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**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF SPACE OPERATIONS**

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**MEMORANDUM FOR ALL GUARDIANS**

**FROM: SF/S1**

United States Space Force Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20330-1665


**SUBJECT: United States Space Force Rank Names**

1. Effective 1 February 2021, the following rank names will be used across all Space Force systems and in all manners of address.

Grade	Rank	Abbreviation	Terms of Address
E1	Specialist 1	Spc1	Preferred term is Specialist but Spec1 or Specialist 1 are acceptable
E2	Specialist 2	Spc2	Preferred term is Specialist but Spec2 or Specialist 2 are acceptable
E3	Specialist 3	Spc3	Preferred term is Specialist but Spec3 or Specialist 3 are acceptable
E4	Specialist 4	Spc4	Preferred term is Specialist but Spec4 or Specialist 4 are acceptable
E5	Sergeant	Sgt	Sergeant
E6	Technical Sergeant	TSgt	Sergeant or Technical Sergeant or Tech Sergeant
E7	Master Sergeant	MSgt	Sergeant or Master Sergeant
E8	Senior Master Sergeant	SMSgt	Senior or Senior Master Sergeant
E9	Chief Master Sergeant	CMSgt	Chief or Chief Master Sergeant
E9	Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force	CMSSF	Chief or Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force
O1	Second Lieutenant	2d Lt	Second Lieutenant or Lieutenant
O2	First Lieutenant	1st Lt	First Lieutenant or Lieutenant
O3	Captain	Capt	Captain
O4	Major	Maj	Major
O5	Lieutenant Colonel	Lt Col	Lieutenant Colonel or Colonel
O6	Colonel	Col	Colonel
O7	Brigadier General	Brig Gen	Brigadier General or General
O8	Major General	Maj Gen	Major General or General
O9	Lieutenant General	Lt Gen	Lieutenant General or General
O10	General	Gen	General

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2. The most senior enlisted member of the United States Space Force will be referred to as the Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force.
3. There are no changes to military benefits or entitlements.
4. Publications, forms, websites, and systems will reflect these rank changes as soon as feasible. Additional field guidance is being sent through the organizational chain of command for administrative tasks related to these new ranks. All Guardians will begin using the new naming convention effective 1 February 2021.
5. If you have any questions, please email USSF/S1P at [HQSF.S1P.Workflow@us.af.mil](mailto:HQSF.S1P.Workflow@us.af.mil).

  
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