















BASIC KNOWLEDGE

Cadet Enlisted Ranks

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Insignia</u>	<u>Insignia Description</u>
Cadet Airman Basic		None
Cadet Airman		Chevron of 1 stripe with a torch in the middle
Cadet Airman First Class		Chevron of 2 stripes with a torch in the middle
Cadet Senior Airman		Chevron of 3 stripes with a torch in the middle
Cadet Staff Sgt		Chevron of 4 stripes with a torch in the middle
Cadet Technical Sgt		Chevron of 5 stripes with a torch in the middle
Cadet Master Sgt		Chevron of 6 stripes with 1 stripe in the inverted position above the torch in the middle
Cadet Senior Master Sgt		Chevron of 7 stripes with 2 stripes in the inverted position above the torch in the middle
Cadet Chief Master Sgt		Chevron of 8 stripes with 3 stripes in the inverted position above the torch in the middle










Cadet Officer Ranks

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Insignia</u>	<u>Insignia Description</u>
Cadet Second Lt.		Chevron of 1 inverted stripe
Cadet First Lt.		Chevron of 2 inverted stripes
Cadet Captain		Chevron of 3 inverted stripes
Cadet Major		Chevron of one double-wide inverted stripe
Cadet Lt. Colonel		Chevron of 2 inverted stripes; 1 double wide and 1 regular
Cadet Colonel		Chevron of 3 inverted stripes; 1 double-wide and 2 regular

Remember—there is NO pay grade because cadets don't get paid!

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Enlisted Air Force Ranks

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Pay Grade</u>	<u>Insignia</u>	<u>Insignia Description</u>
Airman Basic	E-1		None
Airman	E-2		Chevron of 1 stripe with a star in the middle
Airman First Class (A1C)	E-3		Chevron of 2 stripes with a star in the middle
Senior Airman	E-4		Chevron of 3 stripes with a star in the middle
Staff Sgt	E-5		Chevron of 4 stripes with a star in the middle
Technical Sgt	E-6		Chevron of 5 stripes with a star in the middle
Master Sgt*	E-7		Chevron of 6 stripes with 1 stripe in the inverted position above the star in the middle
Senior Master Sgt*	E-8		Chevron of 7 stripes with 2 stripes in the inverted position above the star in the middle
Chief Master Sgt*	E-9		Chevron of 8 stripes with 3 stripes in the inverted position above the star in the middle
Chief Master Sgt of the Air Force	E-9		Chevron of 8 stripes with 3 stripes in the inverted position above the star in the middle with a wreath around the bottom and sides of the star with the Great Seal of the United States of America and 2 stars in the upper blue field

*For a 1st Sgt add: “...with a diamond in the upper blue field.”

Remember—the pay grade is one number above the number of chevrons.

Officer Air Force Ranks

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Pay Grade</u>	<u>Insignia</u>	<u>Insignia Description</u>
Second Lt.	O-1		Gold Bar
First Lt.	O-2		Silver Bar
Captain	O-3		Two connected silver bars
Major	O-4		Gold Oak Leaf
Lt. Colonel	O-5		Silver Leaf
Colonel	O-6		Silver Eagle
Brigadier General	O-7		One Silver Star
Major General	O-8		Two Silver Stars in a line
Lt. General	O-9		Three Silver Stars in a line
General	O-10		Four Silver Stars in a line

Use “Be My Little General”
 for memorizing the order of the
 four generals.

Chain of Command

President of the United States/Commander in Chief

The Honorable Donald J. Trump

Secretary of Defense

The Honorable Mark T. Esper

Secretary of the Air Force

The Honorable Barbara Barrett

Air Force Chief of Staff

General Charles Q. Brown Jr.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

U.S. Army General Mark A. Milley

Chief Master Sgt of the Air Force

CMSAF JoAnne S. Bass

The 1st CMSAF was Paul Airey

Air Education and Training Command, Commander (AETC Commander)

Lt General Marshall B. Webb

Air University Commander (Air U Commander)

Lt General James B. Hecker

Holm Center Commander

Brig General Christopher J. Niemi

Reserve Officer Training Corp Commander

Colonel Tammy M. Knierim

Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp, Director

Colonel Steve Sanders

Governor of Texas

The Honorable Greg Abbott

Mayor of Houston

The Honorable Sylvester Turner

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Phonetic Alphabet

Reporting In:

"Sir/Ma'am Cadet (last name) reports
as ordered. (repeat the question
asked) is as follows (your answer)."

ALPHA

BRAVO

CHARLIE

DELTA

ECHO

FOXTROT

GOLF

HOTEL

INDIA

JULIETTE

KILO

LIMA

MIKE **N**OVEMBER

OSCAR

PAPA

QUEBEC

ROMEO

SIERRA

TANGO **U**NIFORM

VICTOR

WHISKEY

X-RAY

YANKEE

ZULU

Mission of TX-20021: To build better
citizens for America.

The National Security Act of
1947 became law on July 26,
1947, which created the
independent department of
the U.S. Air Force.

September 18th, 1947 is the official
birthday of the U.S. Air Force

Air Force Core Values:

Integrity first
Service before self
Excellence in all we do