





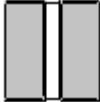



















Officer Ranks

Navy officers wear their rank devices in different places on their uniforms, depending upon the uniform. The three **basic** uniforms and the type of rank devices are: **khakis** (a working uniform) -- pins on the collar; **whites** -- stripes on shoulder boards; and, **blues** -- stripes sewn on the lower sleeve. Shoulder boards are also worn on bridge coats and reefers. The collar devices are also worn on the right side of the garrison cap (a miniature officer's crest is worn on the left) and slightly larger devices are worn on the epaulets of the raincoat and working jacket.




Additionally, line officers wear a star above the stripes of the shoulder boards or sleeves but staff and warrant officers wear specialty insignia.










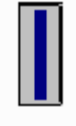


Pay Grade	Rank	Abbreviation	Collar	Shoulder	Sleeve
O-1	Ensign	ENS			
O-2	Lieutenant Junior Grade	LTJG			
O-3	Lieutenant	LT			

O-4	Lieutenant Commander	LCDR			
O-5	Commander	CDR			
O-6	Captain	CAPT			
O-7	Rear Admiral (lower half)	RDML			
O-8	Rear Admiral (upper half)	RADM			

O-9	Vice Admiral	VADM			
O-10	Admiral	ADM			
O-11	Fleet Admiral*	FADM			

* The rank of Fleet Admiral has been reserved for war time use only. The last Fleet Admirals were in World War II. Fleet Admirals during that war were Chester W. Nimitz, William D. Leahy, Ernest J. King, and William F. Halsey.

Pay Grade	Rank	Abbreviation	Collar	Shoulder	Sleeve
W-1*	Warrant Officer	WO1			

W-2	Chief Warrant Officer	CWO2			
W-3	Chief Warrant Officer	CWO3			
W-4	Chief Warrant Officer	CWO4			
W-5*	Chief Warrant Officer	CWO5			

* The grade of Warrant Officer (W-1) is no longer in use. W-5 was established in the Navy in 2002