

# USAF Grades and Insignia

## Officer



Second Lieutenant  
(O-1)



Brigadier General  
(O-7)



First Lieutenant  
(O-2)



Major General  
(O-8)



Captain  
(O-3)



Lieutenant General  
(O-9)



Major  
(O-4)



General  
(O-10)



Lieutenant Colonel  
(O-5)



Colonel  
(O-6)

## Enlisted



Master Sergeant  
(E-7)

Airman Basic  
(E-1)  
No insignia



Airman  
(E-2)



Senior Master Sergeant  
(E-8)



Airman First Class  
(E-3)



Chief Master Sergeant  
(E-9)



Senior Airman  
(E-4)



Staff Sergeant  
(E-5)



Chief Master Sergeant of  
the Air Force



Technical Sergeant  
(E-6)



First Sergeant  
The diamond device, shown here on senior master sergeant stripes, denotes an E-7 through E-9 who advises and assists a squadron commander in managing unit activities.



Command Chief Master  
Sergeant  
The star device shown here denotes an E-9 who serves in a 9E000 position, formerly known as a senior enlisted advisor.

# Awards and Decorations

This display represents, in correct order of precedence, selected ribbons from World War II to present day. For information regarding ribbons not depicted, refer to AFI 36-2803.



Medal of Honor



Air Force Cross



Defense Distinguished Service Medal



Distinguished Service Medal (AF)



Silver Star



Defense Superior Service Medal



Legion of Merit



Distinguished Flying Cross



Airman's Medal



Bronze Star Medal



Purple Heart



Defense Meritorious Service Medal



Meritorious Service Medal (AF)



Air Medal



Aerial Achievement Medal



Joint Service Commendation Medal



Air Force Commendation Medal



Joint Service Achievement Medal



Air Force Achievement Medal



Presidential Unit Citation



Joint Meritorious Unit Award



AF Outstanding Unit Award



AF Organizational Excellence Award



Prisoner of War Medal



Combat Readiness Medal



Air Force Good Conduct Medal



Good Conduct Medal



Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal



Outstanding Airman of the Year



Air Force Recognition Ribbon



American Defense Service Medal



American Campaign Medal



Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal



European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal



World War II Victory Medal



Army of Occupation Medal



Medal for Humane Action



National Defense Service Medal



Korean Service Medal



Antarctica Service Medal



Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal



Vietnam Service Medal



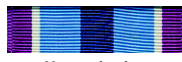
Southwest Asia Service Medal



Kosovo Campaign Medal



Armed Forces Service Medal



Humanitarian Service Medal



Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal



Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Short



Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Long



AF Longevity Service Award Ribbon



USAF Basic Military Training Instructor Ribbon



Air Force Recruiter Ribbon



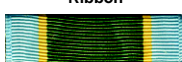
Armed Forces Reserve Medal



USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon



USAF Basic Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon



Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon



Air Force Training Ribbon



Philippine Defense Ribbon



Philippine Liberation Ribbon



Philippine Independence Ribbon



Philippine Presidential Unit Citation



ROK Presidential Unit Citation



RVN Gallantry Cross with Palm\*



United Nations Service Medal



United Nations Medal



NATO Medal Yugoslavia



NATO Medal Kosovo



Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal



Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Kuwait Liberation Medal, Government of Kuwait



Republic of Korea War Service Medal

\*Also awarded with gold, silver, or bronze devices. The gold frame on the ribbon denotes a unit citation; without, an individual citation.

# Devices



**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.



**Silver Star**  
is worn in the same manner as the bronze star, but each is worn in lieu of five bronze service stars.



**Silver and Bronze Stars**  
When worn together on a single ribbon, silver stars will be worn to the wearer's right of any bronze star.



**Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster**  
represents second and subsequent entitlements of awards.



**Silver Oak Leaf Cluster**  
represents the sixth, 11th, etc., entitlements or is worn in lieu of five bronze OLCs.



**Silver/Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters**  
Silver OLCs are worn to the wearer's right of the bronze OLCs on the same ribbon.



**Valor Device**  
represents valor and does not denote an additional award. Only one may be earned on any ribbon. It is worn to the wearer's right of any clusters on the same ribbon.



**Mobility Device**  
is worn with the Armed Forces Reserve Medal to denote active duty for at least one day during a contingency.



**Hourglass Device**  
is issued for the Armed Forces Reserve Medal in bronze for 10 years of service, silver for 20, and gold for 30 years.



**Berlin Airlift Device**  
is worn with the Army of Occupation Medal to denote service of 90 consecutive days in direct support of the Berlin Airlift, June 26, 1948, to Sept. 30, 1949.

# Wings and Badges

Shown here and on p. 74 are current wings and badges. The basic level of wings or badges is illustrated. Most wings and badges have two other categories of accomplishment—senior and either commander, master, or chief. A star centered above the badge indicates the senior level, while a star surrounded by a wreath above the badge represents the master level.



Astronaut

The astronaut designator indicates a USAF rated officer qualified to perform duties in space (50 miles and up) and who has completed at least one operational mission. Pilot wings are used here to illustrate the position of the designator on the wings.



Pilot



Navigator/Observer



Enlisted Aircrew



Flight Surgeon



Flight Nurse



Officer Aircrew Member



Missile with Operations Designer



Missile

# Berets

Five USAF career fields are authorized to wear a colored beret along with the crest of that particular field. Below are those badges on their particular beret color.

Combat Control Team



Combat Weather

The parachutist badge indicates the wearer is at the master level.



Force Protection

Officers display their rank in a plain blue shield above the motto "Defensor Fortis."



Pararescue



Tactical Air Control Party



# Badges, continued



Acquisition and Financial Management



Air Traffic Control



Band



Chaplain Service Support



Civil Engineer



Command and Control



Communications and Information



Explosive Ordnance Disposal



Force Protection



Historian



Information Management



Intelligence



Judge Advocate



Logistics



Maintenance



Manpower and Personnel



Meteorologist



Operations Support



Parachutist



Paralegal



Public Affairs



Services



Space/Missile



Supply/Fuels



Transportation



Weapons Director

## Medical



Biomedical Science Corps



Dental Corps



Enlisted Medical



Medical Corps



Medical Service Corps



Nurse Corps

## Chaplain



Buddhist



Christian



Jewish



Muslim