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CIVIL AIR FLEET PERSONNEL GET RANKS

By ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR, of 25 February 1950, ranks and new insignia are to be introduced for command personnel of the Main Administration of the Civil Air Fleet and the organizations subordinate to them.

The following ranks are established for command personnel.

## OPERATIONS SERVICE

## Superior Command Personnel

General-polkovnik of Civil Aviation  
General-leytenant of Civil Aviation  
General-mayor of Civil Aviation

## Senior Command Personnel

Colonel of Civil Aviation  
Lieutenant Colonel of Civil Aviation  
Major of Civil Aviation

## Intermediate Command Personnel

Captain of Civil Aviation  
Senior Lieutenant of Civil Aviation  
Lieutenant of Civil Aviation

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Junior Command Personnel

Sergeant of Civil Aviation First Class  
Sergeant of Civil Aviation Second Class  
Sergeant of Civil Aviation Third Class

TECHNICAL SERVICE

Superior Command Personnel

General-polkovnik of the Engineer Service of Civil Aviation  
General-leytenant of the Engineer Service of Civil Aviation  
General-mayor of the Engineer Service of Civil Aviation

Senior Command Personnel

Engineer-Colonel of Civil Aviation  
Engineer-Lieutenant Colonel of Civil Aviation  
Engineer-Major of Civil Aviation

Intermediate Command Personnel

Engineer-Captain of Civil Aviation  
Senior Technician-Lieutenant of Civil Aviation  
Technician-Lieutenant of Civil Aviation

Junior Command Personnel

Sergeant of the Technical Service of Civil Aviation First Class  
Sergeant of the Technical Service of Civil Aviation Second Class  
Sergeant of the Technical Service of Civil Aviation Third Class

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

Superior Command Personnel

General-leytenant of the Administrative Service of Civil Aviation  
General-mayor of the Administrative Service of Civil Aviation

Senior Command Personnel

Colonel of the Administrative Service of Civil Aviation  
Lieutenant Colonel of the Administrative Service of Civil Aviation  
Major of the Administrative Service of Civil Aviation

Intermediate Command Personnel

Captain of the Administrative Service of Civil Aviation  
Senior Lieutenant of the Administrative Service of Civil Aviation  
Lieutenant of the Administrative Service of Civil Aviation

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**Junior Command Personnel**

Sergeant of the Administrative Service of Civil Aviation First Class  
 Sergeant of the Administrative Service of Civil Aviation Second Class  
 Sergeant of the Administrative Service of Civil Aviation Third Class

Ranks are to be awarded to superior command personnel of the Main Administration of the Civil Air Fleet by decree of the Council of Ministers USSR.

The chief of the Main Administration of the Civil Air Fleet is to establish the time limit for adoption of the new insignia for command personnel and students. The Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR, confirmed the new rank insignia for command personnel and students of the Main Administration of the Civil Air Fleet as follows.

**GENERAL**

Shoulder boards are six-sided, with the long sides parallel. The shoulder end of the board is rectangular; the neck end has four obtuse angles. The board is 14-15 centimeters long and 5 centimeters wide. The edges, except for the shoulder end, are bordered with light-blue cloth. Shoulder boards are stiff and detachable; on parade uniforms, however, they are sewed on and are soft.

Sleeve rank insignia for command personnel consists of gold or silver braid sewed on both sleeves of the overcoat, cape, or jacket. Sleeve rank insignia for command personnel of the Operations Service consists of gold braid sewed on a turquoise background; for command personnel of the Technical Service, silver braid on a turquoise background; for command personnel of the Administrative Service, silver braid sewed directly to the clothing without any special background.

The braid is in the form of a chevron with the point up; it is sewed on the middle outside part of the sleeve.

Wide braid is 2.8 centimeters, medium 1.6 centimeters, and narrow 0.6 centimeter, with a space of 0.3 centimeter between the braid stripes.

The emblem of the Civil Air Fleet, silver wings on a gold hammer and sickle, is embroidered 1.5 centimeters above the point of the angle. The wings are 6 centimeters across.

**RANK INSIGNIA FOR SUPERIOR COMMAND PERSONNEL**

Shoulder boards for the Operations Service are made of specially-braided gold braid on a cloth base; for the Technical and Administrative services, specially-braided silver braid on a cloth base.

Shoulder boards of a General-polkovnik have three small embroidered gold or silver stars, General-leytenant two small embroidered stars, and General-mayor one small embroidered star.

The stars measure 20 millimeters from point to point. A pentagon is embroidered in light blue thread in the center of the star. Sides of the pentagon measure 2.5-3 millimeters.

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The emblem designating the specialty is embroidered on the shoulder boards. Buttons on the shoulder boards bear the USSR seal and are gold-plated metal, 1.8 centimeters in diameter.

Sleeve rank insignia of a General-polkovnik consists of one broad and three medium braid stripes, General-leytenant one broad and two medium stripes, and General-mayor one broad and one medium stripe.

#### RANK INSIGNIA FOR SENIOR AND INTERMEDIATE COMMAND PERSONNEL

Shoulder boards for the Operations Service are made of gold braid on a cloth base; for the Technical and Administrative services, silver braid on a cloth base. Shoulder boards have 4-millimeter turquoise stripes: two stripes for senior command personnel and one stripe for intermediate command personnel. Stripes on shoulder boards for senior command personnel are placed lengthwise, 2.3-2.4 centimeters from each other and equidistant from the outer edges of the board. The single stripe for intermediate command personnel is placed in the middle of the board.

Buttons on the shoulder board bear the Civil Air Fleet emblem and are gold-plated metal, 1.8 centimeters in diameter.

Branch of service is represented by oxidized-metal emblems on the shoulder boards.

Rank is indicated by five-pointed gold or silver-plated metal stars attached along the center of the board. The stars are 16 millimeters from point to point.

Stars and stripes are arranged on the board as follows: colonel -- two stripes, three stars; lieutenant colonel -- two stripes, two stars; major -- two stripes, one star; captain -- one stripe, four stars; senior lieutenant -- one stripe, three stars, and lieutenant -- one stripe, two stars.

Sleeve insignia for a colonel consists of one broad braid stripe, lieutenant colonel four medium stripes, major three medium stripes, captain two medium stripes, senior lieutenant one medium stripe, and lieutenant four narrow stripes.

#### RANK INSIGNIA FOR JUNIOR COMMAND PERSONNEL

Shoulder boards are made of dark-blue cloth on a cloth base. Buttons on the shoulder boards have the Civil Air Fleet emblem, are metal, and are 1.8 centimeters in diameter. Metal emblems on the shoulder boards designate branch of service.

Gold or silver braid stripes sewed on the board indicate rank: sergeant first class -- one 7-millimeter lengthwise stripe and one 20-millimeter cross stripe, sergeant second class -- three 7-millimeter crosswise stripes, and sergeant third class -- two 7-millimeter crosswise stripes.

Sleeve insignia for sergeant first class consists of four 0.6-centimeter light-blue cloth stripes, sergeant second class three light-blue stripes, and sergeant third class two light-blue stripes.

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## RANK INSIGNIA FOR STUDENTS

Shoulder boards for students in higher educational institutions and schools of the Civil Air Fleet are made of dark-blue cloth on a cloth base. Metal buttons on the shoulder boards have the Civil Air Fleet emblem and are 1.8 centimeters in diameter.

Students in aviation schools wear the emblem of the Operations Service on their shoulder boards; students in aviation technical schools wear the emblem of the Technical Service.

Students in educational institutions of the Main Administration of the Civil Air Fleet wear sleeve insignia consisting of one 0.6-centimeter light-blue cloth stripe and the emblem of the Civil Air Fleet on both sleeves.

## BRANCH-OF-SERVICE EMBLEMS

Emblems to denote branch of service are made of gold- or silver-colored metal and attached to the shoulder boards at a distance of 3 centimeters from the center of the button to the center of the emblem.

The emblems are as follows:

Operations -- Civil Air Fleet emblem  
 Technical -- crossed key and hammer  
 Administrative-managerial -- hammer and sickle  
 Juridical -- shield superimposed on two crossed swords  
 Medical -- mortar with serpent  
 Militarized guard -- two crossed rifles.

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