Sergeant Major (Administrative) 	First Sergeant (Administrative) 
E-9	Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps 	Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) 	Sergeant Major of the Army 	Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force 

OFFICER RANKS

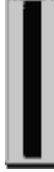
MARINE CORPS OFFICERS WEAR GOLD OR SILVER RANK INSIGNIAS ON THE SHOULDER LAPEL OF THEIR COATS OR OVERCOATS. THEY ALSO WEAR SMALL REPLICAS OF THE INSIGNIA ON THEIR SHIRT COLLAR. THE COLOR AND SHAPE OF THE INSIGNIA VARIES WITH THEIR RANK.

OFFICER RANKS WITHIN THE MARINE CORPS ARE CATEGORIZED INTO THREE GROUPS

- **Company Grade:** W1 to W5 and O-1 to O-3
- **Field Grade:** O-4 to O-6
- **General Grade:** O-7 to O-10

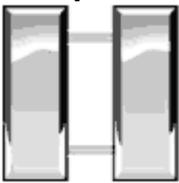
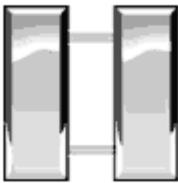
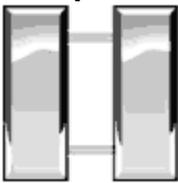
Company Grade Officer

PAYGRADE	MARINE	NAVY	ARMY	AIR FORCE
W-1		There are no W-1 Warrant Officers in the Navy		There are no Warrant Officers in the Air Force
W-2				There are no Warrant Officers in the Air Force
W-3				There are no Warrant Officers in the Air Force
W-4				There are no Warrant Officers in the Air Force

W-5				There are no Warrant Officers in the Air Force
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NOTE: W-1 in the Marine Corps is known as Warrant Officer. W-2 through W-5 are called Chief Warrant Officers.

Company Grade Officers

PAYGRADE	MARINE	NAVY	ARMY	AIR FORCE
O-1	2 nd Lieutenant 	Ensign 	2 nd Lieutenant 	2 nd Lieutenant 
O-2	1 st Lieutenant 	Lieutenant Junior Grade 	1 st Lieutenant 	1 st Lieutenant 
O-3	Captain 	Lieutenant 	Captain 	Captain 

Field Grade Officers

PAYGRADE	MARINE	NAVY	ARMY	AIR FORCE
O-4	Major 	Lieutenant Commander 	Major 	Major 

O-5	Lieutenant Colonel 	Commander 	Lieutenant Colonel 	Lieutenant Colonel 
O-6	Colonel 	Captain 	Colonel 	Colonel 

General Grade Officers

PAYGRADE	MARINE	NAVY	ARMY	AIR FORCE
O-7	Brigadier General 	Rear Admiral (Lower half) 	Brigadier General 	Brigadier General 
O-8	Major General 	Rear Admiral (Upper half) 	Major General 	Major General 
O-9	Lieutenant General 	Vice Admiral 	Lieutenant General 	Lieutenant General 
O-10	General 	Admiral 	General 	General 

Note: A memory aid to remember the seniority of general officers is: Be My Little General for Brigadier, Major, Lieutenant, and General.

Each branch of the Armed Forces has a senior officer for their respective service:

- Marines: Commandant of the Marine Corps
- Navy: Chief of Naval Operations
- Army: Chief of Staff of the Army
- Air Force: Chief of Staff of the Air Force

REFERENCE

Blue Jackets Manual, 22nd Edition, Pgs 60-62

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