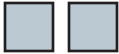


KZINTI RANK INSIGNIA

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 ADMIRAL 5th Rank	 ADMIRAL 4th Rank	 ADMIRAL 3rd Rank	 GENERAL 2nd Rank (ground)	 ADMIRAL 1st Rank (space)
 COMMODORE 5th Rank	 COMMODORE 4th Rank	 BRIGADIER 3rd Rank (ground)	 COMMODORE 2nd Rank	 COMMODORE 1st Rank
 CAPTAIN 5th Rank	 CAPTAIN 4th Rank	 COLONEL 3rd Rank (ground)	 CAPTAIN 2nd Rank	 CAPTAIN 1st Rank
 COMMANDER 5th Rank	 COMMANDER 4th Rank	 COMMANDER 3rd Rank (staff)	 MAJOR 2nd Rank (ground)	 COMMANDER 1st Rank
 LIEUTENANT 5th Rank	 LIEUTENANT 4th Rank (Med)	 LIEUTENANT 3rd Rank (science)	 LIEUTENANT 2nd Rank	 LIEUTENANT 1st Rank
 PILOT 5th Rank	 PILOT 4th Rank	 PILOT 3rd Rank	 PILOT (atmospheric) 2nd Rank	 PILOT 1st Rank
 NCO 5th Rank	 NCO 4th Rank	 NCO 3rd Rank	 SERGEANT 2nd Rank (ground)	 NCO 1st Rank
 CREWMAN 5th Rank	 CREWMAN 4th Rank	 PRIVATE 3rd Rank (ground)	 CREWMAN 2nd Rank	 CREWMAN 1st Rank

Kzinti military ranks have both grades (admiral, captain, lieutenant) and ranks (admiral 1st rank, lieutenant 4th rank). Ranks within a grade are earned by time in service, passing certain tests, and/or by achieving some great accomplishment or success (e.g., pilots of the 5th rank can be promoted one rank after their first dogfight victory, or earn the promotion by experience). Being promoted to a higher grade is more difficult; the lowest captain outranks the highest commander. Higher ranks and grades indicate more social prestige, pay, and responsibility. Captains of the higher ranks command larger or more important ships, for example.

NCOs (petty officers and sergeants) supervise crewmen. Lieutenants supervise enlisted personnel. Commanders are department heads or deputy heads of larger departments. Captains command starships (or battalions). Commodores (brigadiers in ground forces) command squadrons (or brigades and divisions). Admirals (or generals) command fleets, theaters (or corps and armies). Rank insignia are in branch colors: silver (space, including engineers who are considered "line" officers), gold (staff), green (ground forces), red (medical), blue (science). Officers of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd ranks are eligible for promotion to the next higher grade.