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## CHAPTER FOUR RANK/RATE INSIGNIA

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#### 4101. SLEEVE INSIGNIA

1. Description. They are gold stripes in widths of either 2 inch, ½ inch, or 1/4 inch indicating the individual's rank.

2. Position. Stripes encircle the sleeve with the lower edge of the first stripe 2 inches from the edge of the sleeve. Multiple stripes have 1/4 inch intervals in between.



#### 3. Entitlements



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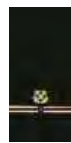
a. Officer. Officers wear sleeve insignia as indicated below:

(1) FLEET ADMIRAL. Wear one 2 inch stripe with four ½ inch stripes above it.

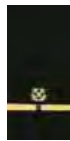
- (2) ADMIRAL. Wear one 2 inch stripe with three ½ inch stripes above it.
- (3) VICE ADMIRAL. Wear one 2 inch stripe with two ½ inch stripes above it.
- (4) REAR ADMIRAL. Wear one 2 inch stripe with one ½ inch stripe above it.
- (5) REAR ADMIRAL (Lower Half). Wear one 2 inch stripe.
- (6) CAPTAIN. Wear four ½ inch stripes.
- (7) COMMANDER. Wear three ½ inch stripes.
- (8) LIEUTENANT COMMANDER. Wear two ½ inch stripes with one 1/4 inch stripe in between.
- (9) LIEUTENANT. Wear two ½ inch stripes.
- (10) LIEUTENANT (JUNIOR GRADE). Wear one ½ inch stripe with one 1/4 inch stripe above it.
- (11) ENSIGN. Wear one ½ inch stripe.

b. Warrant Officers

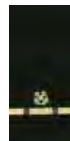
- (1) Warrant Officers wear sleeve insignia appropriate to their grade as indicated below:



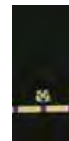
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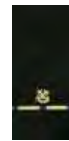
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W-2



W-1

(a) CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER, W-5. Wear one 1/2 inch stripe with 1/8 inch blue stripe broken by one hash mark, centered on the outer face of the sleeve.

(b) CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER, W-4. Wear one ½ inch stripe with one break, centered on the outer face of the sleeve.

(c) CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER, W-3. Wear one ½ inch stripe with breaks 2 inches apart, two breaks centered symmetrically on outer face of sleeve.

(d) CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER, W-2. Wear one ½ inch stripe with breaks 2 inches apart, three breaks centered symmetrically on outer face of sleeve.

(e) WARRANT OFFICER, W-1. Wear one 1/4 inch stripe with breaks 2 inches apart, three breaks centered symmetrically on outer face of sleeve.

- (2) Sleeve stripes are single, ½ inch gold stripes with ½ inch break(s) of bright blue.

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4102 - Sleeve Designs for Line and Staff Corps

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1. General Description. Devices are embroidered, gold and silver as appropriate.
2. Position. Wear on the outer face of the sleeve, centered between front and rear creases, 1/4 inch above the uppermost stripe.
3. Line and Staff Corps Device Description



- a. Line. A five-pointed gold star, placed on the sleeve with one ray pointing downward.



- b. Medical Corps. A gold embroidered spread oak leaf, surcharged with a silver embroidered acorn, placed on the sleeve, stem down.



- c. Nurse Corps. A gold embroidered spread oak leaf, placed on the sleeve, stem down.



- d. Supply Corps. A gold embroidered sprig of three oak leaves and three acorns, placed on the sleeve with the longer dimension parallel to the upper stripe, stem to the front (right and left). Also worn by Limited Duty Officers and Supply and Food Service Warrant Officers.



- e. Chaplain Corps

- (1) Buddhist. A gold embroidered prayer wheel.



- (2) Christian. A gold embroidered, Latin cross, placed on the sleeve, inclined to the rear; the longer arm makes an angle of 60 degrees with the upper stripe (right and left).



- (3) Jewish. Consists of the Star of David above and attached to the top center of the Tables of the Law, all in gold embroidery, placed on the sleeve with the shorter dimension parallel to the sleeve stripes.

- (4) Muslim. A gold embroidered crescent. Worn with moon opening to the front or center.





f. Civil Engineer Corps. Two overlapped gold embroidered sprigs of two live oak leaves, and a silver embroidered acorn in each sprig, placed on the sleeve with the longer dimension parallel to the sleeve stripes and the top pair opening to the front (right and left).



g. Dental Corps. A gold embroidered spread oak leaf, with a silver embroidered acorn on each side of the stem, placed on the sleeve with the longer dimension perpendicular to the sleeve stripes, stem down.



h. Judge Advocate General Corps. Two gold embroidered oak leaves, curving to form a semi-circle in the center of which is balanced a silver "mill rinde", placed on the sleeve with the longer dimension parallel to sleeve stripes, stems down.



i. Law Community. Same design as the Judge Advocate General Corps insignia with a silver quill pen centered underneath the "mill rinde". Pen nib is down and left.



j. Medical Service Corps. A gold embroidered spread oak leaf, attached to a slanting twig, placed on the sleeve with the longer dimension perpendicular to the sleeve stripes, stem down, lower end of twig to the front (right and left).

#### 4. Warrant Officers' Line Devices



a. Aerographer. A gold embroidered device, consisting of a winged circle with a six feather arrow passing vertically through the circle, placed on the sleeve, arrow pointing down and perpendicular to stripe, with the filled in half of the circle to the front (right and left).



b. Air Traffic Control Technician. A winged microphone.



c. Aviation Boatswain. Gold embroidered crossed winged anchors, placed on the sleeve with wings parallel to the stripe.

d. Aviation Electronics Technician. A winged, helium atom, embroidered in gold, placed on the sleeve with wings parallel to the stripe. The electron orbits diagonally with the bottom to the front (right and left).



e. Aviation Maintenance Technician. A winged, two-blade vertical propeller embroidered in gold, placed on the sleeve with wings parallel to the stripe.



f. Aviation Operations Technician. Two canted winged, crossed electron orbits, canted with a lightning bolt passing through toward wave lines, placed on the sleeve with wings parallel to the stripe (right and left).



g. Aviation Ordnance Technician. A gold embroidered, winged, flaming spherical shell, placed on the sleeve flame upward, parallel to the stripe.



h. Boatswain. Two gold embroidered crossed, fouled anchors, placed on the sleeve with crowns down and parallel to the stripe.



i. Information Systems Technician. Four gold embroidered lightning bolts, 1-1/4 inches long and 3/4 inch wide, placed on the sleeve with the longer dimension parallel to the stripe, narrow end of device to the front (right and left).



j. Cryptologic Technician. A crossed quill nib to the front over a spark pointing down, placed on the sleeve with points down, parallel to the stripe (right and left).



k. Data Processing Technician. A gold embroidered quill, pen nib down to the front (right and left) superimposed diagonally on gear. (Disestablished Oct 2003 and converted to Information Systems Technician)



l. Diving Officer. A gold embroidered diver's helmet with face plate, square knot and breast plate bolts embroidered in silver.

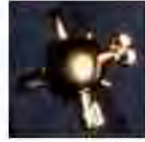


m. Electronics Technician. A gold embroidered helium atom, placed on the sleeve with the horizontal electron orbit parallel to the stripe. The electron orbits diagonally with the bottom to the front (right and left).

n. Engineering Technician/ Nuclear Power Technician. A gold embroidered, three-bladed propeller, placed on the sleeve with



two blades down, and the lower edges parallel to the stripe.



o. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician. A mine superimposed on a crossed torpedo and air craft bomb. The torpedo points down and aft; the bomb points down and forward (right and left). (Phased out Oct 2013 and converted to LDO)



p. Intelligence Technician. A gold embroidered magnifying glass and yeoman's quill, placed on the sleeve with the quill nib pointing down and forward.



q. Operations Technician. A gold embroidered ship's helm, circumscribing an arrow which points diagonally up and forward. One spark passes diagonally downward through the helm (right and left).



r. Ordnance Technician. A gold embroidered, flaming, spherical shell, placed on the sleeve, flame upward, perpendicular to the stripe.



s. Photographer. A gold embroidered camera, with bellows extended, placed on the sleeve in an upright position with camera front toward sleeve front.



t. Security Technician. A gold embroidered star pointing up, in a circle, within a shield.



u. Special Warfare Combatant Craft Crewman. Gold embroidered crossed cutlass and cocked flintlock pistol imposed onto an anchor.



v. Special Warfare Technician. Gold Embroidered flintlock pistol superimposed onto an anchor and trident.



w. Repair Technician. A gold embroidered carpenter's square, placed on the sleeve, point down, with arm inscribed with measurement lines to the front (right and left).



x. Ship's Clerk. Two gold embroidered, crossed quills, placed on the sleeve with points down and parallel to stripe.





y. Underwater Ordnance Technician. A gold embroidered torpedo, placed on the sleeve with the torpedo parallel to the stripe, and warhead to the front (right and left).

5. Warrant Officers' Staff Corps Devices



a. Civil Engineer Corps Warrant. Same design as for commissioned officers in the Civil Engineer Corps.



b. Physician's Assistant and Technical Nurse Warrant Officer. A gold embroidered caduceus, placed on the sleeve with staff perpendicular to the stripe.

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## 4103 - Shoulder Insignia

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1. **Description.** Consists of hard shoulder boards, soft shoulder boards, and metal grade insignia.

2. **Hard Shoulder Boards.** Combination insignia indicating wearer's grade and line or staff corps are curved to fit the shoulder and secured at their inner ends by a Navy eagle, gilt button. Officers wear hard shoulder boards on reefers, overcoats, and designated uniforms. Women wear men's shoulder boards when wearing the men's reefer and women's shoulder boards when wearing the women's reefer.

a. **Flag Officers (Line).** The surface is covered with gold lace showing a 1/8 inch blue cloth margin on each of the long sides. A silver embroidered fouled anchor is placed with its center line along the shoulder board's longer dimension and the crown pointing toward the squared end of the board. The unfouled arm of the stock points to the front of the wearer (right and left). Designation of grade consists of silver embroidered five-pointed star(s), placed between the crown of the anchor and the squared end of the shoulder board.

b. **Flag Officer (Staff Corps).** The shoulder marks are the same as those described in subparagraph a., above, with an appropriate corps device, of the same size as that prescribed for wear on the shirt collar, superimposed on the anchor's shank.



(1) Fleet Admiral



(2) Admiral



(3) Vice Admiral



(4) Rear Admiral



(5) Rear Admiral (Lower Half)

c. **Officers below Flag Grade.** The surface is black cloth. Gold lace stripes, the same width, number, and spacing, specified for stripes on sleeves of the blue coat, designate rank. The first stripe starts 1/4 inch (1/2 inch for Ensigns) from the widest end. Line and staff corps devices replicate sleeve insignia and are placed as far from the stripes as specified for devices on sleeves of blue coats.

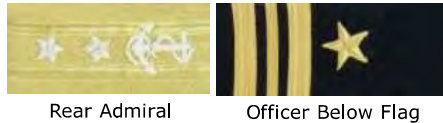


d. **Warrant Officers.** The surface is black cloth. Stripe widths are as specified for sleeves of blue coats but the blue break(s) are 1/2 inch rather than 2 inches apart. The stripe starts 1/2 inch from the widest end. Line or staff corps devices are sized as specified for devices on sleeves of blue coats.



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3. **SOFT SHOULDER BOARDS.** Combination insignia indicating the wearer's grade and corps are 3/4 the size of the men's hard shoulder boards. Soft shoulder boards are worn on white epauletted shirts when worn with Service Dress Blue, and on the Navy black V-neck sweater.

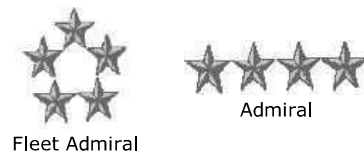


4. **METAL GRADE INSIGNIA.** Wear regular size metal grade insignia centered on shoulder straps of blue all-weather coats, khaki jackets, blue jackets and black jackets. Dimensions of regular size metal grade insignia are provided in article 4104.5. Place the outer edge of each device 3/4 inch from the squared end of the shoulder strap.

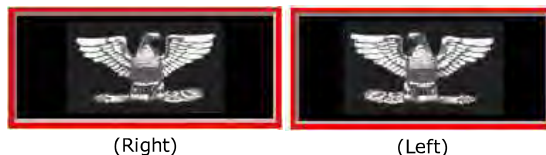


a. Wearing Metal Grade Insignia

(1) Flag Officer. Wear insignia lengthwise on the strap so that the single rays of each star point toward the collar.



(2) Captain. Wear with the top of eagle's head toward the collar, and head and olive branch pointing to the front (right and left).



(3) Commander. Wear with the stem of silver oak leaf away from the collar



(4) Lieutenant Commander. Wear with the stem of the gold oak leaf away from the collar.



(5) Lieutenant. Two silver bars, attached near the ends. Place bars on the center line of each shoulder strap with bars in a fore and aft line.



(6) Lieutenant (Junior Grade). Place one silver bar on center line of each shoulder strap, with the longer dimension of the bar in a fore and aft line (flat bar).



(7) Ensign. Wear one gold bar on the shoulder strap as for Lieutenant (Junior Grade).



(8) Warrant Officers. Place on the center line of each shoulder strap with the longer dimension of the bar in a fore and aft line.

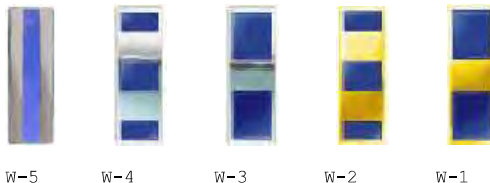
(a) Chief Warrant Officer, W-5 - Silver background with one 1/4 inch blue stripe centered along the silver bar.

(b) Chief Warrant Officer, W-4 - Blue background with two 1/4 inch silver breaks across, separated by 1/4 inch of blue background in center.

(c) Chief Warrant Officer, W-3 - Blue background broken across the center by a silver break 1/4 inch wide.

(d) Chief Warrant Officer, W-2 - Same as for Chief Warrant Officer W-4 but the breaks are gold.

(e) Warrant Officer, W-1 - Same as for Chief Warrant Officer W-3, except that the break is gold.



W-5

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W-3

W-2

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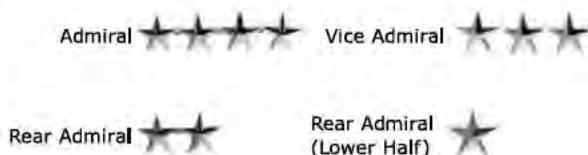
## 4104 - Collar Grade Insignia

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### 4104. COLLAR GRADE INSIGNIA

1. **General.** Wear miniature sized metal grade insignia on the collar points of khaki and blue shirts. Wear miniature sized embroidered grade insignia tapes on Navy coveralls. (NOTE: Embroidered collar devices may be slightly larger than metal collar devices.)

2. **Description.** Collar grade insignia replicates metal shoulder insignia except flag officers' miniature multiple stars which are connected as follows:



3. **Manner of Wearing.** Line officers wear the grade insignia on both collar points. Captains wear with the top of the eagle's head toward the collar, and head and olive branch pointing to the front (both staff corps and line officers). Staff Corps officers and chief warrant officers wear grade insignia on the right collar point and staff insignia on the left collar point.

a. **Long Sleeve Shirt.** On long sleeve shirts that require a collar insignia, center the insignia 1 inch from the front and upper edges of the collar, except for Flag Officers, Admirals, Vice Admirals, and Rear Admirals, center the first star 1 inch from the front and upper edge of the collar, and position the vertical axis of the insignia at right angles (the horizontal axis parallel) to the upper edge of the collar. This procedure applies whether the collar is worn open or closed.

b. **Open Collar Short Sleeve Shirts and Navy Coveralls.** Center the insignia 1 inch from the front and lower edges of the collar and position the vertical axis of the insignia along an imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar point.



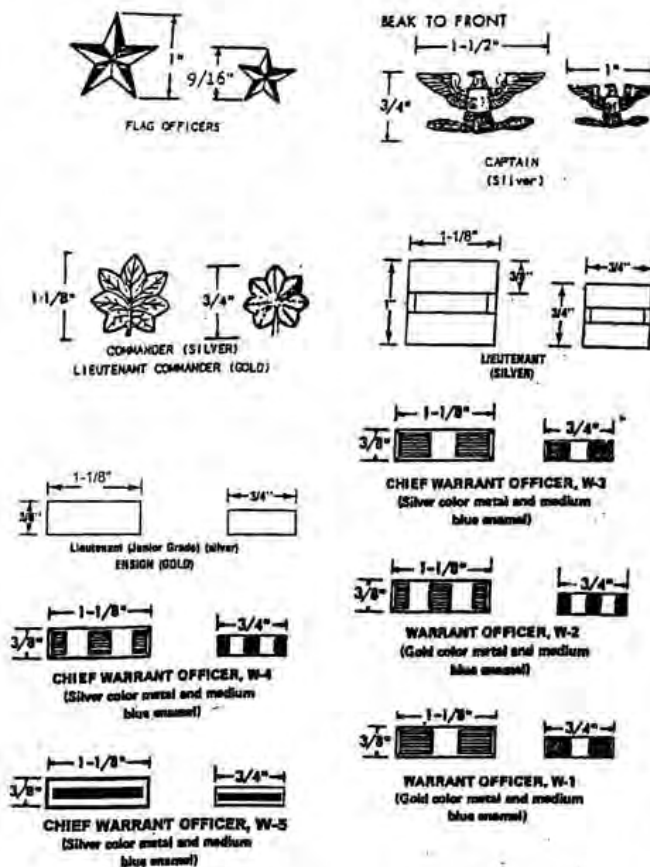
c. **Flag Officers.** Wear collar insignia on open collar short sleeve shirts and Navy coveralls in the manner shown below:



4. **LINE AND STAFF CORPS COLLAR INSIGNIA.** Consists of insignia indicating staff corps or line. Staff corps officers and warrant officers wear them on the left collar point of shirts in the manner described for collar grade insignia. The vertical axis of the insignia is aligned with the bisecting line of the collar point on open collar shirts. They have the same design as those worn on the sleeves of blue coats but the dimensions conform to the specifications and standards sample. These devices are primarily in gold color metal with silver symbol as applicable. Leaves are veined, but otherwise smooth, and do not simulate embroidery.

5. **REGULAR AND MINIATURE SIZES OF GRADE INSIGNIA.** Regular and miniature sizes of grade insignia have dimensions shown below:





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4211. [CPO RATING BADGES](#)

1. [Description](#)

a. Rating badges consist of a perched eagle with expanded wings pointing upward and the eagle's head to its right. Chevrons, rocker, and stars, as authorized, indicates the wearer's rate, and a specialty mark to indicate rating are included as part of the rating badge. All are embroidered on a pentagonal shaped background. The chevrons on rating badges measure 3-1/4 inches wide for male CPO's and rating badges measure 2-1/2 inches wide for female CPO's. Rating insignia, chevrons and rockers for women are 3/4 the size of the men's rating badges.



MASTER CHIEF PETTY  
OFFICER



SENIOR CHIEF  
PETTY OFFICER



CHIEF  
PETTY OFFICER

b. Background material for rating badges and service stripes match the color of the uniform coat or jacket. Colors of the eagles, specialty mark, stars, chevrons and service stripes for prescribed uniforms are as indicated below:

	RATING BADGE BACKGROUND	EAGLE SPECIALTY MARK, STAR(S)	CHEVRONS SERVICE STRIPES
<b>UNIFORM</b>			
Service Dress Blue	Navy Blue	Silver	Gold/Scarlet
Dinner Dress Blue Jacket	Navy Blue	Silver	Gold/Scarlet
Dinner Dress White Jacket	White	Silver	Gold/Blue

2. [Special Rating Badges](#). Personnel assigned as the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Fleet/Force Master Chief Petty Officers and Command Master Chief Petty Officers wear special rating badges which meet the following criteria:

- a. Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy. Wear three gold stars above the eagle and one gold star in place of the specialty mark.
- b. Post Tour MCPON. Continue wearing three gold stars above the eagle. A gold specialty mark in lieu of the gold star in center of rating badge unless assigned to a Command Master Chief billet following <OPNAVINST 1306.2 (series)>, then a silver star replaces the specialty mark.
- c. Fleet/Force Master Chief Petty Officers. Wear two gold stars above the eagle and one gold star in place of the specialty mark.
- d. Post Tour FM/C's. Continue wearing two gold stars above the eagle. A gold specialty mark replaces the gold star centered on the rating badge unless assigned to a Command Master Chief billet following <OPNAVINST 1306.2 (series)>, then a silver star replaces the specialty mark.
- e. Command Master Chief Petty Officer. MCPO's assigned to a full time CM/C billet (NEC 9579/9580) following <OPNAVINST 1306.2 (series)> wear silver stars above the eagle and a silver star in place of the specialty mark. Senior Chief Petty Officers and Chief Petty Officers filling CM/C billets do not replace the specialty mark with a star.
- f. Post Tour CM/C's. Wear two silver stars above the eagle and a silver specialty mark in the center of the rating badge (excluding past MCPON's and FM/C's).



Master Chief Petty Officer  
Special Rating Badge  
MCPON)



Fleet/Forces Master Chief  
Petty Officer Special Rating  
Badge(C/MC) (Gold Stars)



Command Master Chief Petty  
Officer Special Rating  
Badge(F/MC) (Silver Stars)

3. Position. Rating badges are sewn on the left sleeve of Service Dress Blue Jacket, Dinner Dress Blue Jacket, and Dinner Dress White Jacket centered on the sleeve midway between the shoulder seam and the elbow.



#### 4212. CPO COLLAR INSIGNIA

1. General. Wear metal collar devices (approximately 1 inch) on the collar points of khaki shirts. Wear miniature sized (approximately 1-1/4 inch) embroidered grade insignia tapes on Navy coveralls. (Note: Embroidered collar devices may be slightly larger than metal collar devices.)
2. Description. Collar grade insignia consists of a gold fouled anchor with silver block letters "USN" superimposed on the shank of the anchor. One, two, or three silver stars are attached above the anchor stock to designate Senior, Master, and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy as shown below:



3. Manner of Wearing. Collar grade insignia are worn on both collar points.
- a. Open Collar Short Sleeve Shirt and Navy Coveralls. Center the insignia at a point 1 inch from the front and lower edges of the collar and position the vertical axis of the insignia along an imaginary line (A) bisecting the angle of the collar point.





b. Service Dress White

(1) Men wear collar insignia on the standing collar of the Service Dress White coat. The anchor shank will be parallel to the vertical edge of the collar, with the center of the insignia on the midline of the standing collar, 1 inch from the vertical edge of the collar.



(2) Women wear collar insignia on the ends of the collar of the Service Dress White coat. The anchor shank will be in the vertical (upright) position, with the center of the insignia approximately 1 inch from the bottom edge of the collar and midway between the edges (seam and outer edge) of the collar.



OLD STYLE



NEW STYLE

4213. METAL RANK INSIGNIA ON OUTERGARMENTS

1. General. CPOs wear metal devices on khaki windbreakers, black jackets (relaxed fit with knit collar), and all-weather coats. (CPOs wear no insignia on reefers and overcoats.)

2. Description. Same device as worn on garrison cap (approximate size: 1-1/4 inch). Refer to [<article 4321>](#).

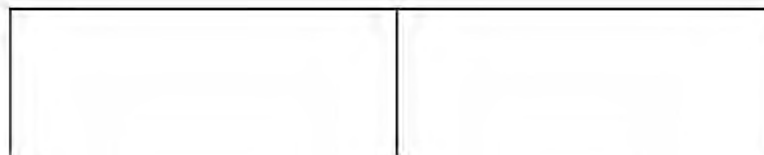
3. Manner of Wearing. Wear metal rank insignia on each epaulet centered from side to side with the bottom edge of the device approximately 3/4 inch from the squared end of the epaulet.



4214. SOFT SHOULDER BOARDS

1. General. CPOs wear soft shoulder boards on the Service Dress Blue white shirt and black V-neck sweater.

2. Description. The soft shoulder board is black cloth with anchor, and stars as appropriate, indicating rank. The bottom of the anchor is approximately 3/4 inch from the end of the board. Same size soft shoulder boards are worn by men and women.







3. Manner of Wearing. Place soft shoulder board on each epaulet with insignia resting on the squared end of the epaulet.

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4221. [E4-E6 RATING BADGES](#)

1. Description

a. Rating badges consist of a perched eagle with expanded wings pointing upward and its head facing right. Chevrons, indicating the wearer's rate, and a specialty mark indicating rating is part of the badge. Chevrons on rating badges for men, E-4 through E-6, measure 3-1/4 inches wide. Chevrons on women's rating badges measure 2-1/2 inches wide and their rating insignia is 3/4 the size of men's. Women wearing the men's peacoat will use the men's size rating badge on the peacoat.



PETTY OFFICER  
FIRST CLASS



PETTY OFFICER  
SECOND CLASS



PETTY OFFICER  
THIRD CLASS

b. Rating badges with Navy blue backgrounds are worn on Navy blue uniforms. There are two blue background materials: (1) 75/25% poly/wool and 55/45% poly/wool gabardine used on women's Service Dress Blue; (2) 100% wool serge used on peacoats and men's Service Dress Blue Jumper

c. Rating badges for E-6 and below Dinner Dress Blue Jacket is made of the same material as the uniform component. Rating badges with white backgrounds match the fabric of uniforms on which they are worn. Colors of the eagle, specialty mark, chevrons, and service stripes for prescribed uniforms and components are mandatory as indicated on the following chart:

<u>UNIFORM</u>	<u>RATING BADGE BACKGROUND</u>	<u>EAGLE, SPECIALTY MARK</u>	<u>CHEVRONS</u>	<u>SERVICE STRIPES</u>
DINNER DRESS BLUE JACKET	NAVY BLUE	WHITE/SILVER	CARDINAL/GOLD	CARDINAL/GOLD
DINNER DRESS WHITE JACKET	WHITE	BLUE	BLUE/GOLD	BLUE/GOLD
SERVICE DRESS BLUE	NAVY BLUE	WHITE/SILVER	CARDINAL/GOLD	CARDINAL/GOLD
SERVICE DRESS WHITE	WHITE	BLUE	BLUE	BLUE

PEACOCK NAVY BLUE WHITE CARDINAL NONE

## 2. Position

a. Rating badges are sewn on the left sleeve centered between the shoulder seam and the elbow as shown for the uniforms listed below.



Maternity Blue  
Service Dress Jumpers  
White Shirts (SS only)



Dinner Dress Coats  
Service Dress Coats  
Peacoats

## 4222. GROUP RATE MARKS

1. General. Consists of two or three short diagonal stripes which, alone, or in combination with specialty marks, indicate E-2 and E-3 paygrades. Personnel in paygrade E-1 do not wear group rate mark. Men and women wear the same size.

2. Proper Wear and Positioning. Group rate marks are placed on a rectangular background and worn on the left sleeve of all Service Dress uniforms. They are worn in the same relative position as that of rating badges. Group rate marks are not worn on any outer garment.

3. Description. The stripes are 3 inches long and placed at an angle of 30 degrees from the horizontal line on a rectangular background of a color that matches the uniform on which it is worn. For fabric of group rate marks refer to <article 4221.1b/c>. The lower end of the stripes is to the front. E-2 personnel wear two stripes and E-3 personnel wear three stripes.

a. Seaman and Apprentices. Seamen and seamen apprentices wear white stripes on blue uniforms and navy blue stripes on white uniforms.

b. Fireman and Apprentices. Firemen and firemen apprentices wear red stripes on blue and white uniforms.

c. Constructionman and Apprentices. Constructionmen and construction apprentices wear light blue stripes on blue and white uniforms.

d. Airman and Apprentices. Airmen and airmen apprentices wear emerald green stripes on blue and white uniforms.

e. Hospitalman and Apprentices. Hospitalman and hospitalman apprentices wear white stripes and specialty marks on blue uniform and navy blue stripes and specialty marks on white uniforms.

## 4223. STRIKER MARKS

1. General. E1-E3 personnel who are qualified, and have been designated following instructions issued by Naval Military Personnel Command, wear the specialty mark of the rating for which they have qualified.

2. Position. E-1's wear the striker mark only, centered 2 inches above the midway point between shoulder and elbow on the left sleeve of all Service Dress uniforms, in the same position relative to the center line of the sleeve as prescribed for rating badges. E-2's and E-3's wear the striker mark centered immediately above the background of the group rate marks on the left sleeve, or striker's mark and group rate mark may be one piece. They are only worn on Service Dress uniforms. Men and women wear the same size.



Striker's Mark (Personnel Specialist)

4224. APPRENTICE TRAINING GRADUATES. Apprentice training graduates wear the devices as shown below, in the same relative position as the striker marks. Wear apprentice devices until designated a striker then replace apprentice devices with an appropriate striker mark.





Airmen



Firemen



Seamen

4225. UNIT IDENTIFICATION MARKS (UIM's). E1-E6 personnel assigned for **permanent duty** (not in transit), including Naval Reserve Reinforcement and Augment Personnel, are required to wear UIM's on the right sleeve of Dress Jumper uniforms and short sleeved white shirts. Exemptions to required wear may be granted by the prescribing authority (area coordinators) to meet security requirements. Commands will submit UIM wear exemption requests to their prescribing authority for approval. UIM's have 1/4 inch white block letters, embroidered on a black background 1/2 inch wide, and are worn with the top edge parallel to and 3/8 inch below lower row of shoulder sleeve stitching. Center them on the outer face of the sleeve and sew them on with colorfast blue thread. UIMs are authorized in two lengths, 5 inch and 5-3/4 inch. The UIMs are lettered with the approved short title of the command, as contained in the Standard Navy Distribution Lists (SNDL) Parts 1 and 2 (OPNAV P09B2-105). Wear the UIM of the parent command unless one of the following exists: (1) Have own UTC; (2) Tenant command non-located with parent command. Upon reporting for duty, men and women will be issued seven UIMs. Organizations are authorized to purchase UIMs from O&MN funds. Any ship/unit that is decommissioned/disestablished or transferred to reserve status should forward ten UIM's for historical purposes, to the Naval Historical Center, Curator for the Navy, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC, 20374-0571. (For ordering information, see link.)

4226. SPECIALTY MARKS. Center a specialty mark, indicating the rating, between the eagle's talons and the upper chevrons. Specialty marks are as follows:



1. Aerographer's Mate (AG). A winged circle with vertical, feathered arrow through it. One-half of the circle is filled in and to the front.

2. Air Traffic Controller (AC). A winged microphone.

3. Aircrew Survival Equipmentman (PR). A winged parachute.

4. Aviation Boatwain's Mate (AB). Crossed winged anchors, crowns down.

5. Aviation Electrician's Mate (AE). A winged globe, with five embroidered latitudinal lines and five embroidered longitudinal lines.

6. Aviation Electronics Technician (AT). Winged helium atom, surrounded by the revolving electrons, one horizontal and one vertical.

7. Aviation Machinist's Mate (AD). A winged two-bladed propeller.





8. Aviation Maintenance Administrationman (AZ). A winged two-bladed propeller centered on an open book.



9. Aviation Ordnanceman (AO). A winged flaming spherical shell.



10. Aviation Structural Mechanic (AM). Winged crossed mauls; heads of mauls up.



11. Aviation Support Equipment Technician (AS). A winged maul and spark, head of maul up; spark points down and to the front.



12. Aviation Warfare Systems Operator (AW). Winged crossed electron orbits, canted with a lightning bolt passing through toward waves.



13. Boatswain's Mate (BM). Crossed anchors; crowns down.



14. Builder (BU). Carpenter's square, points up, superimposed on plumb bob.



15. Command Master Chief. One inch silver star; one ray down.



16. Construction Electrician (CE). A spark superimposed, at an angle, on a telephone pole; lower end of spark to the front.



17. Construction Mechanic (CM). Double-headed wrench superimposed on a nut.



18. Cryptologic Technician (CT). Crossed quill and spark, both pointing down; pen on top with nib to the front.

19. Culinary Specialist (CS). Crossed keys and quill superimposed upon an open ledger.



20. Damage Controlman (DC). A crossed ax and maul.



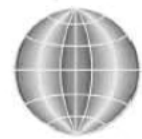
21. Dental Technician (DT). A caduceus, with a block letter "D" midway on the staff. (Disestablished and converted to HM, 1 Oct 05.)



22. Disbursing Clerk (DK). A check with a key in it at an angle; web and pin of key down and to the front. (Disestablished and converted to PS, 1 Oct 05.)



23. Electrician's Mate (EM). A globe, with five latitudinal and five longitudinal lines.



24. Electronics Technician (ET). A helium atom.



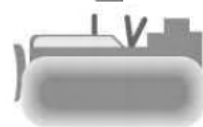
25. Engineering Aid (EA). A leveling rod with the measuring scale to the front.



26. Engineman (EN). A gear.



27. Equipment Operator (EO). A bulldozer, blade to the front.



28. Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD). Contact mine superimposed on a crossed torpedo and aircraft bomb.



29. Fire Control Technician (FT). A range finder.



30. Fire Controlman (FC). A range finder with spark on each side that faces inward.



31. Gas Turbine System Technician (GS). A turbine with an impeller.



32. Gunner's Mate (GM). Crossed gun barrels; muzzles up.



33. Hospital Corpsman (HM). A caduceus.



34. Hull Maintenance Technician (HT). Crossed fire axe and maul, handles down; fire axe blade to front, on a carpenter's square that points down.



35. Illustrator Draftsman (DM). A triangle with draftsman's compass on it; the right angle of triangle points down. (Disestablished and converted to MC, 1 Jul 06.)



36. Information Systems Technician (IT). Four sparks; points to the front.



37. Intelligence Specialist (IS). Magnifying glass and quill.



38. Interior Communications Electrician (IC). Electrician Mate's device with a French-style telephone above it.



39. Journalist (JO). Scroll and quill; pen uppermost, nib of pen down and to the front. (Disestablished and converted to MC, 1 Jul 06.)



40. Legalman (LN). A vertical mill rinde over a quill; nib of pen down and to the left.



41. Lithographer (LI). Crossed litho crayon holder and scraper uppermost, blade to the front. (Disestablished and converted to MC, 1 Jul 06.)



42. Logistics Specialist (LS). Crossed keys, stems down, webs outward.



43. Machinery Repairman (MR). Micrometer and gear; handle of micrometer to the rear, open parts of jaws holding gear. The device is worn with the handle parallel to the upper edge of the left arm of the chevron.



44. Machinist's Mate (MM). Three-bladed propeller; one blade pointing down.

45. Mass Communications Specialist (MC). Globe with a satellite in orbit and four

superimposed lightning bolts.



46. Master-at-Arms (MA). A star pointing up in a circle, within a shield.



47. MCPON, Fleet Force Master Chief. One inch gold star; one ray down.



48. Mineman (MN). A floating mine.



49. Missile Technician (MT). A guided missile surrounded by an electronic wave.



50. Musician (MU). A lyre.



51. Navy Counselor (NC). An anchor crossed with a quill.



52. Navy Diver (ND). A U.S. Navy Mark-V diving helmet and breastplate.



53. Operations Specialist (OS). An A-cope on an arrow; arrow pointing diagonally upward and to the front.



54. Personnel Specialist (PS). Crossed manual and quill; manual upper most; pen nib down and to the front. (The Personnelman (PN) rate has been disestablished and converted to PS 1 Oct 05)



55. Photographer's Mate (PH). Winged graphic solution of photographic problem. (Disestablished and converted to MC, 1 Jul 06.)



56. Postal Clerk (PC). A postal cancellation mark. (Disestablished and converted to LS, 1 Oct 09.)







57. Quartermaster (QM). A ship's helm.



58. Religious/Program Specialist (RP). A rose compass, a globe, and an anchor.



59. Ship's Serviceman (SH). Crossed key and quill; stem of key and pen nib down; pen to be uppermost; web and pin of key to the front.



60. Special Warfare Operator (SO). Flintlock pistol superimposed onto an anchor and trident.



61. Special Warfare Boat Operator (SB). Crossed cutlass and cocked flintlock pistol superimposed onto an anchor.



62. Sonar Technician (ST). Earphones with arrow in horizontal position, point to the front.



63. Steelworker (SW). An I-beam suspended from a hook; open side of hook to the front.



64. Storekeeper (SK). Crossed keys, stems down, webs outward. (Disestablished and converted to LS, 1 Oct 09.)



65. Torpedoman's Mate (TM). A torpedo, head to the front. (Disestablished and converted to GM, 1 Oct 07.)



66. Utilities Man (UT). A valve with flange to the front.



67. Yeoman (YN). Crossed quills, nibs down.

#### 4227. Collar Insignia.

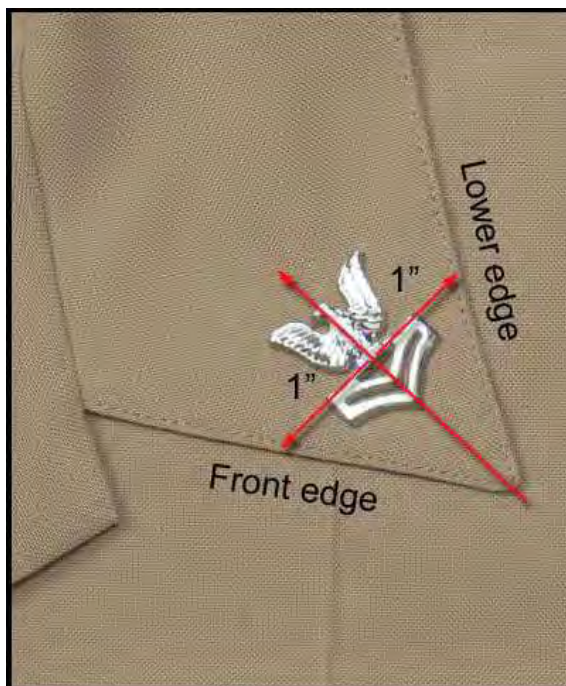
a. E4-E6 personnel shall wear anodized (highly polished) 1-1/4 inch collar devices (article 4331.2e) on the collar of the blue all-weather coat. Wear metal rank insignia on each epaulet centered from side to side with the bottom edge of the device approximately 3/4 inch from the squared end of the epaulet on the black relax fit jacket. Embroidered miniature sized (approximately 1-1/4 inch) collar device tapes on Navy coveralls and the Navy Working Uniform (NWU). NOTE: Embroidered collar devices may be slightly larger than metal collar devices.

b. E2-E6 personnel wearing the male Service Uniform (SU) Khaki Shirt or female Overblouse will also wear anodized (highly polished) miniature rank/collar devices (article 4331.2e) on both shirt collars points as prescribed below. Rate specialty marks (e.g. caduceus, cross quills, ship's helm, etc) are not authorized to be worn on the collar of the SU khaki shirt or khaki overblouse.

c. Personnel who qualify for gold service strips outlined in article <4332> and <4333> are entitled to wear gold chevrons vice cardinal on the collar devices for Navy coveralls. Additionally, those same personnel are authorized to wear gold chevrons on the epaulets of the optional black relax fit (stand-up knit collar) jacket when wearing the SU.

d. Collar insignia placement for the Navy Working Uniform (NWU) can be found in chapter 3, section 6, article 3603.

e. Place collar devices at point (A) 1 inch from the front and lower edges of the collar and place the vertical axis of the insignia along an imaginary line (B) bisecting the angle of the collar point. Eagles face toward the front (inward). See diagram and photos below.



**Service Uniform E-2/E-3 Collar Device Placement**



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### 4231. [SERVICE STRIPES](#)

1. **Description.** Consist of embroidered diagonal stripes, 7 inches long and 3/8 inch wide for male CPO's. Male E1-E6 personnel wear service stripes 5-1/4 inches long and 3/8 inch wide. Navy women wear service stripes 5-1/4 inches long and 1/4 inch wide.

2. **Position.** Sew on the left sleeve of Dress Blue, Dress White, Dinner Dress Blue Jacket, and the Dinner Dress White Jacket with the lower ends to the front. The lower end of the first stripe is 2 inches from the end of the sleeve. On jumpers having a buttoned cuff the lower end of the first stripe is 1-1/2 inches above the upper edge of the cuff. The trailing edge of the stripe is in line with the trailing edge of the rating badge. The stripes are at a 45 degree angle. When more than one stripe is authorized they are placed 1/4 inch apart.

3. **Color.** Stripes are either cardinal, gold or blue as specified.

4. **Entitlements.** All personnel wear one stripe for each four years of active duty service or reserve service in an active status in any of the armed services.

4232. **[GOLD RATING BADGE AND SERVICE STRIPES.](#)** Personnel whose most recent 12 cumulative years of Naval active or active reserve service meets requirements for Good Conduct Service (that which meets minimum requirements for performance, conduct and evaluations marks for the Good Conduct Award) shall wear gold rating badges and gold service stripes on Dress Blue uniforms, Dinner Dress Blue uniforms and Dinner Dress Blue/White Jacket uniforms. The 12 years may be active or drilling reserve time in the Navy, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps, or Marine Corps Reserve. Times excluded are: delayed entry programs, inactive reserves and broken service. Under broken service conditions - resume the cumulative time count upon active duty reenlistment or upon enlisting in the drilling reserves.

4233. **[CONTINUED WEARING OF GOLD.](#)** Once qualified to wear the gold rating badge and gold service stripes, the qualification continues through the duration of an enlisted person's service, providing they continue to meet minimum conduct, performance, and evaluation mark requirements for a Good Conduct Medal or Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Award. On the date the individual fails to meet the minimum standards, the gold rating badge and gold service stripes must be removed from the uniform. Additionally, if an individual is convicted by court-martial or Non-Judicial Punishment (NJP), the gold badge and gold service stripes must be removed from the uniform on the date the conviction becomes final within the meaning of Article 76, Uniform Code of Military Justice. The privilege to again wear the gold service stripes/rating badge may only be earned by fulfilling the requirements listed in <4232>.

4234. **[FLEET RESERVE PERSONNEL.](#)** Fleet reserve personnel may wear the gold rating badges and service stripes authorized at the time of their transfer to the fleet reserve. For fleet reserve personnel returning to active duty, fleet reserve time is considered broken time for the purpose of determining authorized additional service stripes, and qualifying to wear gold sleeve insignia.

4235. **[RATING MERGERS.](#)** Personnel serving in ratings which have been merged with another rating may continue wearing the old rating badge until their next advancement or until 24 months after the effective completion date of the merger, whichever comes first.

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4211. [CPO RATING BADGES](#)

1. [Description](#)

a. Rating badges consist of a perched eagle with expanded wings pointing upward and the eagle's head to its right. Chevrons, rocker, and stars, as authorized, indicates the wearer's rate, and a specialty mark to indicate rating are included as part of the rating badge. All are embroidered on a pentagonal shaped background. The chevrons on rating badges measure 3-1/4 inches wide for male CPO's and rating badges measure 2-1/2 inches wide for female CPO's. Rating insignia, chevrons and rockers for women are 3/4 the size of the men's rating badges.



MASTER CHIEF PETTY  
OFFICER



SENIOR CHIEF  
PETTY OFFICER



CHIEF  
PETTY OFFICER

b. Background material for rating badges and service stripes match the color of the uniform coat or jacket. Colors of the eagles, specialty mark, stars, chevrons and service stripes for prescribed uniforms are as indicated below:

	RATING BADGE BACKGROUND	EAGLE SPECIALTY MARK, STAR(S)	CHEVRONS SERVICE STRIPES
<b>UNIFORM</b>			
Service Dress Blue	Navy Blue	Silver	Gold/Scarlet
Dinner Dress Blue Jacket	Navy Blue	Silver	Gold/Scarlet
Dinner Dress White Jacket	White	Silver	Gold/Blue

2. [Special Rating Badges](#). Personnel assigned as the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Fleet/Force Master Chief Petty Officers and Command Master Chief Petty Officers wear special rating badges which meet the following criteria:

- a. Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy. Wear three gold stars above the eagle and one gold star in place of the specialty mark.
- b. Post Tour MCPON. Continue wearing three gold stars above the eagle. A gold specialty mark in lieu of the gold star in center of rating badge unless assigned to a Command Master Chief billet following <OPNAVINST 1306.2 (series)>, then a silver star replaces the specialty mark.
- c. Fleet/Force Master Chief Petty Officers. Wear two gold stars above the eagle and one gold star in place of the specialty mark.
- d. Post Tour FM/C's. Continue wearing two gold stars above the eagle. A gold specialty mark replaces the gold star centered on the rating badge unless assigned to a Command Master Chief billet following <OPNAVINST 1306.2 (series)>, then a silver star replaces the specialty mark.
- e. Command Master Chief Petty Officer. MCPO's assigned to a full time CM/C billet (NEC 9579/9580) following <OPNAVINST 1306.2 (series)> wear silver stars above the eagle and a silver star in place of the specialty mark. Senior Chief Petty Officers and Chief Petty Officers filling CM/C billets do not replace the specialty mark with a star.
- f. Post Tour CM/C's. Wear two silver stars above the eagle and a silver specialty mark in the center of the rating badge (excluding past MCPON's and FM/C's).



Master Chief Petty Officer  
Special Rating Badge  
MCPON)



Fleet/Forces Master Chief  
Petty Officer Special Rating  
Badge(C/MC) (Gold Stars)



Command Master Chief Petty  
Officer Special Rating  
Badge(F/MC) (Silver Stars)

3. Position. Rating badges are sewn on the left sleeve of Service Dress Blue Jacket, Dinner Dress Blue Jacket, and Dinner Dress White Jacket centered on the sleeve midway between the shoulder seam and the elbow.



#### 4212. CPO COLLAR INSIGNIA

1. General. Wear metal collar devices (approximately 1 inch) on the collar points of khaki shirts. Wear miniature sized (approximately 1-1/4 inch) embroidered grade insignia tapes on Navy coveralls. (Note: Embroidered collar devices may be slightly larger than metal collar devices.)
2. Description. Collar grade insignia consists of a gold fouled anchor with silver block letters "USN" superimposed on the shank of the anchor. One, two, or three silver stars are attached above the anchor stock to designate Senior, Master, and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy as shown below:



3. Manner of Wearing. Collar grade insignia are worn on both collar points.
- a. Open Collar Short Sleeve Shirt and Navy Coveralls. Center the insignia at a point 1 inch from the front and lower edges of the collar and position the vertical axis of the insignia along an imaginary line (A) bisecting the angle of the collar point.





b. Service Dress White

(1) Men wear collar insignia on the standing collar of the Service Dress White coat. The anchor shank will be parallel to the vertical edge of the collar, with the center of the insignia on the midline of the standing collar, 1 inch from the vertical edge of the collar.



(2) Women wear collar insignia on the ends of the collar of the Service Dress White coat. The anchor shank will be in the vertical (upright) position, with the center of the insignia approximately 1 inch from the bottom edge of the collar and midway between the edges (seam and outer edge) of the collar.



4213. METAL RANK INSIGNIA ON OUTERGARMENTS

1. General. CPOs wear metal devices on khaki windbreakers, black jackets (relaxed fit with knit collar), and all-weather coats. (CPOs wear no insignia on reefers and overcoats.)

2. Description. Same device as worn on garrison cap (approximate size: 1-1/4 inch). Refer to [<article 4321>](#).

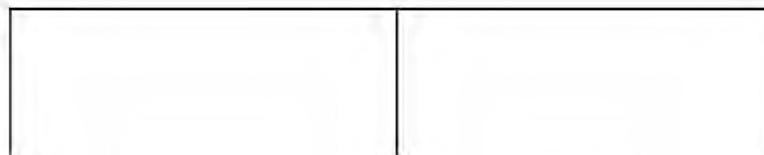
3. Manner of Wearing. Wear metal rank insignia on each epaulet centered from side to side with the bottom edge of the device approximately 3/4 inch from the squared end of the epaulet.



4214. SOFT SHOULDER BOARDS

1. General. CPOs wear soft shoulder boards on the Service Dress Blue white shirt and black V-neck sweater.

2. Description. The soft shoulder board is black cloth with anchor, and stars as appropriate, indicating rank. The bottom of the anchor is approximately 3/4 inch from the end of the board. Same size soft shoulder boards are worn by men and women.





3. Manner of Wearing. Place soft shoulder board on each epaulet with insignia resting on the squared end of the epaulet.

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4221. [E4-E6 RATING BADGES](#)

1. Description

a. Rating badges consist of a perched eagle with expanded wings pointing upward and its head facing right. Chevrons, indicating the wearer's rate, and a specialty mark indicating rating is part of the badge. Chevrons on rating badges for men, E-4 through E-6, measure 3-1/4 inches wide. Chevrons on women's rating badges measure 2-1/2 inches wide and their rating insignia is 3/4 the size of men's. Women wearing the men's peacoat will use the men's size rating badge on the peacoat.



PETTY OFFICER  
FIRST CLASS



PETTY OFFICER  
SECOND CLASS



PETTY OFFICER  
THIRD CLASS

b. Rating badges with Navy blue backgrounds are worn on Navy blue uniforms. There are two blue background materials: (1) 75/25% poly/wool and 55/45% poly/wool gabardine used on women's Service Dress Blue; (2) 100% wool serge used on peacoats and men's Service Dress Blue Jumper

c. Rating badges for E-6 and below Dinner Dress Blue Jacket is made of the same material as the uniform component. Rating badges with white backgrounds match the fabric of uniforms on which they are worn. Colors of the eagle, specialty mark, chevrons, and service stripes for prescribed uniforms and components are mandatory as indicated on the following chart:

<u>UNIFORM</u>	<u>RATING BADGE BACKGROUND</u>	<u>EAGLE, SPECIALTY MARK</u>	<u>CHEVRONS</u>	<u>SERVICE STRIPES</u>
DINNER DRESS BLUE JACKET	NAVY BLUE	WHITE/SILVER	CARDINAL/GOLD	CARDINAL/GOLD
DINNER DRESS WHITE JACKET	WHITE	BLUE	BLUE/GOLD	BLUE/GOLD
SERVICE DRESS BLUE	NAVY BLUE	WHITE/SILVER	CARDINAL/GOLD	CARDINAL/GOLD
SERVICE DRESS WHITE	WHITE	BLUE	BLUE	BLUE

PEACOCK NAVY BLUE WHITE CARDINAL NONE

## 2. Position

a. Rating badges are sewn on the left sleeve centered between the shoulder seam and the elbow as shown for the uniforms listed below.



Maternity Blue  
Service Dress Jumpers  
White Shirts (SS only)



Dinner Dress Coats  
Service Dress Coats  
Peacoats

## 4222. GROUP RATE MARKS

1. General. Consists of two or three short diagonal stripes which, alone, or in combination with specialty marks, indicate E-2 and E-3 paygrades. Personnel in paygrade E-1 do not wear group rate mark. Men and women wear the same size.

2. Proper Wear and Positioning. Group rate marks are placed on a rectangular background and worn on the left sleeve of all Service Dress uniforms. They are worn in the same relative position as that of rating badges. Group rate marks are not worn on any outer garment.

3. Description. The stripes are 3 inches long and placed at an angle of 30 degrees from the horizontal line on a rectangular background of a color that matches the uniform on which it is worn. For fabric of group rate marks refer to <article 4221.1b/c>. The lower end of the stripes is to the front. E-2 personnel wear two stripes and E-3 personnel wear three stripes.

a. Seaman and Apprentices. Seamen and seamen apprentices wear white stripes on blue uniforms and navy blue stripes on white uniforms.

b. Fireman and Apprentices. Firemen and firemen apprentices wear red stripes on blue and white uniforms.

c. Constructionman and Apprentices. Constructionmen and construction apprentices wear light blue stripes on blue and white uniforms.

d. Airman and Apprentices. Airmen and airmen apprentices wear emerald green stripes on blue and white uniforms.

e. Hospitalman and Apprentices. Hospitalman and hospitalman apprentices wear white stripes and specialty marks on blue uniform and navy blue stripes and specialty marks on white uniforms.

## 4223. STRIKER MARKS

1. General. E1-E3 personnel who are qualified, and have been designated following instructions issued by Naval Military Personnel Command, wear the specialty mark of the rating for which they have qualified.

2. Position. E-1's wear the striker mark only, centered 2 inches above the midway point between shoulder and elbow on the left sleeve of all Service Dress uniforms, in the same position relative to the center line of the sleeve as prescribed for rating badges. E-2's and E-3's wear the striker mark centered immediately above the background of the group rate marks on the left sleeve, or striker's mark and group rate mark may be one piece. They are only worn on Service Dress uniforms. Men and women wear the same size.



Striker's Mark (Personnel Specialist)

4224. APPRENTICE TRAINING GRADUATES. Apprentice training graduates wear the devices as shown below, in the same relative position as the striker marks. Wear apprentice devices until designated a striker then replace apprentice devices with an appropriate striker mark.



Airmen



Firemen



Seamen

4225. UNIT IDENTIFICATION MARKS (UIM's). E1-E6 personnel assigned for **permanent duty** (not in transit), including Naval Reserve Reinforcement and Augment Personnel, are required to wear UIM's on the right sleeve of Dress Jumper uniforms and short sleeved white shirts. Exemptions to required wear may be granted by the prescribing authority (area coordinators) to meet security requirements. Commands will submit UIM wear exemption requests to their prescribing authority for approval. UIM's have 1/4 inch white block letters, embroidered on a black background 1/2 inch wide, and are worn with the top edge parallel to and 3/8 inch below lower row of shoulder sleeve stitching. Center them on the outer face of the sleeve and sew them on with colorfast blue thread. UIMs are authorized in two lengths, 5 inch and 5-3/4 inch. The UIMs are lettered with the approved short title of the command, as contained in the Standard Navy Distribution Lists (SNDL) Parts 1 and 2 (OPNAV P09B2-105). Wear the UIM of the parent command unless one of the following exists: (1) Have own UTC; (2) Tenant command non-located with parent command. Upon reporting for duty, men and women will be issued seven UIMs. Organizations are authorized to purchase UIMs from O&MN funds. Any ship/unit that is decommissioned/disestablished or transferred to reserve status should forward ten UIM's for historical purposes, to the Naval Historical Center, Curator for the Navy, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC, 20374-0571. (For ordering information, see link.)

4226. SPECIALTY MARKS. Center a specialty mark, indicating the rating, between the eagle's talons and the upper chevrons. Specialty marks are as follows:



1. Aerographer's Mate (AG). A winged circle with vertical, feathered arrow through it. One-half of the circle is filled in and to the front.

2. Air Traffic Controller (AC). A winged microphone.

3. Aircrew Survival Equipmentman (PR). A winged parachute.

4. Aviation Boatwain's Mate (AB). Crossed winged anchors, crowns down.

5. Aviation Electrician's Mate (AE). A winged globe, with five embroidered latitudinal lines and five embroidered longitudinal lines.

6. Aviation Electronics Technician (AT). Winged helium atom, surrounded by the revolving electrons, one horizontal and one vertical.

7. Aviation Machinist's Mate (AD). A winged two-bladed propeller.





8. Aviation Maintenance Administrationman (AZ). A winged two-bladed propeller centered on an open book.



9. Aviation Ordnanceman (AO). A winged flaming spherical shell.



10. Aviation Structural Mechanic (AM). Winged crossed mauls; heads of mauls up.



11. Aviation Support Equipment Technician (AS). A winged maul and spark, head of maul up; spark points down and to the front.



12. Aviation Warfare Systems Operator (AW). Winged crossed electron orbits, canted with a lightning bolt passing through toward waves.



13. Boatswain's Mate (BM). Crossed anchors; crowns down.



14. Builder (BU). Carpenter's square, points up, superimposed on plumb bob.



15. Command Master Chief. One inch silver star; one ray down.



16. Construction Electrician (CE). A spark superimposed, at an angle, on a telephone pole; lower end of spark to the front.



17. Construction Mechanic (CM). Double-headed wrench superimposed on a nut.



18. Cryptologic Technician (CT). Crossed quill and spark, both pointing down; pen on top with nib to the front.

19. Culinary Specialist (CS). Crossed keys and quill superimposed upon an open ledger.





20. Damage Controlman (DC). A crossed ax and maul.



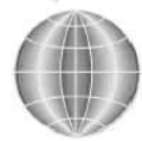
21. Dental Technician (DT). A caduceus, with a block letter "D" midway on the staff. (Disestablished and converted to HM, 1 Oct 05.)



22. Disbursing Clerk (DK). A check with a key in it at an angle; web and pin of key down and to the front. (Disestablished and converted to PS, 1 Oct 05.)



23. Electrician's Mate (EM). A globe, with five latitudinal and five longitudinal lines.



24. Electronics Technician (ET). A helium atom.



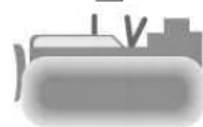
25. Engineering Aid (EA). A leveling rod with the measuring scale to the front.



26. Engineman (EN). A gear.



27. Equipment Operator (EO). A bulldozer, blade to the front.



28. Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD). Contact mine superimposed on a crossed torpedo and aircraft bomb.



29. Fire Control Technician (FT). A range finder.



30. Fire Controlman (FC). A range finder with spark on each side that faces inward.



31. Gas Turbine System Technician (GS). A turbine with an impeller.



32. Gunner's Mate (GM). Crossed gun barrels; muzzles up.



33. Hospital Corpsman (HM). A caduceus.



34. Hull Maintenance Technician (HT). Crossed fire axe and maul, handles down; fire axe blade to front, on a carpenter's square that points down.



35. Illustrator Draftsman (DM). A triangle with draftsman's compass on it; the right angle of triangle points down. (Disestablished and converted to MC, 1 Jul 06.)



36. Information Systems Technician (IT). Four sparks; points to the front.



37. Intelligence Specialist (IS). Magnifying glass and quill.



38. Interior Communications Electrician (IC). Electrician Mate's device with a French-style telephone above it.



39. Journalist (JO). Scroll and quill; pen uppermost, nib of pen down and to the front. (Disestablished and converted to MC, 1 Jul 06.)



40. Legalman (LN). A vertical mill rinde over a quill; nib of pen down and to the left.



41. Lithographer (LI). Crossed litho crayon holder and scraper uppermost, blade to the front. (Disestablished and converted to MC, 1 Jul 06.)



42. Logistics Specialist (LS). Crossed keys, stems down, webs outward.



43. Machinery Repairman (MR). Micrometer and gear; handle of micrometer to the rear, open parts of jaws holding gear. The device is worn with the handle parallel to the upper edge of the left arm of the chevron.



44. Machinist's Mate (MM). Three-bladed propeller; one blade pointing down.

45. Mass Communications Specialist (MC). Globe with a satellite in orbit and four

superimposed lightning bolts.



46. Master-at-Arms (MA). A star pointing up in a circle, within a shield.



47. MCPON, Fleet Force Master Chief. One inch gold star; one ray down.



48. Mineman (MN). A floating mine.



49. Missile Technician (MT). A guided missile surrounded by an electronic wave.



50. Musician (MU). A lyre.



51. Navy Counselor (NC). An anchor crossed with a quill.



52. Navy Diver (ND). A U.S. Navy Mark-V diving helmet and breastplate.



53. Operations Specialist (OS). An A-cope on an arrow; arrow pointing diagonally upward and to the front.



54. Personnel Specialist (PS). Crossed manual and quill; manual upper most; pen nib down and to the front. (The Personnelman (PN) rate has been disestablished and converted to PS 1 Oct 05)



55. Photographer's Mate (PH). Winged graphic solution of photographic problem. (Disestablished and converted to MC, 1 Jul 06.)



56. Postal Clerk (PC). A postal cancellation mark. (Disestablished and converted to LS, 1 Oct 09.)





57. Quartermaster (QM). A ship's helm.



58. Religious/Program Specialist (RP). A rose compass, a globe, and an anchor.



59. Ship's Serviceman (SH). Crossed key and quill; stem of key and pen nib down; pen to be uppermost; web and pin of key to the front.



60. Special Warfare Operator (SO). Flintlock pistol superimposed onto an anchor and trident.



61. Special Warfare Boat Operator (SB). Crossed cutlass and cocked flintlock pistol superimposed onto an anchor.



62. Sonar Technician (ST). Earphones with arrow in horizontal position, point to the front.



63. Steelworker (SW). An I-beam suspended from a hook; open side of hook to the front.



64. Storekeeper (SK). Crossed keys, stems down, webs outward. (Disestablished and converted to LS, 1 Oct 09.)



65. Torpedoman's Mate (TM). A torpedo, head to the front. (Disestablished and converted to GM, 1 Oct 07.)



66. Utilities Man (UT). A valve with flange to the front.



67. Yeoman (YN). Crossed quills, nibs down.

#### 4227. Collar Insignia.

a. E4-E6 personnel shall wear anodized (highly polished) 1-1/4 inch collar devices (article 4331.2e) on the collar of the blue all-weather coat. Wear metal rank insignia on each epaulet centered from side to side with the bottom edge of the device approximately 3/4 inch from the squared end of the epaulet on the black relax fit jacket. Embroidered miniature sized (approximately 1-1/4 inch) collar device tapes on Navy coveralls and the Navy Working Uniform (NWU). NOTE: Embroidered collar devices may be slightly larger than metal collar devices.

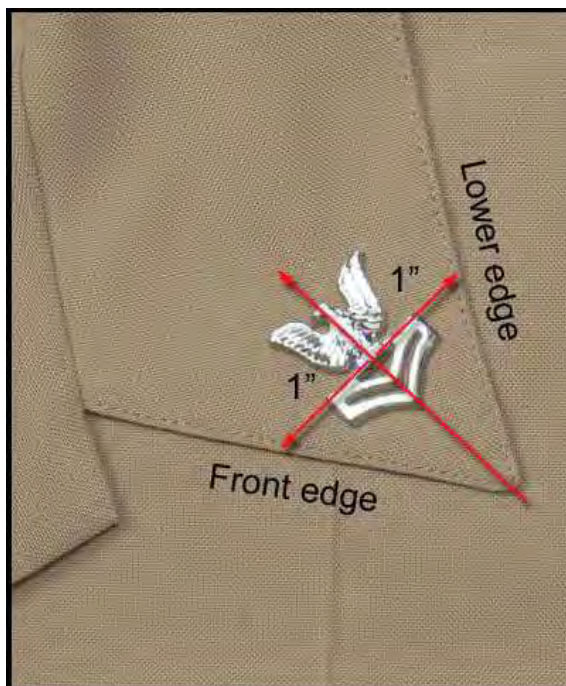


b. E2-E6 personnel wearing the male Service Uniform (SU) Khaki Shirt or female Overblouse will also wear anodized (highly polished) miniature rank/collar devices (article 4331.2e) on both shirt collars points as prescribed below. Rate specialty marks (e.g. caduceus, cross quills, ship's helm, etc) are not authorized to be worn on the collar of the SU khaki shirt or khaki overblouse.

c. Personnel who qualify for gold service strips outlined in article <4332> and <4333> are entitled to wear gold chevrons vice cardinal on the collar devices for Navy coveralls. Additionally, those same personnel are authorized to wear gold chevrons on the epaulets of the optional black relax fit (stand-up knit collar) jacket when wearing the SU.

d. Collar insignia placement for the Navy Working Uniform (NWU) can be found in chapter 3, section 6, article 3603.

e. Place collar devices at point (A) 1 inch from the front and lower edges of the collar and place the vertical axis of the insignia along an imaginary line (B) bisecting the angle of the collar point. Eagles face toward the front (inward). See diagram and photos below.



**Service Uniform E-2/E-3 Collar Device Placement**



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### 4231. [SERVICE STRIPES](#)

1. **Description.** Consist of embroidered diagonal stripes, 7 inches long and 3/8 inch wide for male CPO's. Male E1-E6 personnel wear service stripes 5-1/4 inches long and 3/8 inch wide. Navy women wear service stripes 5-1/4 inches long and 1/4 inch wide.

2. **Position.** Sew on the left sleeve of Dress Blue, Dress White, Dinner Dress Blue Jacket, and the Dinner Dress White Jacket with the lower ends to the front. The lower end of the first stripe is 2 inches from the end of the sleeve. On jumpers having a buttoned cuff the lower end of the first stripe is 1-1/2 inches above the upper edge of the cuff. The trailing edge of the stripe is in line with the trailing edge of the rating badge. The stripes are at a 45 degree angle. When more than one stripe is authorized they are placed 1/4 inch apart.

3. **Color.** Stripes are either cardinal, gold or blue as specified.

4. **Entitlements.** All personnel wear one stripe for each four years of active duty service or reserve service in an active status in any of the armed services.

4232. **[GOLD RATING BADGE AND SERVICE STRIPES.](#)** Personnel whose most recent 12 cumulative years of Naval active or active reserve service meets requirements for Good Conduct Service (that which meets minimum requirements for performance, conduct and evaluations marks for the Good Conduct Award) shall wear gold rating badges and gold service stripes on Dress Blue uniforms, Dinner Dress Blue uniforms and Dinner Dress Blue/White Jacket uniforms. The 12 years may be active or drilling reserve time in the Navy, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps, or Marine Corps Reserve. Times excluded are: delayed entry programs, inactive reserves and broken service. Under broken service conditions - resume the cumulative time count upon active duty reenlistment or upon enlisting in the drilling reserves.

4233. **[CONTINUED WEARING OF GOLD.](#)** Once qualified to wear the gold rating badge and gold service stripes, the qualification continues through the duration of an enlisted person's service, providing they continue to meet minimum conduct, performance, and evaluation mark requirements for a Good Conduct Medal or Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Award. On the date the individual fails to meet the minimum standards, the gold rating badge and gold service stripes must be removed from the uniform. Additionally, if an individual is convicted by court-martial or Non-Judicial Punishment (NJP), the gold badge and gold service stripes must be removed from the uniform on the date the conviction becomes final within the meaning of Article 76, Uniform Code of Military Justice. The privilege to again wear the gold service stripes/rating badge may only be earned by fulfilling the requirements listed in <4232>.

4234. **[FLEET RESERVE PERSONNEL.](#)** Fleet reserve personnel may wear the gold rating badges and service stripes authorized at the time of their transfer to the fleet reserve. For fleet reserve personnel returning to active duty, fleet reserve time is considered broken time for the purpose of determining authorized additional service stripes, and qualifying to wear gold sleeve insignia.

4235. **[RATING MERGERS.](#)** Personnel serving in ratings which have been merged with another rating may continue wearing the old rating badge until their next advancement or until 24 months after the effective completion date of the merger, whichever comes first.

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## RANK/RATE INSIGNIA

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#### 4311. HEADGEAR INSIGNIA (COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS)

##### 1. Cap Device

a. Commissioned Officers and Commissioned Warrant Officers. Consists of two gold crossed fouled anchors with burnished silver shield surmounted by a burnished silver spread eagle facing to wearer's right. It may be embroidered or made of metal (standard or high relief). The device is attached to the mount of the combination cap band. Miniature cap devices have the same design but the overall size is reduced by one-half.



b. Warrant Officers, W-1. Consists of two crossed gold color foul anchors, of a size to be inscribed in a circle 2-1/4 inches in diameter. The unfouled arm of the stock shall point inward. It may be embroidered or made of metal. The device shall be attached to the mount of the combination cap band.



##### 2. Visor Ornamentation:

a. Male and female flag officers' cap visors are covered with dark blue cloth, embroidered with two rows of gold oak leaves and acorns. The hat band is encircled at the top by gold braid piping approximately 1/8 inch wide.





b. For Captains and Commanders the visor/hat band ornamentation is one vice two rows of the same ornamentation as for Flag Officers.



c. For officers of the rank of Lieutenant Commander and below the visor/hat band is plain.



### 3. Chin Straps

a. For all commissioned officers and commissioned warrant officers, chin straps shall be ½ inch wide, faced with gold lace, and shall be secured at each side of the cap by a Navy eagle, gilt button.



b. For warrant officers, W-1, chin straps shall be ¼ inch wide, faced with gold lace, and shall be secured at each side of the cap by a Navy eagle, gilt button.



### 4. Headgear

a. Combination Cap. Insignia on combination caps consists of a cap device, chin strap, and retaining buttons. An embroidered visor/hat band is worn by officers of the rank of Commander and above. Female officers, O-5 and above, do not wear the gold chin strap.



b. Garrison Cap. Insignia on the garrison cap consists of metal collar size grade insignia and miniature cap device.

(1) Miniature Cap Device

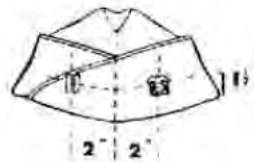
(a) Commissioned Officers and Commissioned Warrant Officers. Metal insignia designed like the cap device for combination caps, but reduced by one-half.



(b) Warrant Officers, W-1. Metal insignia of the same design and color as the cap device described for wear on the combination cap except that each dimension shall be reduced by one-half.



(2) Position. Cap devices and rank devices, for garrison caps, are worn on the left and right side, respectively.



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4321. [HEADGEAR INSIGNIA \(CPO\)](#)

1. [Cap Device \(CPO\)](#). Cap devices consist of a gold fouled anchor with silver block letters "USN" superimposed on the anchor's shank. One, two, or three silver stars are attached above the anchor's stock indicating Senior Chief, Master Chief, and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.



2. [Chin Strap](#). The chin strap is ½ inch wide made of black patent leather or vinyl, and adjusted to fit snugly against the cap. Wear the chin strap with the grommet to your left.

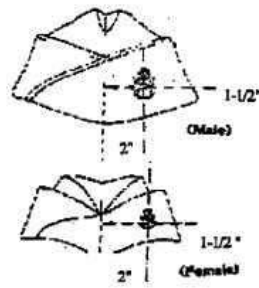


3. [Headgear](#)

a. [Combination Cap](#). The combination cap has a cap device as described above. Gold navy eagle buttons attach the black chin strap to the cap frame through a black mounting band. The cap device is attached to the mounting band with the stock's unfouled arm to the wearer's right.



b. [Garrison Cap](#). Center a miniature CPO cap device on the left side of the garrison cap in the manner shown below.



c. Dimensions of CPO Devices



Cap Device  
1-3/4 inch



Miniature Cap Device  
1-1/4 inch



Collar Device  
1 inch

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## 4331. HEADGEAR INSIGNIA (E1-E6)

1. Cap Device (E1-E6). Device consists of anodized (highly polished) spread eagle, with block letters "USN" placed horizontally between the wing tips and centered above the eagle's head.



### 2. Headgear

- a. Combination Hat (Women). Attach the cap device to a mount and place behind the cap band.



- b. Garrison Cap. E4-E6 personnel center a cap device (same insignia as worn on Navy/command ball cap <article 4331.2e> on the left side of the garrison cap in the same relative position as described for Chief Petty Officers, <article 4321.3c>. Insignia consists of an eagle and chevrons of either bright shiny silver or gold finish. Petty officers entitled to wear gold rating badges and service stripes on their Service Dress Blue uniform wear gold chevrons vice silver on their cap device. E1-E3 wear no insignia on the garrison cap.

- c. Navy/Command Ball Cap. Regular size insignia may be worn on the Navy/Command ball cap by E4-E6 personnel. Insignia consists of an eagle and chevron(s) of either bright shiny silver or gold finish. Petty officers entitled to wear gold rating badges and service stripes on their Service Dress Blue uniform wear gold chevrons vice silver on their cap device. Center the device on the front of the ball cap, and 1-1/4 inches above the visor.



Regular



Miniature

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