

## CHAPTER FOUR

### INSIGNIA

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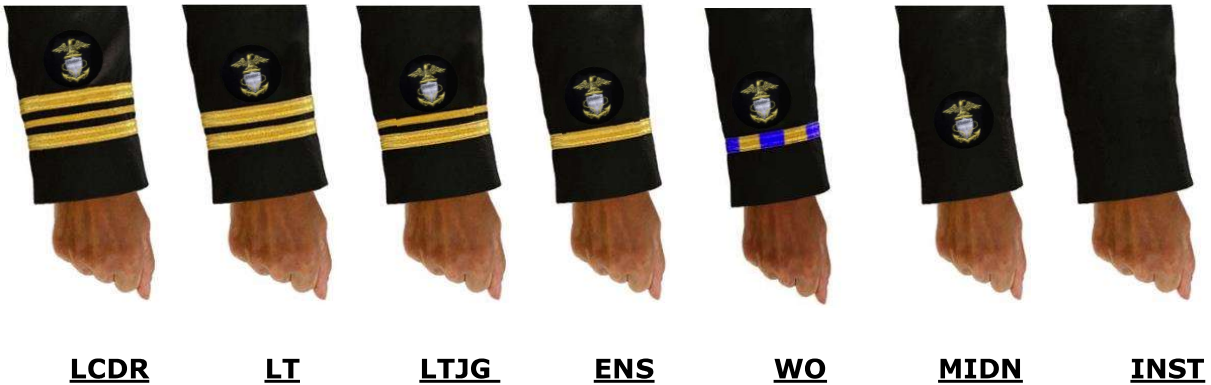
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#### 4100 OFFICER RANK INSIGNIA

4101 **GENERAL.** NSCC Officer rank insignia mirrors that of the United States Navy Ensign to Lieutenant Commander, as well as Warrant Officer and Midshipman.

#### 4102 SLEEVE INSIGNIA

1. **Description.** Gold stripes in widths of either 1/2 inch or 1/4 inch indicating the individual's rank.
2. **Position.** Stripes encircle the sleeve with the lower edge of the first stripe 2 inches from the edge of the sleeve. Multiple stripes have ¼ inch intervals in between.
3. **Configuration.** The sleeve stripe configuration for the NSCC officer ranks is as follows:
  - a. **Lieutenant Commander (LCDR).** Shall wear two 1/2-inch stripes with one 1/4-inch stripe between them.
  - b. **Lieutenant (LT).** Shall wear two 1/2-inch stripes.
  - c. **Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG).** Shall wear a 1/2-inch stripe with one 1/4-inch stripe above it.
  - d. **Ensign (ENS).** Shall wear one 1/2-inch stripe.
  - e. **Warrant Officer (WO).** Shall wear one 1/2 inch stripe of gold lace with ½ inch breaks of bright blue silk thread with breaks 2 inches apart, three breaks centered symmetrically on the outer face of the sleeve (similar to CWO2, USN).
  - f. **Midshipmen (MIDN).** There is no midshipmen sleeve rank insignia.
  - g. **Instructor (INST).** No sleeve rank insignia.



**FIGURE 4-1-1 NSCC OFFICER SLEEVE INSIGNIA**

4103 **SHOULDER INSIGNIA**

1. **Hard Boards**

- a. **Description.** A combination of insignia, embroidered eagle with NSCC shield and stripes of gold lace indicating rank on a black field which indicates the wearer's grade and NSCC status. A smaller size is available and appropriate for females. Worn with Summer Whites and Dress Whites.
- b. **Position.** The tab on the bottom of the shoulder board is slipped through the two loops on each shoulder and secured in place with the gold button supplied with the board. The eagles face forward.
- c. **Configuration.** Pattern of stripes on hard shoulder boards follows that of the sleeve insignia listed in Section 4102.3.



**FIGURE 4-1-2 NSCC OFFICER HARD SHOULDER BOARDS**

## 2. **Soft Boards**

- a. **Description.** A combination of insignia, embroidered eagle with NSCC shield and strips of gold lace indicating rank on a black field which indicates the wearer's grade and NSCC status. Males and females wear the same size. Soft boards are worn with the Dress White shirt and black Sweater.
- b. **Position.** The epaulet on the Shirt/Sweater slips through the soft shoulder boards and is buttoned back down. The eagles face forward.
- c. **Configuration.** Patter of stripes on soft shoulder boards follows that of the sleeve insignia listed in Section 4102.3



**FIGURE 4-1-3 NSCC OFFICER SOFT SHOULDER BOARDS**

## 3. **Metal Grade Insignia**

- a. **Description.** Metal grade insignia is worn on shoulders of windbreakers, raincoats and overcoats as described below.

**Note:** The metal grade insignia of Army and Air Force metal grade insignia, while similar to authorized metal grade insignia, are detailed differently. Be sure you are using metal grade insignia manufactured for the Coast Guard, Navy or Marine Corps.

- b. **Position.** Wear 3/4 inch from the shoulder seam and as described below:
  - 1) **Lieutenant Commander (LCDR).** Place large gold oak leaf with stem away from collar.
  - 2) **Lieutenant (LT).** Place two silver bars, attached near the ends. Place bars on the center line of each shoulder strap with bars in a fore and aft line.

- 3) **Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG)**. Place one silver bar on center line of each shoulder strap, with the longer dimension of the bar in a fore and aft line.
- 4) **Ensign (ENS)**. Place one gold bar on center line of each shoulder strap, with the longer dimension of the bar in a fore and aft line.
- 5) **Warrant Officer (WO)**. Place one gold bar with three blue segments on the center line of each shoulder strap with the longer dimension of the bar in a fore and aft line.
- 6) **Midshipmen (MIDN)**. Place gold fouled anchors with the top of the anchor pointing towards the collar.
- 7) **Instructor (INST)**. Instructors do not wear metal grade insignia on their shoulders.



**LCDR**



**LT**



**LTJG**



**ENS**



**WO**



**MIDN**



**FIGURE 4-1-4 NSCC OFFICER METAL GRADE INSIGNIA**

4104 **SLEEVE DEVICE**

1. **Description.** The NSCC Officer Sleeve Insignia is an embroidered gold eagle over a silver NSCC crest on a black field for dress blue coats.
2. **Wear.** NSCC officers, warrant officers and midshipmen shall wear the embroidered NSCC sleeve device. Instructors do not wear the NSCC officer sleeve device.

3. **Position.** Worn on the outer face of the male and female Service Dress Blue Coat sleeves, centered midway between the front and the rear crease and 1/4 inch above the uppermost gold rank sleeve stripe. For Midshipmen it is centered midway between the front and rear crease and 3 3/8 inches above the sleeve cuff. **See Figure 4-1-1 for position.**



**LEFT**

**RIGHT**

**FIGURE 4-1-5 NSCC OFFICER SLEEVE DEVICE**

4105 **COLLAR GRADE INSIGNIA**

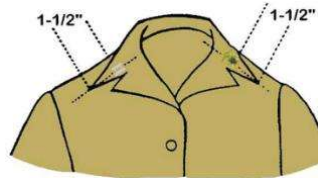
1. **General.** Wear miniature sized metal grade insignia on the right collar points of khaki and Service White shirts. Wear miniature sized embroidered grade insignia tapes on Navy Working Uniform (Type I and Type III).
2. **Description.** Collar grade insignia replicates metal shoulder insignia. Embroidered collar devices may be slightly larger than metal collar devices.

Note: The metal grade insignia of Army and Air Force, while similar to authorized metal grade insignia, are detailed differently. Be sure you are using metal grade insignia manufactured for the Coast Guard, Navy or Marine Corps.

3. **NSCC Miniature Insignia.** 1 1/16 inch version of the NSCC crest. A gold eagle atop a fouled anchor with a silver shield in the foreground. Wear metal crest with khaki and white service uniforms and embroidered crest with Navy Working Uniform Type I and Type III.
4. **Manner of Wear.** Officers wear the grade insignia on the right collar points and the 1 1/16 inch NSCC insignia on the left collar point.
  - a. **Open Collar Short Sleeve Shirts and Navy Working Uniform Type I.** Center the insignia 1 inch from the front and lower edges of the collar and position the vertical axis of the insignia along an imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar point.
  - b. **Navy Working Uniform Type III.** Rank insignia is worn on the Velcro tab in the center of the chest.
  - c. **Instructors.** Wear the NSCC insignia on both collar points, eagles facing inwards.



**MALE**



**FEMALE**



**TYPE III**

**FIGURE 4-1-6 COLLAR GRADE INSIGNIA PLACEMENT**

RANK	METAL GRADE INSIGNIA		TYPE I		TYPE III
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER					
LIEUTENANT					
LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE					
ENSIGN					
WARRANT OFFICER					
MIDSHIPMAN					
INSTRUCTOR					

FIGURE 4-1-7 NSCC OFFICER, MIDN AND INST COLLAR GRADE INSIGNIA

4106 **MIDSHIPMEN COAT DEVICES**

1. **General.** Coat collar insignia is a plain gold anchor 1 7/16 inches in length, with a stock 3/4 inch in width and 1/16th inch wide at the flukes. The stock is inclined eight degrees from the horizontal (right and left). This insignia is worn on the service dress blue uniform.



**RIGHT LAPEL ANCHOR**



**LEFT LAPEL ANCHOR**

**FIGURE 4-1-8 MIDSHIPMAN COAT DEVICE**

2. **Manner of Wearing.** The lower end of the stock shall be outboard and the stock shall be approximately horizontal.
  - a. **Male.** Shall be pinned on each collar tip of the coat so that the crown of the anchor is 1/2 inch above the notch of the lapels and the centerline of the shanks are parallel to and approximately 3/4 inch from the outer edge of the collar.
  - b. **Female.** Shall be pinned on each collar tip of the coat so that the crown of the anchor is 1 inch from the bottom and midway between the two sides, and the centerline of the shank is parallel to and approximately 3/4 inch from the outer edge of the collar.



**MALE**



**FEMALE**

**FIGURE 4-1-9 MIDSHIPMAN COAT DEVICE PLACEMENT**

4107 **NAVY WORKING UNIFORM PARKA INSIGNIA**

1. **Rank Insignia**

- a. **Description.** The rank insignia for the Navy Working Uniform Parka and Fleece Liner will be made of the same material as the Navy Working Uniform being worn (Type I or Type III). The dimensions of the slip on rank insignia will be 1 3/4 inches long by 1 3/4 inches wide, as not to cause cupping or bending of the chest rank tab.
- b. **Manner of Wear.** NWU parka rank insignia (pull on/pull off) shall be worn by all officers, midshipmen and uniformed instructor personnel on the NWU parka and black fleece liner center chest rank tab.

2. **Name Tapes**

- a. **Description.** Name tapes will be gold embroidery on NWU Type I material for Type I Parkas and will be black embroidery on NWU Type III material for Type III parkas. Unit owned parkas should utilize Velcro name tapes to facilitate transfers between members.
- b. **Manner of Wear.** Name tapes shall be sewn centered and flush on the pocket flap of the right sleeve, 1/2" above the bottom of the flap.

3. **Branch Tapes**

- a. **Description.** Branch tapes will be gold embroidery on NWU Type I material for Type I Parkas and will be black embroidery on NWU Type III material for Type III parkas. Unit owned parkas should utilize Velcro branch tapes to facilitate transfers between members.
- b. **Manner of Wear.** Branch tapes shall be sewn centered and flush on the pocket flap of the left sleeve, 1/2" above the bottom of the flap.

4. **Navy Working Uniform Parka Liner Insignia**

- a. **Description.** When the parka liner is worn without the parka shell, it shall display both the appropriate rank on the tab and a branch tape with gold embroidery on Type I or black embroidery on Type III background.
- b. **Manner of Wear.** The branch tape will be affixed to the liner on the left breast with the bottom edge of the tape touching the top edge of the fleece material. Velcro backed branch tapes will be utilized to facilitate using the liner with both the Type I and Type III Navy Working Uniforms.





4108 **4-1-10 NAVY WORKING UNIFORM PARKA INSIGNIA PLACEMENT**  
**BUTTONS**

1. **Description.** A gold (matte/satin finish) 3/4 inch or 1/2 inch circular device with the NSCC seal inscribed thereon.
2. **Correct Wear.** NSCC gold buttons must be worn by NSCC officers, midshipman, and instructors in lieu of Navy gold buttons.



**3/4 INCH DIAMETER GOLD BUTTON**

**FIGURE 4-1-11 OFFICER BUTTON**

4109 **OFFICER SHOULDER FLASHES**

1. **General.** The NSCC officer shoulder flash: embroidered gold lettering on a black, white or khaki field, will be worn on all NSCC officers, warrant officers, midshipmen, instructor, and chief petty officer uniforms. For the Navy Working Uniform Type I, the embroidered yellow on black NSCC cadet shoulder flash will be worn. For the Navy Working Uniform Type III, the shoulder flashes will have black lettering on a Type III material with Velcro backing.
2. **Manner of Wearing.** Shall be worn on each sleeve (background field color matching the uniform item color of all uniform coats, sweaters, outer garments (except raincoats, parkas and NWU Type I).
3. **Position.** The shoulder flash will be centered on the outer face of each sleeve, with the top edge of the shoulder flash 1 inch below the shoulder seam, and the eagle facing forward.
4. **Navy Working Uniform Type I.** A single right side NSCC Cadet Shoulder Flash is worn on the right breast pocket of the Navy Working Uniform Type I.



**DRESS BLUE**



**DRESS WHITE**



**KHAKI**



**TYPE III**



**TYPE I**

**FIGURE 4-1-12 OFFICER SHOULDER FLASHES**