



Professional Military Education **Initial Entry Training**



Virginia Defense Force/US ARMY: Chain of Command & Insignia of Rank



References



- **VDF Pamphlet 350-1
Orientation Course**



Training Objectives



Definition of “Chain of Command”

Your Chain of Command

Rank Structure, Insignia, and how to address



Chain of Command



**Chain of Command:
A TWO-WAY communications
channel between
subordinates and leaders**



Chain of Command



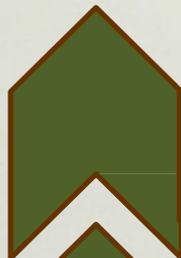
• **Orders**

• **Policy**

• **Information & Inquiry**



Chain of Command



• **Information**

• **Questions**



Chain of Command



• Keeps All Informed

• Renders Assistance & Solves Problem



Chain of Command



- ???

- Chain of Command

- **JUMPED LINKS IN CHAIN**



Chain of Command



• ???

• Chain of Command

• **JUMPED LINKS IN CHAIN**





Chain of Command



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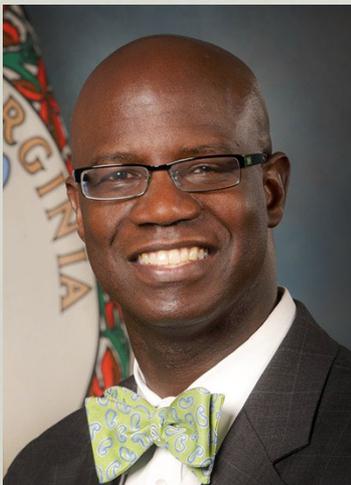
- **TWO-WAY** communications channel between subordinates and leaders
- **DOWN: Orders, Policy, Information, Inquiry**
- **UP: Information, Questions**
- **UP & DOWN: All Informed, Provide Assistance, Solve Problems**
- **UP or DOWN: CHAIN NOT JUMPED**



Your Chain of Command



**Governor Ralph Northam,
Commander in Chief
*Since January 2018***



**Carlos Hopkins,
Secretary of Veterans and
Defense Affairs
*Since September 2018***



Your Chain of Command



Brig. Gen. Timothy P. Williams
The Adjutant General (TAG)
Since May 2014



Brig. Gen. (Va.) Justin P. Carlitti,
VDF Commander (CG)
Since Sept. 28, 2014



Insignia of Rank



- **Enlisted Soldier**
- **Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO)**
- **Warrant Officer**
- **Commissioned Officer**



Insignia of Rank



Enlisted Soldiers



PRIVATE (PV2)
(Addressed as "Private")



PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (PFC)
(Addressed as "Private")



SPECIALIST (SPC)
(Addressed as "Specialist")



Insignia of Rank



CORPORAL (CPL)
(Addressed as "Corporal")



SERGEANT (SGT)
(Addressed as "Sergeant")



STAFF SERGEANT (SSG)
(Addressed as "Sergeant")



Insignia of Rank



SERGEANT FIRST CLASS (SFC)
(Addressed as "Sergeant")



MASTER SERGEANT (MSG)
(Addressed as "Sergeant")



FIRST SERGEANT (1SG)
(Addressed as "First Sergeant")



Insignia of Rank



SERGEANT MAJOR (SGM)
(Addressed as "Sergeant Major")



COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR (CSM)
(Addressed as "Sergeant Major")



Insignia of Rank



WARRANT OFFICER

Warrant Officers are formally addressed as either Mr. or Ms. They can also be addressed as Sir or Ma'am. CHIEF Warrant Officers are addressed as CHIEF.



WARRANT OFFICER 1 (WO1)



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 (CW2)



Insignia of Rank



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 (CW3)



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 (CW4)



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5 (CW5)



Insignia of Rank



Officer Candidate School
(Addressed as Officer Candidate)

Commissioned Officers



SECOND LIEUTENANT (2LT) O-1
(Addressed as "Lieutenant")



FIRST LIEUTENANT (1LT) O-2
(Addressed as "Lieutenant")



Insignia of Rank



CAPTAIN (CPT)
(Addressed as "Captain") O-3



MAJOR (MAJ)
(Addressed as "Major") O-4



LIEUTENANT COLONEL (LTC) O-5
(Addressed as "Lieutenant Colonel " or "Colonel")



Insignia of Rank



COLONEL (COL)
(Addressed as "Colonel") O-6



BRIGADIER GENERAL (BG)
(Addressed as "General") O-7



MAJOR GENERAL (MG)
(Addressed as "General") O-8



Insignia of Rank



LIEUTENANT GENERAL (LTG)
(Addressed as "General") O-9



GENERAL (GEN)
(Addressed as "General") O-10



GENERAL OF THE ARMY (GOA)
(Addressed as "General")



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QUESTIONS?