

Wear of Awards, Insignia and Accoutrements on the Uniform

The United States Army is a uniformed service where discipline, esprit de corps and morale is judged by how the individual wears the uniform. Therefore, there are very precise regulations governing the wear of awards, insignia and accoutrements on the uniform. Army regulation 670-1 is the governing military publication. The following pages provide examples of insignia placement on Army uniforms since World War I.

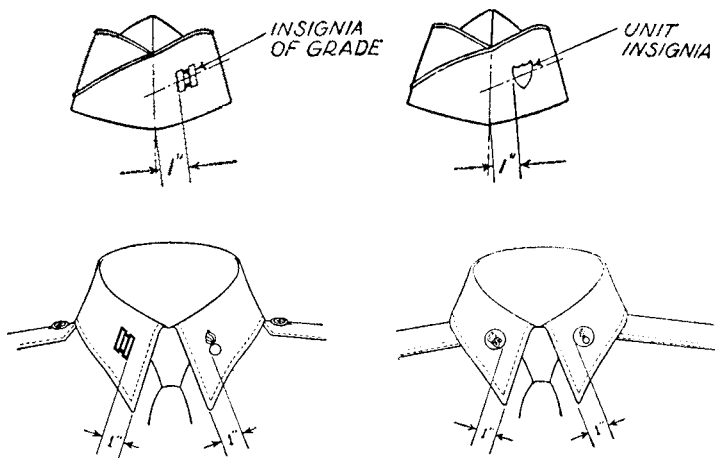
World War I



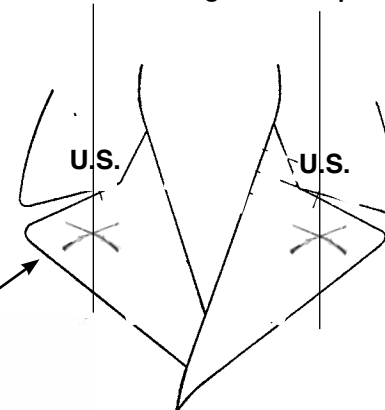
Wound Stripe (gold), right arm

Service stripes, one for each 6 month, on the left arm

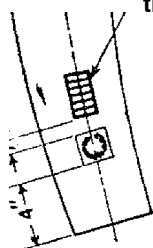
World War II



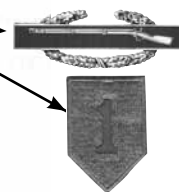
WW II officer insignia lined up as shown



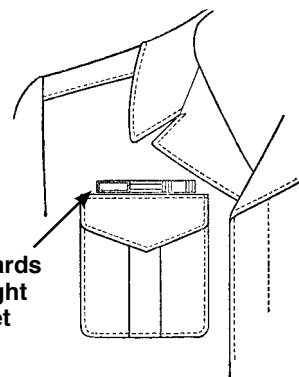
After WW II Overseas bars were moved to the right sleeve



Army Meritorious Unit Commendation - Original Configuration



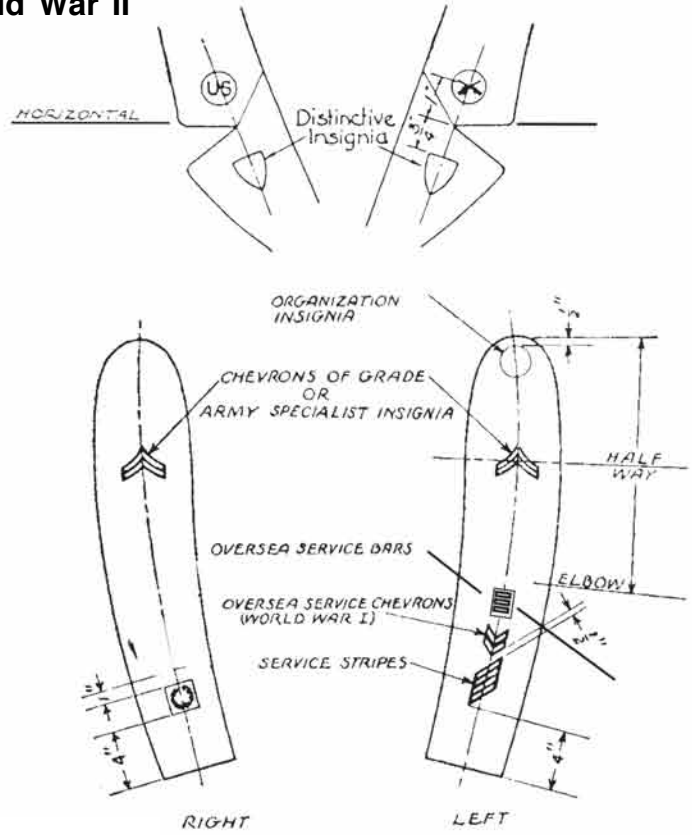
Unit Awards over right pocket



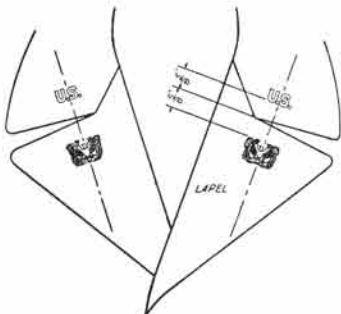
WW II Enlisted



World War II

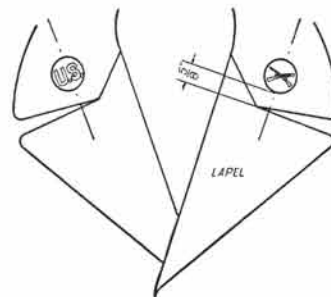


Korean and Vietnam War Era



Officer

**Korean War
Officer uniform
shown**

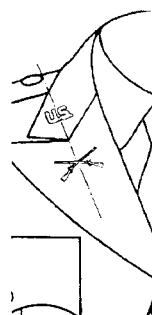


Enlisted

**Vietnam War
Enlisted uniform
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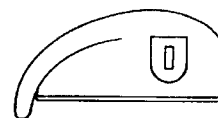


Uniforms - Male Officer



U.S. is worn 5/8" above lapel notch and parallel to the inside edge of the lapel

Branch insignia is worn 1 1/4" below U.S. insignia. Align so center line of branch insignia bisects the center line of the U.S. and is parallel to the inside edge of the lapel.



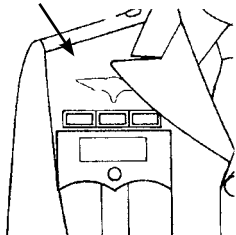
Regimental insignia worn centered 1/8" above pocket or 1/4" above unit awards

Unit awards are centered 1/8" above the right breast pocket

Identification badges are centered on the pocket between the bottom of the pocket and the bottom of the pocket flap

Overseas bars are centered on the bottom half of the right sleeve 1/4" above the braid

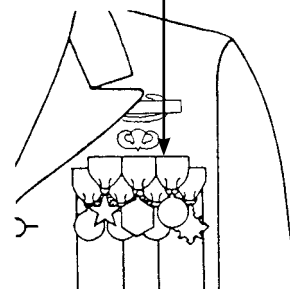
Foreign badges are worn 1/8" above the right pocket or 1/4" above unit awards



Ribbons are centered 1/8" over the left breast pocket, normally three to a row; with no space or 1/8" between rows.

Combat and skill badges are worn 1/4" above ribbons or below top of pocket 1/2" apart.

Full size medals may be worn on blue uniform

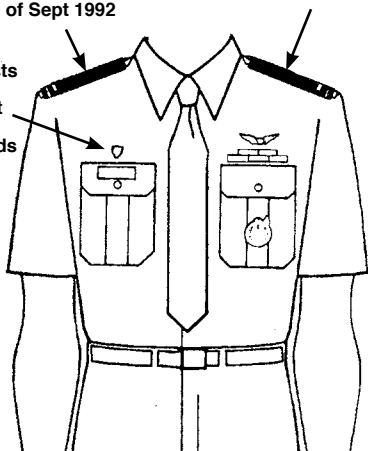


Blue Uniform

Black shoulder marks are 4" long while sweater marks are 3 1/4" long

Green shoulder marks obsolete as of Sept 1992

Regimental Crests are worn 1/8" above the right pocket or 1/4" above unit awards

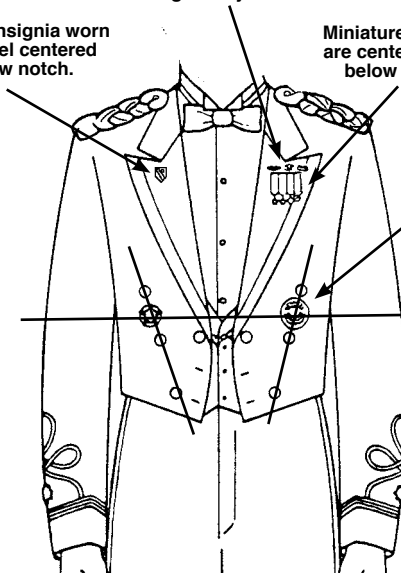


Up to three miniature class 1-5 combat or skill badges may be worn

Regimental insignia worn on right lapel centered 1/2" below notch.

Miniature medals are centered 1/2" below notch

Identification badges are centered between the first and second button



Uniform - Female Officer

On the female blue uniform a single branch insignia is worn on the left lapel only 1" below the notch. Align parallel to the inside edge of the lapel. A single U.S. is worn on the right lapel aligned as the branch insignia.

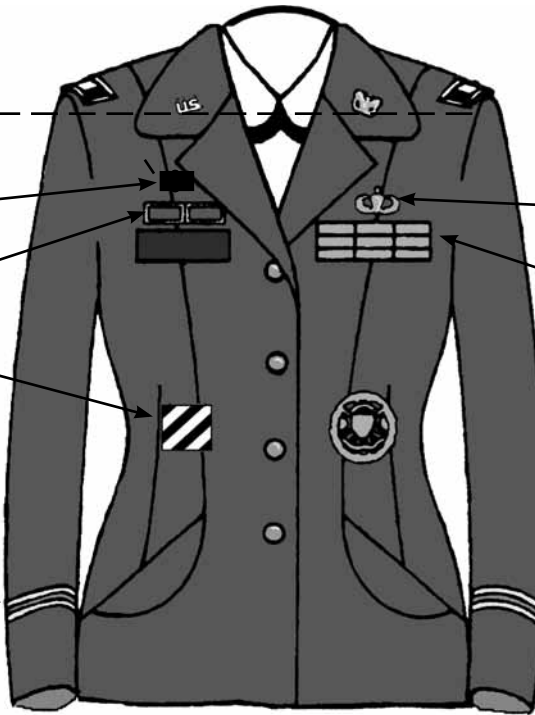
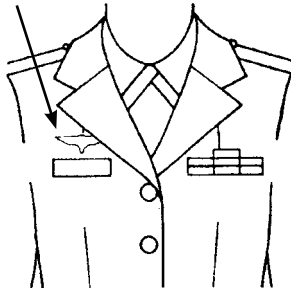
Regimental insignia worn centered 1/2" above nameplate or 1/2" above unit awards or foreign badges on green and blue uniform

Unit awards are centered 1/2" above nameplate

Identification badges are centered across from the third button as shown

Overseas bars are centered on the bottom half of the right sleeve 1/4" above the braid

Wear of foreign awards 1/2" above nameplate



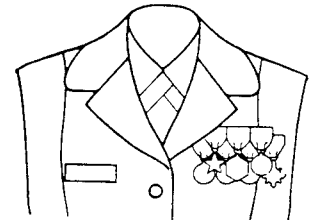
Blue Uniform

Women's ribbons and badges are aligned with the plastic nameplate. The plate is adjusted to individual figure differences. The nameplate is centered horizontally on the right side between one and two inches above the top button of the coat. Individual service ribbons are aligned parallel to the bottom of the name plate.

Combat and skill badges are worn 1/4" above ribbons or below 1/2" apart

Ribbons are centered as shown, normally three to a row; with no space or 1/8" between rows

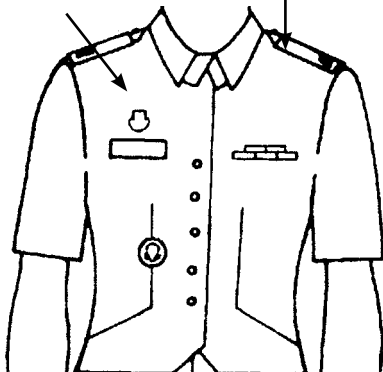
Full size medals may be worn on blue uniform



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Regimental Crest are worn 1/4" above the nameplate or 1/2" above unit awards

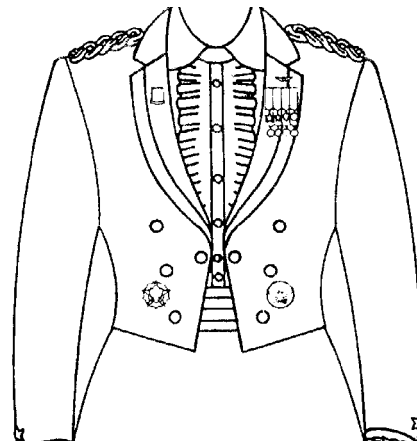
Black shoulder marks



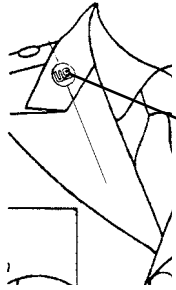
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Regimental insignia worn on right lapel centered 1/2" below notch.

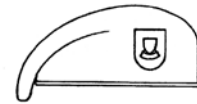
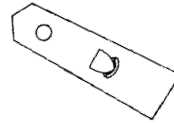
Miniature medals are centered 1/2" below notch



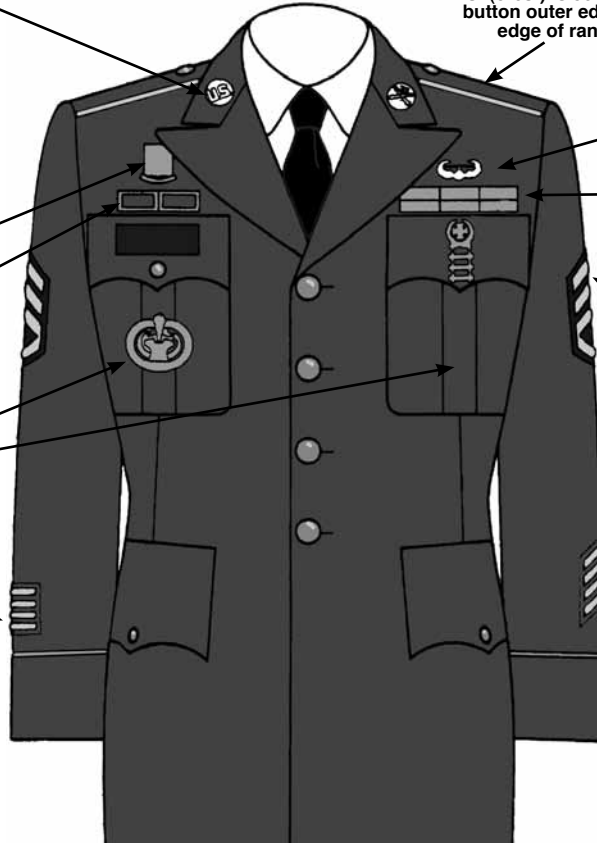
Uniform - Male Enlisted



US is worn 1" above the left lapel notch and parallel to the inside edge of the lapel the branch insignia is worn on the right lapel using the same alignment



DUI (crest) is centered between button outer edge and inside edge of rank insignia



Combat and skill badges are worn 1/4" above ribbons or below top of pocket 1/2" apart.

Ribbons are centered 1/8" over the left breast pocket, normally three to a row; with no space or 1/8" between rows.

Rank is sewn on the sleeve halfway between the shoulder seam and the elbow

Regimental insignia worn centered 1/8" above pocket or 1/4" above unit awards

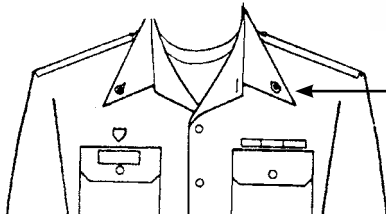
Unit awards are centered 1/8" above the right breast pocket

Identification badges are centered on the pocket between the bottom of the pocket and the bottom of the pocket flap

Overseas bars are placed 4" above the bottom of right sleeve centered on the sleeve

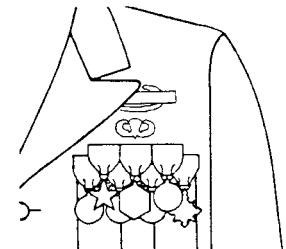
Hashmarks are placed 4" above the bottom of the left sleeve centered on the sleeve

Blue Uniform



Pin on rank is centered 1" up from the collar points

Full size medals may be worn on blue or white uniform



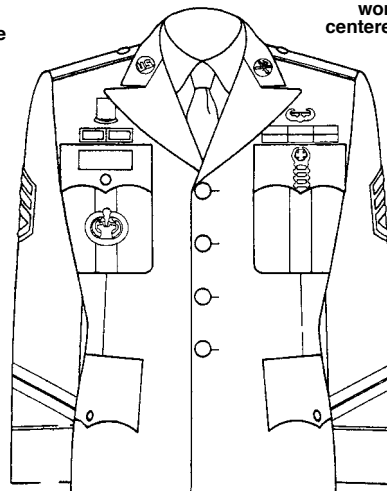
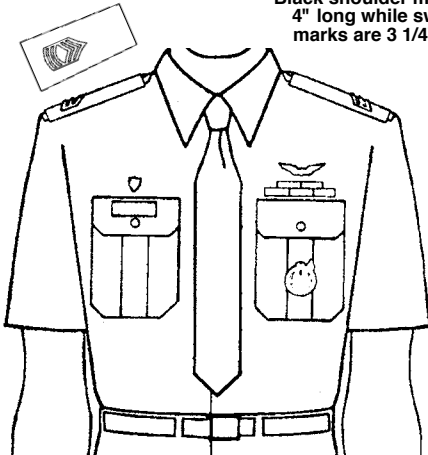
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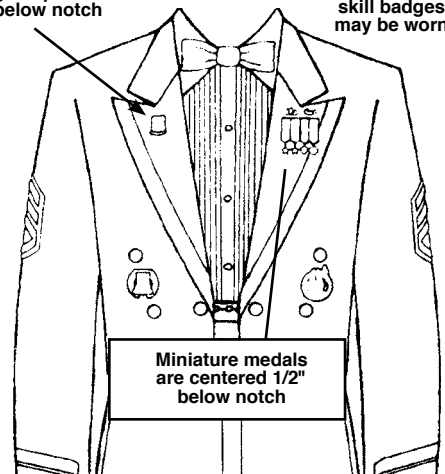
Regimental insignia worn on right lapel centered 1/2" below notch

Mess Uniform

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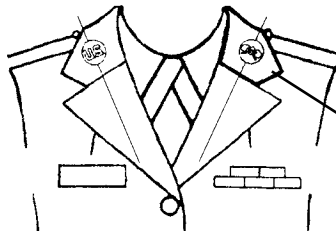


Old Blue Uniform



Miniature medals are centered 1/2" below notch

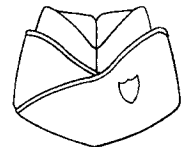
Uniform - Female Enlisted



U.S. is centered on the right collar 5/8" above lapel notch and parallel to the inside edge of the lapel

Branch insignia is centered and is parallel to the inside edge of the right lapel

DUI (crest) is centered between button outer edge and inside edge of rank insignia



Crest is centered 1" from front crease on the left hand side

Regimental insignia worn centered 1/2" above nameplate or 1/2" above unit awards or foreign badges

Unit awards are centered 1/2" above nameplate

Women's ribbons and badges are aligned with the plastic nameplate. The plate is adjusted to individual figure differences. The nameplate is centered horizontally on the right side between one and two inches above the top button of the coat. Individual service ribbons are aligned parallel to the bottom of the name plate.

Overseas bars are placed 4" above the bottom of right sleeve centered on the sleeve

Bottom of name tag lines up with ribbon

Rank is sewn on the sleeve halfway between the shoulder seam and the elbow

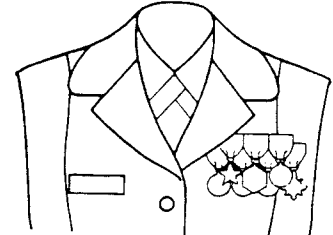
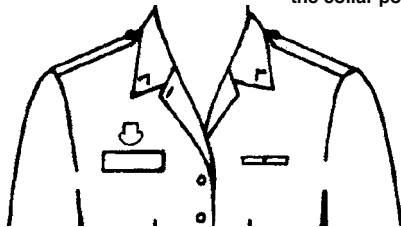
Identification badges are centered across from the third button as shown

Hashmarks are placed 4" above the bottom of the left sleeve centered on the sleeve

Pin on rank is centered 1" up from the collar points

These rules apply to the Blue uniforms

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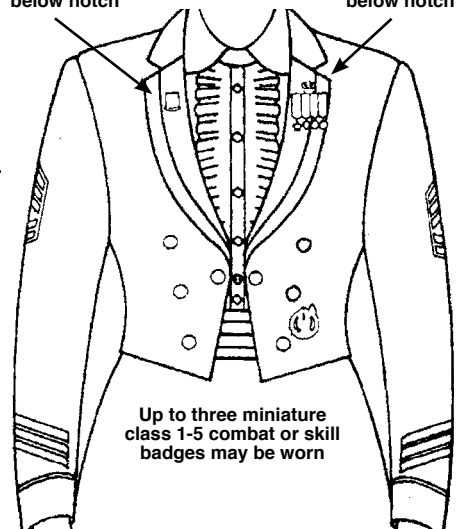
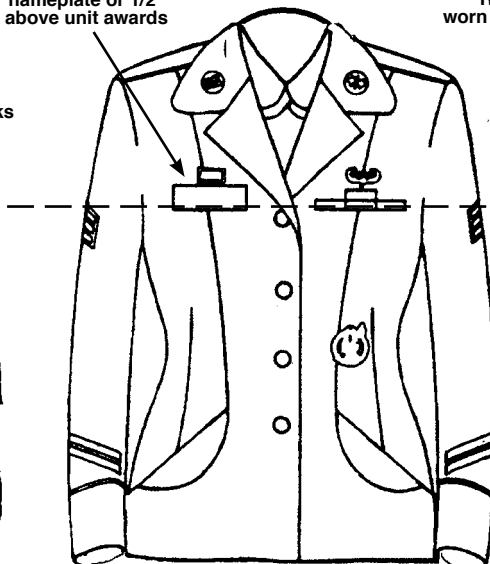
Regimental Crest are worn 1/2" above the nameplate or 1/2" above unit awards

Regimental insignia worn on right lapel centered 1/2" below notch

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Black shoulder marks



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