

Subject: (U) AIR FORCE COMMAND INSIGNIA AND COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY PAY (CRP)

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GENERAL: THIS MESSAGE ANNOUNCES AUTHORITIES FOR WEAR OF THE COMMAND INSIGNIA AND RECEIPT OF CRP. ALTHOUGH ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA IS CLOSELY LINKED, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THERE ARE KEY DIFFERENCES IN THE CRITERIA FOR THE INSIGNIA AND THE CRP.

THIS MESSAGE IS IN TWO PARTS:

PART ONE - COMMAND INSIGNIA

PART TWO - COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY PAY

PART ONE

1. AUTHORITY: THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HAS AUTHORIZED WEAR OF THE AIR FORCE COMMAND INSIGNIA TO RECOGNIZE THE EXTRAORDINARY COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE AIR FORCE'S MOST IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP FUNCTION AND THE CHALLENGING RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMAND.

2. ELIGIBILITY: THE INSIGNIA ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL IS AS FOLLOWS (AIR FORCE RESERVE AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD CRITERIA FOR WEAR OF THE INSIGNIA WILL FOLLOW IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE):

A. THE INSIGNIA IS APPROVED FOR WEAR BY FIELD GRADE OFFICERS IN THE RANKS OF MAJOR THROUGH COLONEL WHO ARE FILLING OR HAVE FILLED A SQUADRON, GROUP OR WING COMMAND POSITION; OR A POSITION AS DETERMINED BY THE MAJCOM/CC AND APPROVED BY CSAF AS A COMMAND EQUIVALENT POSITION. EQUIVALENT COMMANDERS MUST HAVE BEEN SELECTED THROUGH A COMPETITIVE PROCESS.

B. COMMANDERS MUST HAVE UCMJ AUTHORITY.

C. TEMPORARY OR "ACTING" COMMANDERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED WEAR OF THE INSIGNIA.

D. VICE AND DEPUTY COMMANDERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED WEAR OF THE INSIGNIA. HOWEVER, THEY MAY WEAR THE INSIGNIA AS A GRADUATED COMMANDER FROM PREVIOUSLY HELD COMMAND POSITIONS.

E. FLAG OFFICERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED WEAR OF THE INSIGNIA.

3. WEAR INSTRUCTIONS (BOTH CURRENT AND GRADUATED COMMANDERS):

A. SERVICE DRESS: CURRENT AND GRADUATED COMMANDERS WILL WEAR THE INSIGNIA ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE UNIFORM PARALLEL TO RIBBONS/MEDALS. IF THE WEAR OF A SERVICE DRESS NAMETAG IS APPROVED, CURRENT COMMANDERS WILL WEAR THE INSIGNIA CENTERED 1/2 INCH ABOVE THE NAMETAG, AND GRADUATED COMMANDERS WILL WEAR THE INSIGNIA CENTERED 1/2 INCH BELOW THE NAMETAG.

B. LONG/SHORT BLUE SHIRT/BLOUSE: CURRENT COMMANDERS, BOTH MALE AND FEMALE, WILL WEAR THE INSIGNIA CENTERED 1/2 INCH ABOVE THE NAMETAG. FOR MALE GRADUATED COMMANDERS, THE INSIGNIA WILL BE WORN BELOW THE NAMETAG CENTERED BETWEEN THE NAMETAG AND THE BUTTON OF THE RIGHT POCKET FLAP. FOR FEMALE GRADUATED COMMANDERS, THE INSIGNIA WILL BE WORN CENTERED 1/2 INCH BELOW THE NAMETAG.

C. MESS DRESS UNIFORM: THE INSIGNIA WILL BE WORN ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE UNIFORM IN THE SAME RELATIVE POSITION AS BADGES WORN ON THE LEFT.

D. BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM: THE SUBDUED CLOTH INSIGNIA WILL BE WORN 1/2 INCH ABOVE THE NAMETAPE FOR CURRENT COMMANDERS OR CENTERED ON THE RIGHT POCKET FLAP BELOW THE NAME TAPE FOR GRADUATED COMMANDERS.

E. FLIGHT SUITS: THE COMMAND INSIGNIA WILL BE EMBROIDERED ON THE NAME PATCH.

F. THE INSIGNIA WILL NOT BE WORN IN DEPLOYED AORS OR COMBAT ZONES.

4. AVAILABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE: THE NEW COMMAND INSIGNIA WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA AAFES CLOTHING SALES. CURRENT AND GRADUATED COMMANDERS MAY BEGIN WEARING THE INSIGNIA 1 OCT 02.

PART TWO - COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY PAY (CRP)

1. AUTHORITY: ON 6 JUN 02, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE APPROVED IMPLEMENTATION OF CRP STARTING IN FY03. RESPONSIBILITY PAY WAS FIRST AUTHORIZED FOR OFFICERS IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES PAY ACT OF 1958. TITLE 37 U.S.C. § 306 ESTABLISHES THE PAY RATES AND MAXIMUM THRESHOLDS ON THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS THAT MAY RECEIVE THIS PAY. CURRENT LAW AUTHORIZES:

PAY GRADE MONTHLY RATE

O-6 \$150

O-5 \$100

O-4 \$50

2. ELIGIBILITY: THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HAS APPROVED CRP TO ALL ACTIVE DUTY OFFICERS WHO MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

A. FIELD GRADE OFFICERS IN THE RANKS OF MAJOR THROUGH COLONEL WHO ARE FILLING A SQUADRON, GROUP OR WING COMMAND POSITION. B. OFFICERS MUST HAVE UCMJ AUTHORITY. C. OFFICERS FILLING COMMAND EQUIVALENT POSITIONS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED CRP. D. TEMPORARY OR "ACTING" COMMANDERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED CRP. E. VICE AND DEPUTY COMMANDERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED CRP.

F. FLAG OFFICERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED CRP.

G. BY LAW OFFICERS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL PAY UNDER SECTION 302 (MEDICAL OFFICERS), 302A (OPTOMETRISTS), 302B (DENTAL OFFICERS), OR 303 (VETERINARIANS) ARE NOT AUTHORIZED CRP.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE: CURRENT COMMANDERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE CRP EFFECTIVE 1 OCT 02 AT THE RATE OF \$150/MONTH TO O-6, \$100/MONTH TO O-5 AND \$50/MONTH TO O-4. FROCKED COMMANDERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE CRP WILL BE PAID BASED ON THEIR PAY GRADE RATHER THAN THEIR FROCKED RANK. CRP IS NOT RETROACTIVE PRIOR TO 1 OCT 02.

4. DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN A MPFM FROM AFPC. BECAUSE AIR FORCE RESERVE AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR COMMAND INSIGNIA AND RECEIPT OF CRP DIFFERS FROM THAT OF ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS, AF/REPX AND ANG/DPFP WILL DISSEMINATE GUIDANCE FOR THOSE COMMANDERS IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE.

5. KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN COMMAND INSIGNIA AND CRP:

A. "COMMANDER EQUIVALENT POSITIONS" AS DEFINED IN THIS MESSAGE QUALIFY TO WEAR THE COMMAND INSIGNIA. HOWEVER IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THESE "COMMANDER EQUIVALENT POSITIONS" DO NOT, REPEAT DO NOT, QUALIFY TO RECEIVE CRP (DUE TO THE THRESHOLD ESTABLISHED IN TITLE 37, CHAPTER 5, § 306. THE AF DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO EXCEED THIS THRESHOLD).

B. OFFICERS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL PAY UNDER SECTION 302, 302A, 302B, OR 303 THOUGH NOT AUTHORIZED CRP, ARE ELIGIBLE TO WEAR COMMAND INSIGNIA IF MEETING THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA LISTED IN PART ONE OF THIS MESSAGE

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