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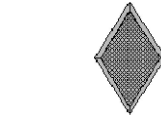
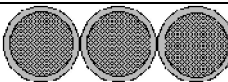
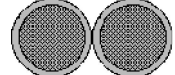











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Grade	Abbrev.	Term of Address	Grade Insignia
General of the Air Force (O-11)	(None)	General	
General (O-10)	Gen	General	
Lieutenant General (O-9)	Lt Gen	General	
Major General (O-8)	Maj Gen	General	
Brigadier General (O-7)	Brig Gen	General	
Colonel (O-6)	Col	Colonel	
Lieutenant Colonel (O-5)	Lt Col	Colonel	 (silver)
Major (O-4)	Maj	Major	 (gold)

Captain (O-3)	Capt	Captain	
First Lieutenant (O-2)	1st Lt	Lieutenant	 (silver)
Second Lieutenant (O-1)	2d Lt	Lieutenant	 (gold)
Senior Flight Officer	SFO	Flight Officer	
Technical Flight Officer	TFO	Flight Officer	
Flight Officer	FO	Flight Officer	
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (E-9)	CMSAF	Chief	
Command Chief Master Sergeant (E-9)	CCMSgt	Chief	

Chief Master Sergeant (E-9)	CMSgt	Chief	First Sergeant	
Senior Master Sergeant (E-8)	SMSgt	Sergeant	First Sergeant	
Master Sergeant (E-7)	MSgt	Sergeant	First Sergeant	
Technical Sergeant (E-6)	TSgt	Sergeant		
Staff Sergeant (E-5)	SSgt	Sergeant		
Senior Airman (E-4)	SrA	Airman		
Airman First Class (E-3)	A1C	Airman		
Airman (E-2)	Amn	Airman		
Airman Basic (E-1)	AB	Basic		(No USAF Grade Insignia is worn)
Senior Member	SM	Senior Member		(No CAP Grade Insignia is worn - wears the CAP Cutout on both lapels of the collar)
Cadet Colonel	C/Col	Colonel		
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel	C/Lt Col	Colonel		

Cadet Major	C/Maj	Major	
Cadet Captain	C/Capt	Captain	
Cadet First Lieutenant	C/1st Lt	Lieutenant	
Cadet Second Lieutenant	C/2d Lt	Lieutenant	
Cadet Chief Master Sergeant	C/CMSgt	Chief	
Cadet Senior Master Sergeant	C/SMSgt	Sergeant	
Cadet Master Sergeant	C/MSgt	Sergeant	
Cadet Technical Sergeant	C/TSgt	Sergeant	
Cadet Staff Sergeant	C/SSgt	Sergeant	
Cadet Senior Airman	C/SrA	Airman	

Cadet Airman First Class	C/A1C	Airman	
Cadet Airman	C/Amn	Airman	
Cadet Airman Basic	C/AB	Basic	(No CAP Grade Insignia is worn - wears the CAP Cutout on both lapels of the collar)

Notes:

- During a war, each branch of the military can appoint O-11's. In the United States Air Force (USAF), an O-11's grade is General of the Air Force; in the United States Army (USA), an O-11's grade is General of the Army; in the United States Navy (USN), an O-11's grade is Fleet Admiral. There is not such grade as an O-11 in the United States Marine Corps (USMC) or the United States Coast Guard (USCG), since they both fall under the USN during wartime.
- Although there exists CAP Senior Member General Officers as high as Major General, this pamphlet shows general officers as high as the General of the Air Force, since Lieutenant General through General of the Air Force exist in the Air Force. CAP Senior Member Major General is reserved for current and former CAP National Commanders serving after 1 December 2002. CAP Senior Member Brigadier General is a temporary grade reserved for the CAP National Vice Commander (held only while in that position), as well as former CAP National Commanders serving prior to 1 December 2002.
- The Senior Member Flight Officer grades are for those SMs between the ages of 18 and 21. Upon turning 18, a Mitchell cadet can become a FO, an Earhart cadet a TFO, and a Spaatz cadet a SFO. Upon turning 21, those in flight officer grades can get 2d Lt or higher.
- The CAP Senior Member Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Grades are shown on this pamphlet, however a senior member cannot hold one of these grades unless s/he received a grade transfer from one of the branches of the military. (Example: An Air Force Staff Sergeant can get a grade transfer to a CAP Senior Member Staff Sergeant.)
- The USAF Grades of Master Sergeant through Chief Master Sergeant are shown both with and without a diamond in the middle of the insignia. The insignias on the right are those with the diamonds, which denotes a first sergeant.
- The USAF Grade of Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force is a position held by one Chief Master Sergeant at a time, and the USAF Grade of Command Chief Master Sergeant is a position held by one Chief Master Sergeant per wing or above (as the "first sergeant" for that

entire echelon), therefore the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Command Chief Master Sergeants, and Chief Master Sergeants are all E-9's.

- The CAP Grade of Cadet Flight Officer was phased out, and now when a cadet passes the Mitchell Exam, s/he becomes a Cadet Second Lieutenant. As well, all Cadet Flight Officers were "given" the CAP Grade of Cadet Second Lieutenant (to help phase out the C/FO's).
- The CAP Grade of Cadet Sergeant was also phased out, and it was replaced by the CAP Grade of Cadet Senior Airman, however the same CAP Grade Insignia is used.
- If you get only one thing out of reading this pamphlet, **please note that all USAF and CAP grade and position abbreviations are never punctuated!**

Position Abbreviations:

CC	=	Commander
CV	=	Vice Commander (the # 2 at wings and above)
CD	=	Deputy Commander (the #2 at groups and below)
CS	=	Chief of Staff (the #3 at wings and above)
XO	=	Executive Officer (the #3 at groups and below)
CoC	=	Commandant of Cadets
CCMSgt	=	Command Chief Master Sergeant
CCF	=	First Sergeant
DA	=	Administration
DC	=	Communications
DO	=	Operations
DOV	=	Standardization & Evaluations
DT	=	Training
FM	=	Finance
LG	=	Logistics
PA	=	Public Affairs
SE	=	Safety
OIC	=	Officer-in-Charge (for officers)
NCOIC	=	Non-commissioned Officer-in-Charge (for NCO's)
C/	=	Cadet

Examples:

C/CD	=	Cadet Deputy Commander
C/CCMSgt	=	Cadet Command Chief Master Sergeant
Sqdn 3/CCF	=	Squadron 3 First Sergeant
Alpha/CC	=	Alpha Flight Commander
Bravo/Sgt	=	Bravo Flight Sergeant
C/DA	=	Cadet Administrative Officer
C/LG OIC	=	Cadet Logistics Officer-in-Charge
DC	=	Communications Officer (SM, not Cadet)

See CAPR 10-1, Change 1 to Attachment 6 for additional info
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