

# Star Army Ranks

[Star Army of Yamatai](#) members are assigned military ranks based on education and experience. These ranks are parts of a hierarchical organizational structure where higher ranks exercise power over lower ranks in a chain of command. Ranks increase based on experience, performance, and individual achievements. As soldiers rise in ranks, they are entrusted with more authority and more responsibilities, and their [pay](#) increases accordingly.

## History

The Star Army phased out the warrant officer ranks in [YE 43](#), and existing warrant officers were promoted to officer ranks.

## Rank Categories

In the Star Army there are four categories of ranks:

1. Enlisted Soldiers
2. Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs)
3. Commissioned Officers
4. Flag Officers (also called general officers)

### Enlisted

Enlisted are the everyday soldiers who sign up for 3 years in the Star Army and usually are combat soldiers or have some specific specialization. Most technicians, infantry troops, box-movers from supply, etc are enlisted. These are the worker bees of the Star Army that provide the labor and manpower the Star Army needs to get stuff done.

### Non-Commissioned Officers

Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) are more experienced enlisted soldiers who have risen to become supervisors of the lower enlisted soldiers. They function under the officers' delegated authority and translate orders from officers into tasks for the enlisted soldiers. NCO ranks can only be earned through years of service.

### Commissioned Officers

Officers are typically college-educated military career professionals who are either in complex roles that require a lot of formal education and/or training like [doctors](#), [scientists](#), and [starship operators](#). Often found in labs and starship bridges. Line Officers are decision makers and leadership like Star Army Centurions, [First Officers](#), and [Starship Captains](#).

A commission is a formal document from a head of state (the Empress) or in their name, that appoints an officer to a position in the military. Currently in the Star Army, Taisho Yui commissions officers and she and the Empress jointly commission flag officers (general officers).

## Flag Officers

Flag officers, also called general officers, are the Star Army's admirals. A flag officer is a senior military officer ranking higher than a starship captain. They are commissioned officers who have risen through the ranks to become generalized high-ranking Star Army leaders who command various parts of the Star Army.

## Rank Tiers

Star Army ranks can also be grouped into five tiers of mostly 3 ranks each:

1. 3 Flag Officer Ranks - [Taisho](#) (O9), [Chujo](#) (O8), and [Shôshô](#) (O7)
2. 3 Command Ranks - [Taisa](#) (O6), [Chusa](#) (O5), and [Shosa](#) (O4)
3. 3 Officer Ranks - [Taii](#) (O3), [Chui](#) (O2), and [Shoi](#) (O1)
4. 3 NCO Ranks - [Jôtô Heisho](#) (E7), [Ittô Heisho](#) (E6), and [Nitô Heisho](#) (E5)
5. 4 Enlisted Ranks - [Jôtô Hei](#) (E4), [Ittô Hei](#) (E3), [Nitô Hei](#) (E2), and [Santô Hei](#) (E1)

Additionally there are two training ranks, one for enlisted ([Yontô Hei](#)) and one for officer cadets ([Shoi Kohosei](#)). The rank tiers are reflected in the designs for Star Army pin insignia, where the metal is gold for the top rank of the tier.

## Starting Ranks

Star Army soldiers enter at the rank of:

- [Santô Hei](#) for enlisted recruits who completed basic [training](#). ([Yontô Hei](#) while still in training)
- [Shoi](#) for graduates of officer academies or schools ([Shoi Kohosei](#) while still in school)

The Star Army no longer appoints warrant officers.

## Promotions

The Star Army of Yamatai issues promotions based on time-in-grade, merit, and leadership ability. For details see [Promotions in the Star Army](#).

## Pay Grades

In the Star Army, soldiers are paid by their ranks. Pay grades range from E0-E7 for enlisted and NCOs, W1-W3 for warrant officers, and O0-O9 for officers. For details and pay amounts, [Star Army Pay](#).

## Rank Insignia

The Star Army has two types of rank insignia<sup>1)</sup>:

1. Pins (metal badges that go on the chest)
2. Sleeve (arm patches or cuff stripes)

The rank insignia used depends on the uniform style and level of formality. See [Star Army Uniforms](#) for details.

### Pins

Rank pin designs combine a fleet insignia (in the Star Army, these are triangular) with a backing that shows rank tier. Each fleet has slightly different rank pins that are customized for their distinctive triangular fleet logo. The backings are shaped like heart, a circle, or a flower with 8 petals<sup>2)</sup>.



Each rank tier has three backing colors:

- gold is the highest in the tier
- silver is the middle
- blued metal is the lowest of the tier

Enamel colors in the fleet logo at center of the rank pins are also color coded:

- White for officers
- Red for enlisted




Blue was formerly used for warrant officers, but this was discontinued.

## Sleeve Rank Insignia

Newer Star Army of Yamatai uniforms, beginning with the working uniform and later with the service dress coat, began using rank patches instead of pins.

- For **officers** rank is shown in the form of bands around the cuffs
  - gold bands for officers
- For **enlisted** rank goes on the left arm as
  - **red chevrons** for NCOs
  - **green bars** for enlisted soldiers (red during [YE 32-YE 34](#)).

The sleeve insignia are worn on the [Working Uniform](#), [Duty Uniform \(Type 35\)](#), [Duty Uniform \(Type 42\)](#), and [Star Army Coat, Type 32](#). Officers have a fleet patch in the location where enlisted and NCOs have their rank patch. NCOs and enlisted soldiers do not wear a fleet patch.

Officers	NCOs	Enlisted
gold bands	red chevrons	green bars
above cuffs	between shoulder & elbow	
		

## Rank Charts











Here are charts that show the Star Army's ranks and rank insignia.

### Officers

	Pin	Sleeve	Rank	Kanji	Description	Flag
09			Taisho	大将	Admiral	
08			Chujo	中将	Vice Admiral	





	Pin	Sleeve	Rank	Kanji	Description	Flag
07			Shôshô	少将	Rear Admiral	
06			Taisa	大佐	Captain	
05			Chusa	中佐	Commander	
04			Shosa	少佐	Lieutenant Commander	
03			Taii	大尉	Lieutenant	
02			Chui	中尉	Sub-Lieutenant	
01			Shoi	少尉	Ensign	
0C			Shoi Kohosei	少尉候補生	Officer Candidate	

## Enlisted

	Rank Pin	Arm Patch	Name	Kanji	Description
E7			Jôtô Heisho	上等兵曹	Chief Petty Officer
E6			Ittô Heisho	一等兵曹	First Class Petty Officer
E5			Nitô Heisho	二等兵曹	Second Class Petty Officer
E4			Jôtô Hei	上等兵	Superior Soldier
E3			Ittô Hei	一等兵	Soldier First Class
E2			Nitô Hei	二等兵	Soldier Second Class

	Rank Pin	Arm Patch	Name	Kanji	Description
<b>E1</b>		(no patch)	<a href="#">Santô Hei</a> *	三等兵	Soldier Third Class
<b>E0</b>	(no pin)	(no patch)	<a href="#">Yontô Hei</a>	四等兵	Soldier Fourth Class

## Big Chart

Page	Rank Name	Kanji	Description	SAOY Paygrade	NATO	Rank Pin	Sleeve Insignia	Rank Flag	Rank Category
<a href="#">Taisho</a>	Taisho	大将	Fleet Admiral	O9	OF-9				General Officer
<a href="#">Chujo</a>	Chujo	中将	Vice Admiral	O8	OF-8				General Officer
<a href="#">Shôshô</a>	Shôshô	少将	Vice Admiral	O7	OF-7				General Officer
<a href="#">Taisa</a>	Taisa	大佐	Captain	O6	OF-5				Officer
<a href="#">Chusa</a>	Chusa	中佐	Commander	O5	OF-4				Officer
<a href="#">Shosa</a>	Shosa	少佐	Lieutenant Commander	O4	OF-3				Officer
<a href="#">Taii</a>	Taii	大尉	Lieutenant	O3	OF-2				Officer
<a href="#">Chui</a>	Chui	中尉	Sub-lieutenant	O2	OF-1				Officer
<a href="#">Shoi</a>	Shoi	少尉	Ensign	O1	OF-1				Officer
<a href="#">Shoi Kohosei</a>	Shôï Kôhōsei	少尉候補生	Officer Candidate	O0	OF-D				Officer

Page	Rank Name	Kanji	Description	SAOY Paygrade	NATO	Rank Pin	Sleeve Insignia	Rank Flag	Rank Category
<a href="#">Ittô Juni</a>	Ittô Juni	一准尉	Warrant Officer First Class	WO3	WO-4				Warrant Officer
<a href="#">Nitô Juni</a>	Nitô Juni	二准尉	Warrant Officer Second Class	WO2	WO-3				Warrant Officer
<a href="#">Santô Juni</a>	Santô Juni	三准尉	Warrant Officer Third Class	WO1	WO-2				Warrant Officer
<a href="#">Jôtô Heisho</a>	Jôtô Heisho	上等兵曹	Chief Petty Officer	E7	OR-7				Non-Commissioned Officer
<a href="#">Ittô Heisho</a>	Ittô Heisho	一等兵曹	First Class Petty Officer	E6	OR-6				Non-Commissioned Officer
<a href="#">Nitô Heisho</a>	Nitô Heisho	二等兵曹	Second Class Petty Officer	E5	OR-5				Non-Commissioned Officer
<a href="#">Jôtô Hei</a>	Jôtô Hei	上等兵	Superior Soldier	E4	OR-4				Enlisted
<a href="#">Ittô Hei</a>	Ittô Hei	一等兵	Soldier First Class	E3	OR-3				Enlisted
<a href="#">Nitô Hei</a>	Nitô Hei	二等兵	Soldier Second Class	E2	OR-2				Enlisted
<a href="#">Santô Hei</a>	Santô Hei	三等兵	Soldier Third Class	E1	OR-1				Enlisted
<a href="#">Yontô Hei</a>	Yontô Hei	四等兵	Soldier Fourth Class	E0					Enlisted

## Fleet Variants

The examples shown above are for the First Fleet. For larger images and images of other fleet designs,

see the links below:

## Standard Fleets

- [First Fleet Rank Pins](#)
- [Seventh Fleet Rank Pins](#)
- [Eighth Fleet Rank Pins](#)
- [Tenth Fleet Rank Pins](#)

## Expeditionary Fleets

- [First Expeditionary Fleet Rank Pins](#)
- [Second Expeditionary Fleet Rank Pins](#)

## OOO Notes

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Some rank discussion threads:

- [Considerations on the Ranking System](#)

<sup>1)</sup>

The [Yamataigo](#) (邪馬台語) word for rank insignia is 階級章/Kaikyūshō

<sup>2)</sup>

Q: Why is a military rank pin shaped like a heart? A: They've earned a promotion so you're attached to them. And the next level is round because by then they mean the world to you! The flower represents that leadership abilities being in full bloom.

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