

# Military Basics



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# Learning Objectives

- 1) Learn the mission, history and make-up of the United States military services
- 2) Review the armed conflicts veterans have fought in and/or supported
- 3) Understand the experiences, values and beliefs that make our clients unique



# Know Your Client (and Case)

USS GREENEVILLE (SSN 772)



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# Six Military Services

- Army
- Navy
- Marine Corps
- Air Force
- Space Force
- Coast Guard



# What Members of Each Service are Called

**Army - SOLDIER**

**Marine Corps - MARINE**

**Navy - SAILOR**

**Air Force – AIRMAN**

**Space Force - ?**

**Coast Guard - COAST GUARDSMAN**
















# U.S. Military Personnel

- Two types
  - Enlisted: The backbone and workforce of each service branch
    - US Citizen
    - 18 years old
    - Sign enlistment contract
    - NCO – generally E-4 and above/Senior NCO – E-7 and above
  - Officers: Leaders of the enlisted force
    - Bachelor's degree
    - Commissioned – conferred military rank and authority. Article II, section 2, of the U.S. Constitution provides that the President commissions officers.
    - Commissioning programs
- The Importance of Rank
  - Ex: Use of Sergeant, Chief, Navy Captain



# U.S. Military Ranks














- Enlisted Personnel

	ARMY		NAVY COAST GUARD	MARINE CORPS	AIR FORCE
E1	Private		Seaman Recruit (SR)	Private	Airman Basic
E2	Private E-2 (PV2)		Seaman Apprentice (SA)	Private First Class (PFC)	Airman (Amn)
					
E3	Private First Class (PFC)		Seaman (SN)	Lance Corporal (LCpl)	Airman First Class (A1C)
					
E4	Corporal (CPL)	Specialist (SPC)	Petty Officer Third Class(PO3) **	Corporal (Cpl)	Senior Airman (SrA)
					























# U.S. Military Ranks

- Enlisted Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO)

E5	<p>Sergeant (SGT)</p> 	<p>Petty Officer Second Class (PO2) **</p> 	<p>Sergeant (Sgt)</p> 	<p>Staff Sergeant (SSgt)</p> 	
E6	<p>Staff Sergeant (SSG)</p> 	<p>Petty Officer First Class (PO1) **</p> 	<p>Staff Sergeant (SSgt)</p> 	<p>Technical Sergeant (TSgt)</p> 	
E7	<p>Sergeant First Class (SFC)</p> 	<p>Chief Petty Officer (CPO) **</p> 	<p>Gunnery Sergeant (GySgt)</p> 	<p>Master Sergeant (MSgt)</p> 	<p>First Sergeant</p> 



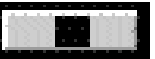

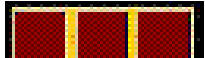
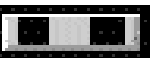
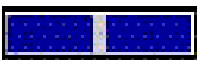
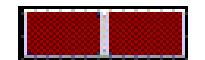

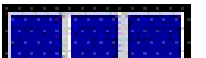
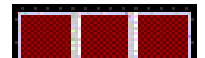




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- Enlisted "Senior" NCOs

E8	Master Sergeant (MSG) 	First Sergeant (1SG) 	Senior Chief Petty Officer (SCPO) ** 		Master Sergeant (MSgt) 	First Sergeant 	Senior Master Sergeant (SMSgt) 	First Sergeant 	
E9	Sergeant Major (SGM) 	Command Sergeant Major (CSM) 	Master Chief Petty Officer (MCPO) ** *** 	Fleet/Command Master Chief Petty Officer ** *** 	Master Gunnery Sergeant (MGySgt) 	Sergeant Major (SgtMaj) 	Chief Master Sergeant (CMSgt) 	First Sergeant 	Command Chief Master Sergeant 
E9	Sergeant Major of the Army (SMA) 		Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) and Coast Guard (MCPOCG) 		Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps (SgtMajMC) 		Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (CMSAF) 		

# U.S. Military Ranks

## WARRANT

NAVY	MARINES	ARMY
<b>W-1</b>  WARRANT OFFICER	 WARRANT OFFICER	 WARRANT OFFICER
<b>W-2</b>  CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER	 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER	 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER
<b>W-3</b>  CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER	 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER	 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER
<b>W-4</b>  CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER	 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER	 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER
<b>W-5</b>  CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER	 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER	 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER



# U.S. Military Ranks

**Officer rank insignias of the United States military**

	second lieutenant	first lieutenant	captain	major	lieutenant colonel	colonel	brigadier general	major general	lieutenant general	general
<b>Army, Marines, or Air Force</b>										
<b>Navy or Coast Guard</b>										

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# The Army's Mission, History, and Make-Up

- Mission - To fight and win our nation's wars as the major ground-based force of the United States
- Founded - 14 June 1775 as the Continental Army
  - Oldest branch of Armed Forces
- Size
  - 475,000 Regular Army
  - 345,000 Army National Guard
  - 200,000 Army Reserve
  - 1,015,000 total personnel



# Army Command Structure

- Secretary of Defense
- Secretary of the Army
  - Unified Combatant Commanders
- Chief of Staff of the Army
- Corps
  - Division
    - Brigade
      - Battalion
        - Company
          - Platoon
            - Squad
              - Team



# The Navy's Mission, History, and Make-Up

- Mission - To conduct naval operations to achieve sea control, project power, and provide sealift support for the effective prosecution of war
- Founded - 13 October 1775 as the Continental Navy
  - Originally made up of 2 frigates, disbanded after the Revolutionary War
  - Reinstated in 1794 by President John Adams
- Size
  - 285 total ships
  - 325,000 Regular Navy
  - 100,000 Navy Reserve
  - 425,000 total personnel



# Navy Command Structure

- Secretary of Defense
- Secretary of the Navy
  - Unified Combatant Commanders
- Chief of Naval Operations
  - Component Commands
    - Numbered Fleets
      - Battle Groups
        - Ships/Squadrons
          - Department
            - Division





# The Marine Corp's Mission, History, and Make-Up

- Mission - To conduct amphibious and expeditionary warfare
- Founded - 10 November 1775
- Component of Department of the Navy
  - All treatment at Naval Hospitals/Navy Corpsman
- Size
  - 185,000 Regular USMC
  - 40,000 USMC Reserve
  - 225,000 total personnel



# USMC Chain of Command

- Secretary of Defense
- Secretary of the Navy
  - Unified Combatant Commanders
- Commandant of the Marine Corps
- Division
  - Regiment
    - Battalion
      - Company
        - Platoon
          - Squad
            - Team



# The Air Force's History, Mission and Make-Up

- Mission - To fly, fight and win in air, space and cyberspace
- Founded - 18 September 1947
  - Former Army Air Corps (1907)
- Size
  - 320,000 Regular Air Force
  - 70,000 Air Force Reserve
  - 105,000 Air National Guard
  - 495,000 total personnel



# Air Force Command Structure

- Secretary of Defense
- Secretary of the Air Force
  - Unified Combatant Commanders
- Chief of Staff
  - Major Command
    - Numbered Air Force
      - Wing
        - Group
          - Squadron
            - Flight

# Space Force's History, Mission and Make-Up

- Mission – To protect U.S. and allied interests in space and to provide space capabilities to the joint force.
- Established - December 20, 2019
- Motto – Semper Supra
- Size
  - 16,000 uniformed and civilian personnel

# The Coast Guard's History, Mission and Make-Up

- Mission - maritime homeland security, law enforcement, search and rescue, environmental protection, and the maintenance of river, intracoastal and offshore aids to navigation
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# Service Cultures

## Example “Secure the building”

- The Army will post guards around the place.
- The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the door.
- The Marines will kill everybody inside and set up a headquarters.
- The Air Force will take out a 5 year lease with an option to buy.
- Space Force - ?

