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The Indian Defence Services are among the best in the world when it comes to dealing with natural and man-made disasters. The Indian Armed Forces are comprised of the Army, Air Force, and Navy. The highest officer ranks are at the top of the columns, and they gradually decrease as you move down the column. This article will discuss the Equivalent Ranks of the Indian Armed Forces – Indian Army, Indian Air Force, and Indian Navy. The Indian Navy ranks and their Indian Coast Guard equivalents are listed at the end of this article.

The equivalent ranks of commissioned officers in India's three defence services are listed in the table below:

From top to bottom, the rankings are listed. If you are asked about the equivalent ranks of the Indian Defence Services during your SSB, you must begin at the bottom and work your way up. Start with Lieutenant, for example.

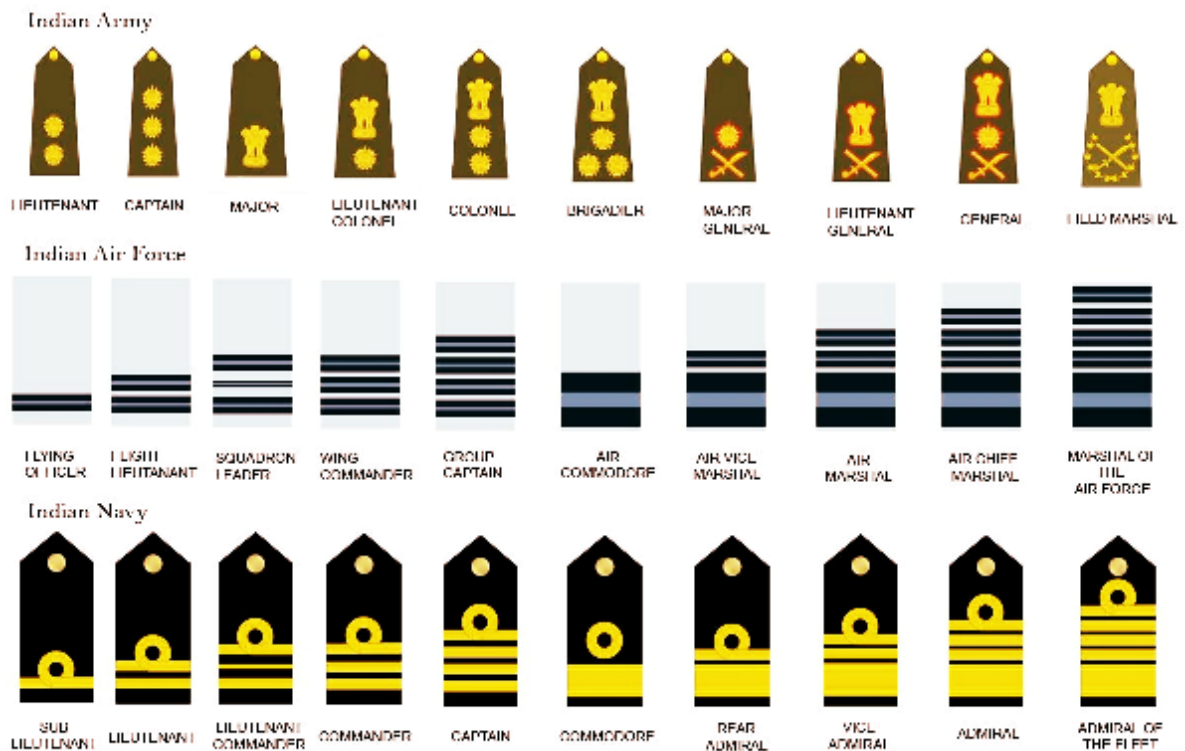
Army	Air Force	Navy
*Field Marshal	*Marshal of the Air Force	*Admiral of the fleet
General	Air Chief Marshal	Admiral
Lt. General	Air Marshal	Vice Admiral
Major General	Air Vice-Marshal	Rear Admiral
Brigadier	Air Commodore	Commodore
Colonel	Group Captain	Captain
Lt. Colonel	Wing Commander	Commander
Major	Squadron Leader	Lt. Commander
Captain	Flight Lieutenant	Lieutenant
Lieutenant	Flying Officer	Sub Lieutenant

Note: * denotes a five-star rank.

The significance of 5-star ratings is as follows:

- Field Marshal (in Army), Marshal of the Air Force (in Air Force), and Admiral of the Fleet (in Navy) are the highest ranks in the three Indian Defence forces. Receiving such a rank is considered extremely prestigious.
- To date, Kodandera Madappa Cariappa and Sam Manekshaw have been given the rank of Field Marshal.
- Arjan Singh is the only living Indian military officer with a 5-star rank, having been promoted to Marshal of the Indian Air Force.
- The rank of Admiral of the Fleet has never been granted.
- The Indian military officers with a five-star rank are considered serving officers until they die and retain their rank indefinitely.

COMMISSIONED RANKS



Equivalent Ranks of Indian Army, Indian Navy, and Indian Air Force Personnel Below Officer Rank:

Although you are usually only asked about the equivalent ranks of the officer cadre in SSB interviews, if you are the ward of personnel below officer rank, you should expect this as well. The following are the PBOR ranks of the Indian Army, Air Force, and Navy (listed from top to bottom):

Army	Air Force	Navy
Subedar or Risaldar Major	Master Warrant Officer (MWO)	Master Chief Petty Officer Artificer I & II
Subedar or Risaldar	Warrant Officer (WO)	Chief Mech I & II/Chief Artificer
Naib Subedar or Risaldar	Junior Warrant Officer (JWO)	Chief Petty Officer (CPO)/Artificer I/Artificer II /Artificer III/Mech I/ Mech II/ Mech III
Lance Havildar or Daffadar	Sergeant	Petty Officer/Artificer IV/Mech IV
Naik	Corporal	Leading Seaman & equivalent
Lance Naik	Leading Aircraftsman	Seaman I

Sepoy	Airman	Seaman II
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Note: Personnel below the rank of Officer are also promoted to Officer ranks, which are known as Honorary ranks, for their outstanding service.

Equivalent Honorary Ranks:

Army	Air Force	Navy
Subedar Major or Honorary Captain	MCPO I or Honorary Lieutenant	MWO (Master Warrant Officer) or Honorary Flight Lieutenant
Subedar or Honorary Captain	MCPO II or Honorary Lieutenant	WO (Warrant Officer) or Honorary Flight Lieutenant
Subedar Major or Honorary Lieutenant	MCPO I or Sub Lieutenant	MWO (Master Warrant Officer) or Honorary Flight Officer
Subedar or Honorary Lieutenant	MCPO II or Sub Lieutenant	WO (Warrant Officer) or Honorary Flight Officer

Indian Navy & Indian Coast Guard equivalent ranks:

ICG Ranks	Navy Ranks
Director General	Vice Admiral (FOC-in-C's Scale)
Additional Director General	Vice Admiral (HAG scale)
Inspector General	Rear Admiral
Deputy Inspector General (Senior)	Commodore
Deputy Inspector General (Junior)	Captain
Commandant	Captain (with seniority)/Commander
Commandant (Junior Grade)	Commander
Deputy Commandant	Lt. Commander
Assistant Commandant	Lieutenant
Assistant Commandant (Trainee)	Sub Lieutenant

FAQs

Q. What are the ranks of the armed forces?

A. Private, private first class, private second class, specialist, sergeant, corporal, staff sergeant, sergeant first class, first sergeant, master sergeant, command sergeant major, sergeant major, and sergeant major of the Army are the 13 enlisted Army ranks.

Q. What are the army's five general ranks?

A. Generals of the army, field marshals, admirals of the fleet, marshals or generals of the air force, and other ranks with similar names are common among five-star officers. The five-star ranks are the most senior and are typically the highest.

Q. What is the highest military rank?

A. The Indian Army's highest attainable rank is field marshal, which is a five-star rank.

Q. What does it mean to be a seven-star general?

A. Although some commentators may argue that General George Washington was promoted to a seven-star general posthumously in the year 1976, no one has ever been awarded or promoted to that rank.

Q. What is the military's lowest rank?

A. The lowest rank is private. This rank is given to the majority of soldiers during Basic Combat Training. There is no insignia for this rank. Enlisted Soldiers carry out specific job functions and possess the knowledge necessary to ensure the success of their unit's current Army mission.