

Armed Forces Ranks

Order of Precedence

Devices

	Air Force Army Marine Corps	Navy & Coast Guard
O-10	General of the Air Force/Army (Reserved for Wartime)	Fleet Admiral (Reserved for Wartime)
O-9	General	Admiral Commandant of the Coast Guard
O-8	Lieutenant General	Vice Admiral
O-7	Major General	Rear Admiral
O-6	Brigadier General	Rear Admiral (Lower Half)
O-5	Colonel	Captain
O-4	Lieutenant Colonel	Commander
O-3	Major	Lieutenant Commander
O-2	Captain	Lieutenant
O-1	First Lieutenant	Lieutenant Junior Grade
	Second Lieutenant	Ensign

	Air Force	Army	Marine Corps	Navy & Coast Guard
Warrant Officers	Warrant Officer 1	Warrant Officer 1	Warrant Officer 1 (Coast Guard Only)	Warrant Officer 1 (Coast Guard Only)
	Chief Warrant Officer 2	Chief Warrant Officer 2	Chief Warrant Officer 2	Chief Warrant Officer 2
	Chief Warrant Officer 3	Chief Warrant Officer 3	Chief Warrant Officer 3	Chief Warrant Officer 3
	Chief Warrant Officer 4	Chief Warrant Officer 4	Chief Warrant Officer 4	Chief Warrant Officer 4
	Chief Warrant Officer 5	Chief Warrant Officer 5	Chief Warrant Officer 5	Chief Warrant Officer 5

	Air Force	Army	Marine Corps	Navy & Coast Guard
E-9	Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force	Sergeant Major of the Army	Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps	Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy / Coast Guard
	Chief Master Sergeant, First Sergeant, Command Chief Master Sergeant	Sergeant Major, Command Sergeant Major	Master Gunnery Sergeant, Sergeant Major	Master Chief Petty Officer, Fleet/Force/Command Master Chief Petty Officer
E-8	Senior Master Sergeant, First Sergeant	Master Sergeant, First Sergeant	Master Sergeant, First Sergeant	Senior Chief Petty Officer
E-7	Master Sergeant, First Sergeant	Sergeant First Class	Gunnery Sergeant	Chief Petty Officer
E-6	Technical Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	Petty Officer First Class
E-5	Staff Sergeant	Sergeant	Sergeant	Petty Officer Second Class
E-4	Senior Airman	Corporal, Specialist	Corporal	Petty Officer Third Class
E-3	Airman First Class	Private First Class	Lance Corporal	Seaman
E-2	Airman	Private	Private First Class	Seaman Apprentice
E-1	Airman Basic	Private	Private	Seaman Recruit

Medal Of Honor	Navy Cross	Defense Distinguished Service Medal
Distinguished Service Medal	Silver Star	Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion Of Merit	Distinguished Flying Cross	Navy/Marine Corps Medal
Bronze Star	Purple Heart	Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal	Air Medal	Joint Service Commendation Medal
Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal	Joint Service Achievement Medal	Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal
Combat Action Ribbon	Presidential Unit Citation	Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Navy Unit Commendation	Meritorious Unit Commendation	Navy "E" Ribbon
Pow Medal	Good Conduct Medal	Navy Reserve Meritorious Service Medal
Navy Fleet Marine Force Ribbon	Navy Expeditionary Medal	National Defense Service Medal
Korean Service Medal	Antarctica Service Medal	Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Vietnam Service Medal	Southwest Asia Service Medal	Kosovo Campaign Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal	Iraq Campaign Medal	Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War On Terrorism Service Medal	Korea Defense Service Medal	Armed Forces Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal	Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal	Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
Navy Arctic Service Ribbon	Navy Reserve Sea Service Ribbon	Navy/Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon
Navy Recruiting Service Ribbon	Navy Recruit Training Service Medal	Armed Forces Reserve Medal
Navy Reserve Medal	Philippine Presidential Unit Citation	Republic Of Korea Presidential Unit Citation
Republic Of Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation	Republic Of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation	Republic Of Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation
United Nations Service Medal	United Nations Medal	Nato Medals
Multinational Force And Observers Medal	Inter American Defense Board Medal	Republic Of Vietnam Campaign Medal
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia)	Kuwait Liberation (Kuwait)	Rifle Marksmanship Medal
Pistol Marksmanship Medal		

Gold Star Denotes subsequent awards of the same Navy decoration.
Silver Star Worn in lieu of five gold stars.
Bronze Star Represents participation in campaigns or operations, multiple qualifications or an additional award to any of the various ribbons on which it is authorized. Also worn to denote first award of the single-ribbon Air Medal after Nov. 22, 1989.
Silver Service Star Worn in lieu of five bronze stars.
Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster Represents second and subsequent entitlements of awards.
Silver Oak Leaf Cluster Worn for the 6th, 11th, or in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters.
Battle "E" Device
"V" Device Authorized for acts or service involving direct participation in combat operations.
Fleet Marine Force Combat Operations Insignia For Navy personnel attached to Fleet Marine Force units participating in combat operations.
Silver "E" Denotes Expert Marksman qualification.
Bronze "S" Denotes Sharpshooter Marksman qualification.
Europe And Asia Clasps Worn on the suspension ribbon of the Navy Occupation Service Medal.
"M" Device Denotes Naval Reserve mobilization in support of certain operations.
Hourglass Issued for each succeeding award of the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.
Wintered Over For wintering over on Antarctica continent - a clasp for Antarctica Service Medal; a suspension ribbon and a disc for the service ribbon; bronze for the first winter; gold for the second winter; and silver for the third.
"3/16" Palm Worn on the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation and Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation ribbons.
Strike/Flight Device Bronze Arabic numeral denotes the total number of strike/flight awards of the Air Medal earned subsequent to April 9, 1962.
Kuwait Liberation Cluster