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Read the insignia, know the grade, say the right word. Simplified drawings to learn how each one is read, not the official emblems.

Enlisted E-1 to E-4



Private
PV1 · E-1 · "Private"



Private
PV2 · E-2 · "Private"



Private First Class
PFC · E-3 · "Private"



Specialist
SPC · E-4 · "Specialist"

Noncommissioned officers (NCOs) Stand at Parade Rest. No salute, no "sir."



Corporal
CPL · E-4 · "Corporal"



Sergeant
SGT · E-5 · "Sergeant"



Staff Sergeant
SSG · E-6 · "Sergeant"



Sergeant First Class
SFC · E-7 · "Sergeant"



Master Sergeant
MSG · E-8 · "Sergeant"



First Sergeant
1SG · E-8 · "First Sergeant"



Sergeant Major
SGM · E-9 · "Sergeant Major"

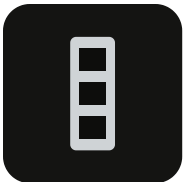
Warrant officers Attention, and salute.



Warrant Officer 1
WO1 · W-1 · "Mr. or Ms."



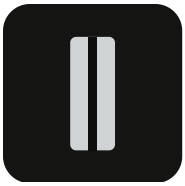
Chief Warrant Officer 2
CW2 · W-2 · "Chief"



Chief Warrant Officer 3
CW3 · W-3 · "Chief"



Chief Warrant Officer 4
CW4 · W-4 · "Chief"



Chief Warrant Officer 5
CW5 · W-5 · "Chief"

Officers Attention, and salute.



Second Lieutenant
2LT · O-1 · "Lieutenant"



First Lieutenant
1LT · O-2 · "Lieutenant"



Captain
CPT · O-3 · "Captain"



Major
MAJ · O-4 · "Major"



Lieutenant Colonel
LTC · O-5 · "Colonel"



Colonel
COL · O-6 · "Colonel"



Brigadier General
BG · O-7 · "General"

Source: AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, table 1-1 (April 15, 2026); DA Pam 670-1, ¶21-5 to 21-7 (insignia) (January 26, 2021). Checked Nov. 16, 2026.

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