**Army Ranks and File**

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| [**US DoD Pay Grade**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._uniformed_services_pay_grades#Officer_pay_grades) | **O-1** | **O-2** | **O-3** | **O-4** | **O-5** | **O-6** | **O-7** | **O-8** | **O-9** | **O-10** | **Special** |
| Insignia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Title | [Second Lieutenant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Lieutenant#United_States) | [First Lieutenant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Lieutenant#United_States) | [Captain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Captain_(United_States)) | [Major](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_(United_States)) | [Lieutenant Colonel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lieutenant_colonel_(United_States)) | [Colonel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonel_(United_States)) | [Brigadier General](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brigadier_general_(United_States)) | [Major General](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_general_(United_States)) | [Lieutenant General](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lieutenant_general_(United_States)) | [General](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_(United_States)) | [General of the Army](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_of_the_Army_(United_States)) |
| Abbreviation | 2LT | 1LT | CPT | MAJ | LTC | COL | BG | MG | LTG | GEN | GA |
| NATO Code | OF-1 | | OF-2 | OF-3 | OF-4 | OF-5 | OF-6 | OF-7 | OF-8 | OF-9 | OF-10 |
| Note: General of the Army is reserved for wartime.[[37]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Army#cite_note-36#cite_note-36) | | | | | | | | | | | |

[Warrant officers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warrant_Officer_(United_States)#Army): Warrant officers are single track, specialty officers with subject matter expertise in a particular area. They are initially appointed as warrant officers (in the rank of WO1) by the [Secretary of the Army](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Secretary_of_the_Army), but receive their [commission](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Officer_(armed_forces)#Warrant_officers) upon promotion to chief warrant officer two (CW2).

By regulation, warrant officers are addressed as 'Mr. (last name)' or 'Ms. (last name).' However, many personnel address warrant officers as 'Chief (last name)'.

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| [**US DoD pay grade**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._uniformed_services_pay_grades#Warrant_officer_pay_grades) | **W-1** | **W-2** | **W-3** | **W-4** | **W-5** |
| Insignia |  |  |  |  |  |
| Title | [Warrant Officer 1](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warrant_Officer_(United_States)#Army) | [Chief Warrant Officer 2](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warrant_Officer_(United_States)#Army) | [Chief Warrant Officer 3](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warrant_Officer_(United_States)#Army) | [Chief Warrant Officer 4](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warrant_Officer_(United_States)#Army) | [Chief Warrant Officer 5](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warrant_Officer_(United_States)#Army) |
| Abbreviation | WO1 | CW2 | CW3 | CW4 | CW5 |
| NATO Code | WO-1 | WO-2 | WO-3 | WO-4 | WO-5 |

[Enlisted personnel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enlisted_rank): Sergeants and corporals are referred to as NCOs, short for [non-commissioned officers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Staff_Noncommissioned_Officer). This distinguishes them from specialists who might have the same pay grade, but not the leadership responsibilities.

Privates (E1 and E2) and privates first class (E3) are addressed as 'Private (last name)', specialists as 'Specialist (last name), corporals as 'Corporal (last name)', and sergeants, staff sergeants, sergeants first class, and master sergeants all as 'Sergeant (last name).' First sergeants are addressed as 'First Sergeant (last name)' and all sergeants-major as 'Sergeant-Major (last name)'.

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| [**US DoD Pay grade**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._uniformed_services_pay_grades#Enlisted_pay_grades) | **E-1** | **E-2** | **E-3** | **E-4** | | **E-5** | **E-6** | **E-7** | **E-8** | | **E-9** | | |
| Insignia | *No Insignia* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Title | [Private](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Private_(United_States)) | [Private](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Private_(United_States)) | [Private First Class](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Private_First_Class#United_States) | [Specialist](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Specialist_(rank)) | [Corporal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corporal#United_States_Army) | [Sergeant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sergeant#United_States) | [Staff Sergeant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Staff_Sergeant#United_States) | [Sergeant First Class](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sergeant_First_Class) | [Master Sergeant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Master_Sergeant#United_States) | [First Sergeant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Top_sergeant) | [Sergeant Major](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Command_Sergeant_Major) | [Command Sergeant Major](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Command_Sergeant_Major) | [Sergeant Major of the Army](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sergeant_Major_of_the_Army) |
| Abbreviation | PVT ¹ | PV2 ¹ | PFC | SPC ² | CPL | SGT | SSG | SFC | MSG | 1SG | SGM | CSM | SMA |
| NATO Code | OR-1 | OR-2 | OR-3 | OR-4 | OR-4 | OR-5 | OR-6 | OR-7 | OR-8 | OR-8 | OR-9 | OR-9 | OR-9 |
| ¹ PVT is also used as an abbreviation for both private ranks when pay grade need not be distinguished ² SP4 is sometimes encountered in lieu of SPC for specialist. This is a holdover from when there were additional specialist ranks at higher pay grades. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |