

# Officer Ranks and Forms of Address for Military Officers

US Marine Corps		
Rank Abbreviation	Pay Grade	Salutation
Gen	O10	General
LtGen	O9	General
MajGen	O8	General
BGen	O7	General
Col	O6	Colonel
LtCol	O5	Colonel
Maj	O4	Major
Capt	O3	Captain
1stLt	O2	Lieutenant
2ndLt	O1	Lieutenant
CW05	W5	Chief Warrant Officer
CW04	W4	Chief Warrant Officer
CW03	W3	Chief Warrant Officer
CW02	W2	Chief Warrant Officer
WO1	W1	Warrant Officer

US Navy		
Rank Abbreviation	Pay Grade	Salutation
ADM	O10	Admiral
VADM	O9	Admiral
RADM	O8	Admiral
RDML	O7	Admiral
CAPT	O6	Captain
CDR	O5	Commander
LCDR	O4	Commander
LT	O3	Lieutenant
LTJG	O2	Lieutenant
ENS	O1	Ensign
CW05	W5	Chief Warrant Officer
CW04	W4	Chief Warrant Officer
CW03	W3	Chief Warrant Officer
CW02	W2	Chief Warrant Officer
WO1	W1	Warrant Officer

US Coast Guard		
Rank Abbreviation	Pay Grade	Salutation
VADM	O9	Admiral
RADM	O8	Admiral
RADM	O7	Admiral
CAPT	O6	Captain
CDR	O5	Commander
LCDR	O4	Commander
LT	O3	Lieutenant
LTJG	O2	Lieutenant
ENS	O1	Ensign
CW04	W4	Chief Warrant Officer
CW03	W3	Chief Warrant Officer
CW02	W2	Chief Warrant Officer
WO1	W1	Warrant Officer

US Air Force		
Rank Abbreviation	Pay Grade	Salutation
Gen	O10	General
Lt Gen	O9	General
Maj Gen	O8	General
Brig Gen	O7	General
Col	O6	Colonel
Lt Col	O5	Colonel
Maj	O4	Major
Capt	O3	Captain
1st Lt	O2	Lieutenant
2d Lt	O1	Lieutenant
CW04	W4	Chief Warrant Officer
CW03	W3	Chief Warrant Officer
CW02	W2	Chief Warrant Officer
WO1	W1	Warrant Officer

- Full rank designations are not spelled out.
- Salutations are used in letters, introductions at public events and similar situations
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US Army		
Rank Abbreviation	Pay Grade	Salutation
GEN	O10	General
LTG	O9	General
MG	O8	General
BG	O7	General
COL	O6	Colonel
LTC	O5	Colonel
MAJ	O4	Major
CPT	O3	Captain
1LT	O2	Lieutenant
2LT	O1	Lieutenant
CW5	W5	Chief Warrant Officer
CW4	W4	Chief Warrant Officer
CW3	W3	Chief Warrant Officer
CW2	W2	Chief Warrant Officer
WO1	W1	Warrant Officer

US Public Health Service			
PHS Title	Navy Equivalent	Pay Grade	Salutation
Assistant Secretary for Health	ADM	O10	Admiral
Surgeon General	VADM	O9	Admiral
Dep Surg Gen or Asst Surg Gen	RADM	O8	Admiral
Assistant Surgeon General	RADM	O7	Admiral
Director	CAPT	O6	Captain
Senior	CDR	O5	Commander
Full	LCDR	O4	Commander
Senior Assistant	LT	O3	Lieutenant
Assistant	LTJG	O2	Lieutenant
Junior Assistant	ENS	O1	Ensign

NOAA		
Rank Abbreviation	Pay Grade	Salutation
RADM	O8	Admiral
RADM	O7	Admiral
CAPT	O6	Captain
CDR	O5	Commander
LCDR	O4	Commander
LT	O3	Lieutenant
LTJG	O2	Lieutenant
ENS	O1	Ensign