

VOLUME 7A, “COMPARABLE GRADES”**SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES**

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| PARAGRAPH | EXPLANATION OF CHANGE/REVISION | PURPOSE |
|------------------|---|----------------|
| All | This chapter has been certified as current. | Current |

Comparable Grades

| Pay Grade | Army | Navy/Coast Guard | Marine Corps |
|-----------|---|---|--|
| O-10 | General | Admiral | General |
| O-9 | Lieutenant General | Vice Admiral | Lieutenant General |
| O-8 | Major General | Rear Admiral (UH) | Major General |
| O-7 | Brigadier General | Rear Admiral (LH) | Brigadier General |
| O-6 | Colonel | Captain | Colonel |
| O-5 | Lieutenant Colonel | Commander | Lieutenant Colonel |
| O-4 | Major | Lieutenant Commander | Major |
| O-3 | Captain | Lieutenant | Captain |
| O-2 | 1 st Lieutenant | Lieutenant (JG) | 1 st Lieutenant |
| O-1 | 2 nd Lieutenant | Ensign | 2 nd Lieutenant |
| W-5 | Chief Warrant Officer | Chief Warrant Officer (note 1) | Chief Warrant Officer 5 |
| W-4 | Chief Warrant Officer | Chief Warrant Officer | Chief Warrant Officer 4 |
| W-3 | Chief Warrant Officer | Chief Warrant Officer | Chief Warrant Officer 3 |
| W-2 | Chief Warrant Officer | Chief Warrant Officer | Chief Warrant Officer 2 |
| W-1 | Warrant Officer | | Warrant Officer |
| E-9 | Sergeant Major of the Army | Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy | Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps |
| E-9 | Command Sergeant Major or Sergeant Major | Master Chief Petty Officer | Sergeant Major or Master Gunnery Sergeant |
| E-8 | First Sergeant or Master Sergeant | Senior Chief Petty Officer | First Sergeant or Master Sergeant |
| E-7 | Sergeant First Class | Chief Petty Officer | Gunnery Sergeant |
| E-6 | Staff Sergeant | Petty Officer, 1 st Class | Staff Sergeant |
| E-5 | Sergeant | Petty Officer, 2 nd Class | Sergeant |
| E-4 | Corporal or Specialist | Petty Officer, 3 rd Class | Corporal |
| E-3 | Private First Class | Seaman | Lance Corporal |
| E-2 | Private | Seaman Apprentice | Private First Class |
| E-1 | Private | Seaman Recruit | Private |

Note 1: The W-5 grade is not used by the Coast Guard.

Comparable Grades (Continued)

| Pay Grade | Air Force | Space Force |
|-----------|--|--|
| O-10 | General | General |
| O-9 | Lieutenant General | Lieutenant General |
| O-8 | Major General | Major General |
| O-7 | Brigadier General | Brigadier General |
| O-6 | Colonel | Colonel |
| O-5 | Lieutenant Colonel | Lieutenant Colonel |
| O-4 | Major | Major |
| O-3 | Captain | Captain |
| O-2 | 1 st Lieutenant | 1 st Lieutenant |
| O-1 | 2 nd Lieutenant | 2 nd Lieutenant |
| W-5 | | |
| W-4 | | |
| W-3 | | |
| W-2 | | |
| W-1 | | |
| E-9 | Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force | Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force |
| E-9 | Chief Master Sergeant | Chief Master Sergeant |
| E-8 | Senior Master Sergeant | Senior Master Sergeant |
| E-7 | Master Sergeant | Master Sergeant |
| E-6 | Technical Sergeant | Technical Sergeant |
| E-5 | Staff Sergeant | Sergeant |
| E-4 | Senior Airman | Specialist 4 |
| E-3 | Airman, First Class | Specialist 3 |
| E-2 | Airman | Specialist 2 |
| E-1 | Airman, Basic | Specialist 1 |