

Rank and Grade

Rank and *grade* are terms used by the military to classify soldiers. Rank is the actual title held by a soldier; grade is a letter/number combination that means the same thing. Soldiers are classified as either enlisted or officers. Figure 1.3.2 identifies the rank and grade for soldiers in the U.S. Army.

Within the enlisted ranks are two divisions based on experience and skill. The first three enlisted positions are usually entry level.














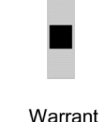




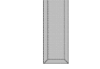










CATEGORY	Insignia of the United States Army					
ENLISTED (Green and Gold)	E-1	E-2	E-3	E-4		E-5
	 no insignia Private	 Private	 Private 1st Class	 Corporal	 Specialist	 Sergeant
	 Staff Sergeant	E-7		E-8		E-9
	 Sergeant 1st Class	 Master Sergeant	 1st Sergeant	 Sergeant Major	 Command Sergeant Major	 Sergeant Major of the Army
WARRANT OFFICER (Silver and Black)	W-1	W-2	W-3	W-4	W-5	
	 Warrant Officer	 Chief Warrant Officer	 Chief Warrant Officer	 Chief Warrant Officer	 Master Warrant Officer	
COMPANY AND FIELD GRADE OFFICER (Gold and Silver)	0-1	0-2	0-3	0-4	0-5	0-6
	 (gold) 2nd Lieutenant	 (silver) 1st Lieutenant	 (silver) Captain	 (gold) Major	 (silver) Lieutenant Colonel	 (silver) Colonel
GENERAL OFFICER (Silver)	0-7	0-8	0-9	0-10		0-11
	 Brigadier General	 Major General	 Lieutenant General	 General		 General of the Army

Figure 1.3.2: Rank and grade for U. S. Army soldiers.