

CAP Grade Abbreviations – as per CAPR 35-5 and CAPR 52-16

For use in internal CAP communications and correspondence

NOTE: Spell out the grade the first time you use it in your release/article then use the correct abbreviation after that.

Senior Member Grades		Cadet Member Grades	
Senior Member	SM	Cadet Basic	C/AB
Staff Sergeant	SSgt	Cadet Airman	C/Amn
Technical Sergeant	TSgt	Cadet Airman First Class	C/A1C
Master Sergeant	MSgt	Cadet Senior Airman	C/SRA
Senior Master Sergeant	SMSgt	Cadet Staff Sergeant	C/SSgt
Chief Master Sergeant	CMSgt	Cadet Technical Sergeant	C/TSgt
Flight Officer	FO	Cadet Master Sergeant	C/MSgt
Technical Flight Officer	TFO	Cadet Senior Master Sergeant	C/SMSgt
Senior Flight Officer	SFO	Cadet Chief Master Sergeant	C/CMSgt
Second Lieutenant	2d Lt	Cadet Second Lieutenant	C/2d Lt
First Lieutenant	1st Lt	Cadet First Lieutenant	C/1st Lt
Captain	Capt	Cadet Captain	C/Capt
Major	Maj	Cadet Major	C/Maj
Lieutenant Colonel	Lt Col	Cadet Lieutenant Colonel	C/Lt Col
Colonel	Col	Cadet Colonel	C/Col
Brigadier General	Brig Gen		
Major General	Maj Gen		

Air Force (CAP) Grades as per the AP Style Guide

For use in Public Affairs Products

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Note: The AP Style guide does not give guidance for cadet grades so spell out “Cadet” before the appropriate abbreviation to denote the appropriate cadet grade. Flight Officer grades are not reflected in the guide so by analogy, we suggest the abbreviations below.

Senior Member Grades		Cadet Member Grades	
Senior Member	SM	Cadet Airman Basic	Cadet Airman
Staff Sergeant	Staff Sgt.	Cadet Airman	Cadet Airman
Technical Sergeant	Tech. Sgt.	Cadet Airman First Class	Cadet Airman 1st Class
Master Sergeant	Master Sgt.	Cadet Senior Airman	Cadet Senior Airman
Senior Master Sergeant	Senior Master Sgt.	Cadet Staff Sergeant	Cadet Staff Sgt.
Chief Master Sergeant	Chief Master Sgt.	Cadet Technical Sergeant	Cadet Tech. Sgt.
Flight Officer	Flight Off.	Cadet Master Sergeant	Cadet Master Sgt.
Technical Flight Officer	Tech. Flight Off.	Cadet Senior Master Sergeant	Cadet Senior Master Sgt.
Senior Flight Officer	Senior Flight Off.	Cadet Chief Master Sergeant	Cadet Chief Master Sgt.
Second Lieutenant	2nd Lt.	Cadet Second Lieutenant	Cadet 2nd Lt.
First Lieutenant	1st Lt.	Cadet First Lieutenant	Cadet 1st Lt.
Captain	Capt.	Cadet Captain	Cadet Capt.
Major	Maj.	Cadet Major	Cadet Maj.
Lieutenant Colonel	Lt. Col.	Cadet Lieutenant Colonel	Cadet Lt. Col.
Colonel	Col.	Cadet Colonel	Cadet Col.
Brigadier General	Brig. Gen.		
Major General	Maj. Gen.		