

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

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The previous version dated **April 2018** is archived.

| PARAGRAPH | EXPLANATION OF CHANGE/REVISION | PURPOSE |
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| All | Added the Coast Guard and a note to the “Comparable Grades.” | Addition |
| All | Added a note acknowledging the establishment of U.S. Space Force as the sixth branch of the armed forces and explaining the chapter will be updated as soon as the U.S. Space Force information is available. | Addition |

Comparable Grades

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

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

Note 2: On December 20, 2019, the President signed the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act and with it, directed the establishment of the U.S. Space Force as the sixth branch of the armed forces. At the time of publication, the titles for U.S. Space Force military personnel were not available. This chapter will be updated and republished as soon as the information becomes available.