

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
FIELD MEDICAL TRAINING BATTALION
Camp Lejeune, NC 28542-0042

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Rank Structure of the USMC

TERMINAL LEARNING OBJECTIVE

1. Without the aid of references, describe common terms, sayings, and quotations used in the Marine Corps without omitting key components. (HSS-MCCS-1023)

ENABLING LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Without the aid of reference and in writing, **identify the different ranks within the Navy and Marine Corps** within 80% accuracy, in accordance with the MCTP 6-10b. (HSS-MCCS-1023a)

2. Without the aid of reference and in writing, **identify the job descriptions within the Navy and Marine Corps ranks** within 80% accuracy, in accordance with the Marine Corps Common Skills Handbook. (HSS-MCCS-1023b)

1. ENLISTED RANKS



Categorized into three groups:

- Junior Enlisted
- Non-Commissioned Officers
- Staff Non-Commissioned Officers

Junior Enlisted

| PAYGRADE | MARINE CORPS | NAVY |
|------------|-------------------------------|---|
| E-1 | Private NONE | Hospitalman Recruit NONE |

Roles: 1. Entry level Marine/Sailor
2. Platoon member responsible to their fireteam leader
3. An HR may be assigned as a Platoon Corpsman or General Duty Corpsman within an Aid Station.

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| E-2 | Private First Class  | Hospitalman Apprentice  |
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Roles: 1. Entry level Marine/Sailor
2. Platoon member responsible to their fireteam leader
3. An HA may be assigned as a Platoon Corpsman or General Duty Corpsman within an Aid Station.

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| E-3 | Lance Corporal  | Hospitalman  |
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Roles: 1. Entry level or experienced Marine/Sailor
2. Platoon member responsible to their fireteam leader

3. Experienced Lance Corporals can assume the duties as a fireteam leader
4. An HN may be assigned as a Platoon Corpsman or General Duty Corpsman within an Aid Station.
5. Experienced HNs may be assigned as the Senior Line Corpsman.

Non-Commissioned Officer / NCO


| PAYGRADE | MARINE CORPS | NAVY |
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| E-4 | Corporal  | Hospital Corpsman Third Class  |

- Roles:
1. Experienced Marine assigned as fireteam leader or squad leader
 2. An HM3 may be assigned as a Platoon Corpsman or hold the Senior Line Corpsman position.
 3. Within an Aid Station, an HM3 may be assigned a collateral responsibility such as Physicals PO, Supply PO, Preventive Medicine Representative (PMR), etc.



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| E-5 | Sergeant  | Hospital Corpsman Second Class  |
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- Roles:
1. Experienced Marine assigned as squad leader, but can assume duties as Platoon Sergeant
 2. An HM2 at the company level is assigned as the Senior Line Corpsman
 3. Within an aid station, an HM2 will have added responsibilities ranging from Administration PO to Assistant LPO




Staff Non-Commissioned Officer / SNCO

| PAYGRADE | MARINE CORPS | NAVY |
|-----------------|--|---|
| E-6 | Staff Sergeant  | Hospital Corpsman First Class  |



- Roles:
1. Senior Marine assigned as Platoon Sergeant, but can assume duties as Platoon Commander
 2. An HM1 is assigned to the Aid Station with administrative responsibilities
 3. Leading Petty Officers are tasked with the day-to-day operations of the Aid Station

| PAYGRADE | MARINE CORPS | NAVY |
|-----------------|---|--|
| E-7 | Gunnery Sergeant  | Chief Hospital Corpsman  |

- Roles:
1. Senior Marine assigned as Company Gunnery Sergeant; can assume role as Company 1stSgt
 2. The Chief of an Aid Station is responsible for all Sailors within a unit, as well as daily functions of the Aid Station
 3. The Chief reports directly to the SgtMaj and the Battalion Commander

| PAYGRADE | MARINE CORPS | NAVY |
|----------|---|--|
| E-8 | Master Sergeant (Technical Expert)  First Sergeant (Administrative)  | Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman  |

| PAYGRADE | MARINE CORPS | NAVY |
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| E-9 | Master Gunnery Sergeant (Technical Expert)  | Master Chief Hospital Corpsman  |

| PAYGRADE | MARINE CORPS | NAVY |
|----------|---|---|
| E-9 | Sergeant Major (Administrative)  | Command Master Chief  |

| PAYGRADE | MARINE CORPS | NAVY |
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| E-9 | Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps  | Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)  |


2 . OFFICER RANKS


Marine Corps Officers wear gold or silver rank insignias on the shoulder lapel of their coats or overcoats. They also wear small replicas of the insignia on their shirt collar. The color and shape of the insignia varies with their rank.


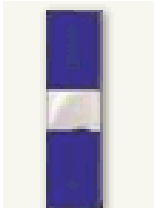
Officer ranks within the Marine Corps are categorized into three (3) groups



- Company Grade: W1 to W5 and O-1 to O-3
- Field Grade: O-4 to O-6
- General Grade: O-7 to O-10



Company Grade

| PAYGRADE | MARINE | NAVY |
|----------|---|---|
| W-1 | Background is GOLD and markings are SCARLET .  | There are no W-1 Warrant Officers in the Navy |



| PAYGRADE | MARINE | NAVY |
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| W-2 | Background is GOLD and markings are SCARLET | Background is GOLD and markings are BLUE |
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| PAYGRADE | MARINE | NAVY |
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| W-3 | Background is SILVER and markings are SCARLET | Background is SILVER and markings are BLUE |
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| PAYGRADE | MARINE | NAVY |
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| W-4 | Background is SILVER and markings are SCARLET | Background is SILVER and markings are BLUE |
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| PAYGRADE | MARINE | NAVY |
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| W-5 | Background is SILVER and markings are SCARLET  | Background is SILVER and markings are BLUE  |



NOTE: W-1 in the Marine Corps is known as Warrant Officer. W-2 through W-5 are called Chief Warrant Officers.



| PAYGRADE | MARINE | NAVY |
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| O-1 (Bar is Gold) | 2nd Lieutenant  | Ensign  |



| PAYGRADE | MARINE | NAVY |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| O-2 (Bar is Silver) | 1st Lieutenant  | Lieutenant Junior Grade  |

| PAYGRADE | MARINE | NAVY |
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| O-3 (Bars are Silver) | Captain  | Lieutenant  |



Field Grade

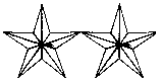
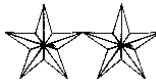
| PAYGRADE | MARINE | NAVY |
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| O-4 (Leaf is Gold) | Major  | Lieutenant Commander  |



| PAYGRADE | MARINE | NAVY |
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| O-5 (Leaf is Silver) | Lieutenant Colonel  | Commander  |



| PAYGRADE | MARINE | NAVY |
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| O-6 (Eagle is Silver) | Colonel  | Captain  |

General Grade Officers

| PAYGRADE | MARINE | NAVY |
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| O-7 | Brigadier General  | Rear Admiral (lower half)  |

| PAYGRADE | MARINE | NAVY |
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| O-8 | Major General  | Rear Admiral (upper half)  |

| PAYGRADE | MARINE | NAVY |
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| O-9 | Lieutenant General  | Vice Admiral  |

| PAYGRADE | MARINE | NAVY |
|----------|---|--|
| O-10 | General  | Admiral  |

Senior Officers

Each branch of the Armed Forces has a senior officer grade of their respective branches of the service:

- Marines: Commandant of the Marine Corps
- Navy: Chief of Naval Operations
- Army: Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army
- Air Force: Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force

REFERENCE

Guidebook for Marines

Marine Corps Values: A User's Guide for Discussion Leaders MCTP 6-10B

SEMPER FIDELIS, The History of the United States Marine Corps

Rank Structure Review

Match the Marine Corps rank with the proper name. (Not every name will be used)



Captain

Private



Lance Corporal

First Sergeant



Sergeant

Major General



Lieutenant General



Colonel