



Ranks of the Czechoslovak Armed Forces ◀



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Ranks of the Czechoslovak Armed Forces shows the military ranks and rank insignia in use by the First Czechoslovak Republic, the Second Czechoslovak Republic, the Third Czechoslovak Republic, and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

Overview ▶

After the independence of Czechoslovakia, the new republic at first used the ranks of the Austro-Hungarian Army, but from 1920 a system was introduced that was basically similar to the one used presently by today's Army of the Czech Republic.

Rank and file ▶

- Vojín (Slovak: *Vojak*)– Private
- Svobodník (Slovak: *Slobodník*) – Lance Corporal **or Private First Class**

Non-commissioned officers ▶

- *Desátník* (Slovak: *Desiatnik*)– Corporal
- *Četař* (Slovak: *Čatár*)– Sergeant
- *Rotný* (Slovak: *Rotný*)– Staff Sergeant
- *Staršina* (Slovak: *Staršina*)– *Starshina*/Master Sergeant (*part of the rank system 1948–1959*)
- *Rotmistr* (Slovak: *Rotmajster*)– (Company) Sergeant Major
- *Nadrotmistr* (Slovak: *Nadrotmajster*)– Senior (Company) Sergeant Major **Master Sergeant**
- *Štábní rotmistr* (Slovak: *Štábny rotmajster*)– Staff (Company) Sergeant Major

Warrant officers ▶

- *Podpraporčík* (Slovak: *Podpráporčík*)– Podpraporshchik/Junior Warrant Officer
- *Praporčík* (Slovak: *Práporčík*)– Praporshchik/Warrant officer
- *Nadpraporčík* (Slovak: *Nadpráporčík*)– Nadpraporshchik/Senior Warrant Officer
- *Štábní praporčík* (Slovak: *Štábny práporčík*)– Staff Praporshchik/Chief Warrant Officer (*abolished 1949*)

Officers ▶

- *Podporučík* (Slovak: *Podporučík*)– Podporuchik **no equivalent - like Junior Lieutenant**
- *Poručík* (Slovak: *Poručík*)– Poruchik **2nd Lieutenant**
- *Nadporučík* (Slovak: *Nadporučík*)– Nadporuchik **1st Lieutenant**
- *Kapitán* (Slovak: *Kapitán*)– Captain **Stotnik**
- *Štábní kapitán* (Slovak: *Štábny kapitán*)– Staff Captain (*abolished 1953*)
- *Major* (Slovak: *Major*)– Major
- *Podplukovník* (Slovak: *Podplukovník*)– Podpolkovnik **Lieutenant Colonel**
- *Plukovník* (Slovak: *Plukovník*)– Polkovnik **Colonel**
- *Brigádní generál* (Slovak: *Brigádny generál*)– Brigadier General (*abolished 1950*)
- *Divízní generál* (Slovak: *Divízny generál*)– Divisional General (*abolished 1950*)
- *Generálmajor* (Slovak: *Generálmajor*)– Major General
- *Generálporučík* (Slovak: *Generálporučík*)– Lieutenant General
- *Sborový generál* (Slovak: *Zborový generál*)– Corps General (*abolished 1950*)
- *Generálplukovník* (Slovak: *Generálplukovník*)– Colonel General
- *Armádní generál* (Slovak: *Armádný generál*)– General of the Army.
- *Vrchní velitel branné moci* (Slovak: *Vrchný veliteľ brannej moci*)– Supreme commander of the Armed Forces (*abolished 1959*)

Army ranks (1930-1939) ▶

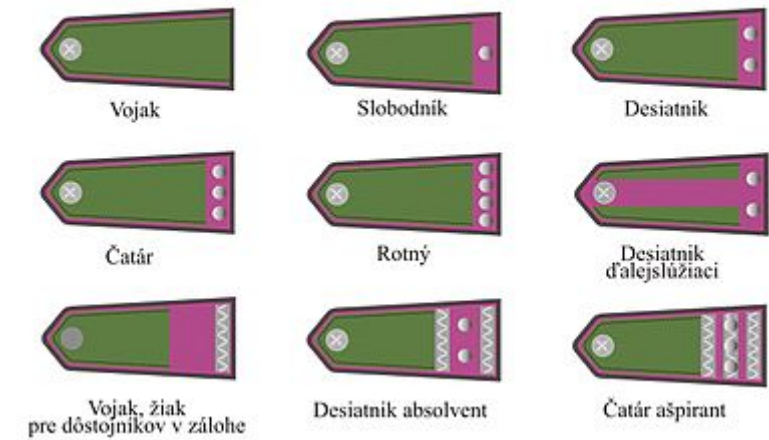
Rank and file, and junior non-commissioned officers ▶

- *Vojín* - Private
- *Svobodník* - Lance Corporal
- *Desátník* - Corporal
- *Četař* - Sergeant
- *Rotný* - Staff Sergeant

Source:



Vojenské hodnosti mužstva do roku 1939



Source: *The rank titles in the image are in [Slovak](#).*

Senior non-commissioned officers

- *Rotmistr* - (Company) Sergeant Major
- *Štábní Rotmistr* - Staff (Company) Sergeant Major
- *Praporčík* - Praporshchik/Warrant Officer
- *Štábní praporčík* - Staff Praporshchik/Chief Warrant Officer (introduced 1938)

Source:

Vojenské hodnosti rotmajstrov 1930-1939



The senior non-commissioned officers received new rank insignia 1938. *The rank titles in the image are in Slovak.*

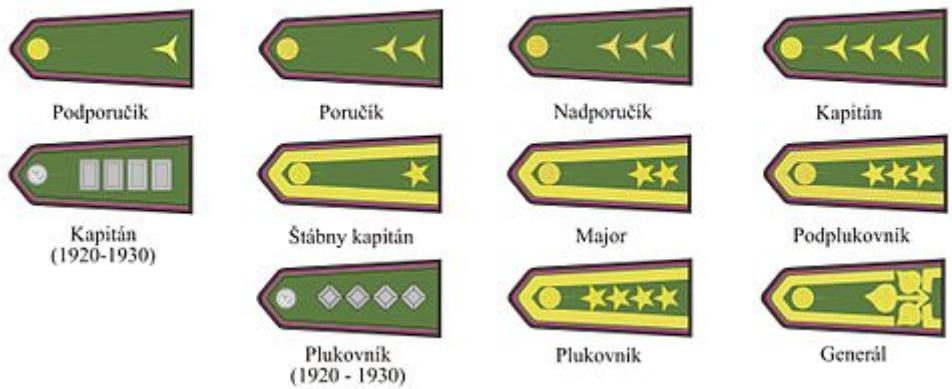
Commissioned officers

- *Podporučík* - Podporuchik/Junior Lieutenant
- *Poručík* - Poruchik/Lieutenant
- *Nadporučík* - Nadporuchik/Senior Lieutenant
- *Kapitán* - Captain
- *Štábní kapitán* - Staff Captain
- *Major* - Major
- *Podplukovník* - Podpolkovnik/Lieutenant Colonel
- *Plukovník* - Polkovnik/Colonel
- *Brigádní generál* - Brigadier General
- *Divisní generál* - Divisional General
- *Armádní generál* - General of the Army

Until 1930, the rank of General, equivalent to that of a Brigadier or Brigadier General, was the highest rank of the Czechoslovak Army and Air Force.

Source:

Vojenské hodnosti dôstojníkov do roku 1939



The different ranks of the general officers were denoted by two to four stars on the sleeve. *The rank titles in the image are in Slovak.*

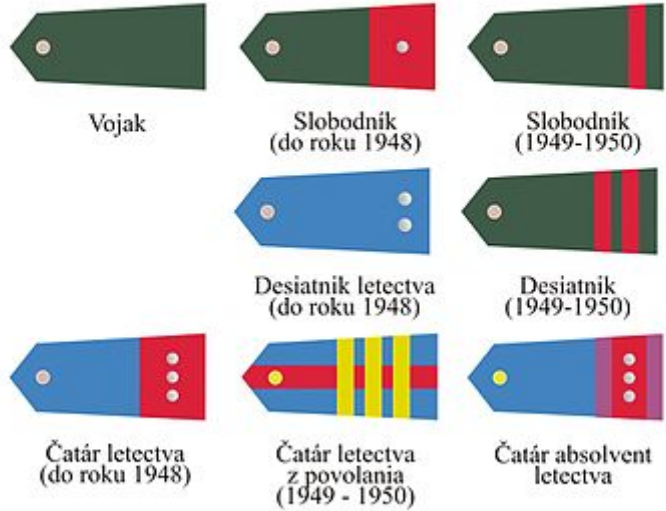
Army ranks (1945-1950)

Rank and file, and junior non-commissioned officers

- *Vojín* - Private
- *Svobodník* - Lance Corporal
- *Desátník* - Corporal
- *Četař* - Sergeant

Source:

Hodnostné označenie poddôstojníkov česko-slovenskej armády v rokoch 1945 až 1950



Source: *The rank titles in the image are in Slovak.*



Senior non-commissioned officers



- *Rotný* - Stafi Sergeant
- *Staršina* - Starshina/Master Sergeant (introduced 1949)
- *Rotmistr* - (Company) Sergeant Major
- *Štábní Rotmistr* - Staff (Company) Sergeant Major
- *Praporčík* - Praporshchik/Warrant Officer
- *Štábní praporčík* - Staff Praporshchik/Chief Warrant Officer (introtuced 1938)

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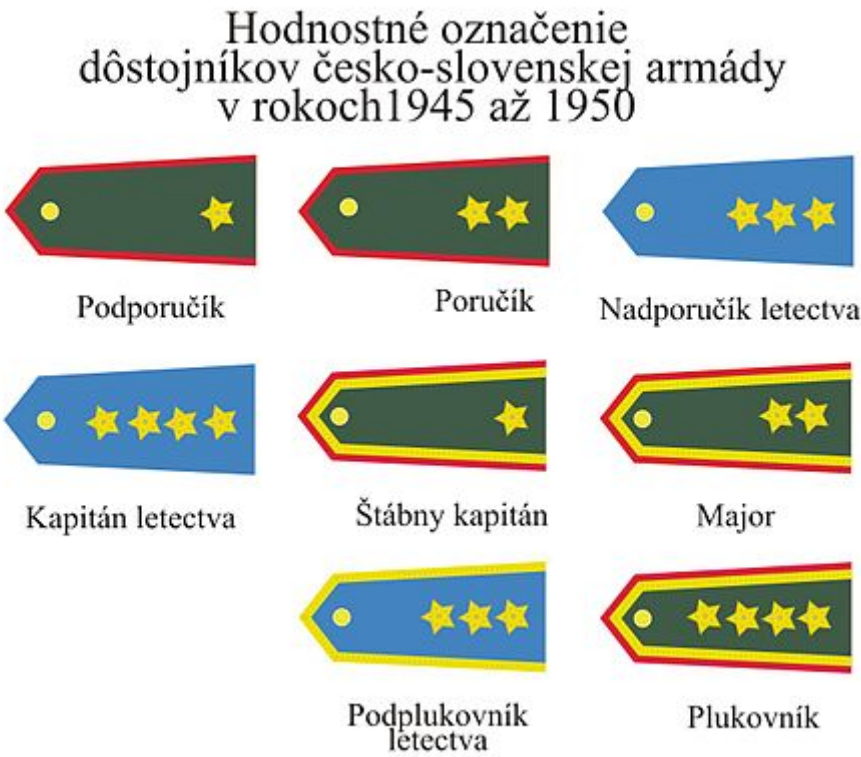


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Company and field grade officers

- *Podporučík* - Podporuchik **Junior Lieutenant**
- *Poručík* - Poruchik **2nd Lieutenant**
- *Nadporučík* - Nadporuchik **1st Lieutenant**
- *Kapitán* - Captain
- *Štábní kapitán* - Staff Captain
- *Major* - Major
- *Podplukovník* - Podpolkovník **Lieutenant Colonel**
- *Plukovník* - Polkovník **Colonel**

Source:



The rank titles in the image are in Slovak.

General officers

- *Brigádní generál* - Brigadier General
- *Divísní generál* - Divisional General
- *Sborový generál* - Army Corps General (introduced 1948)
- *Armádní generál* - General of the Army

Source:

Hodnostné označenie generálov česko-slovenskej armády v rokoch 1945 až 1950



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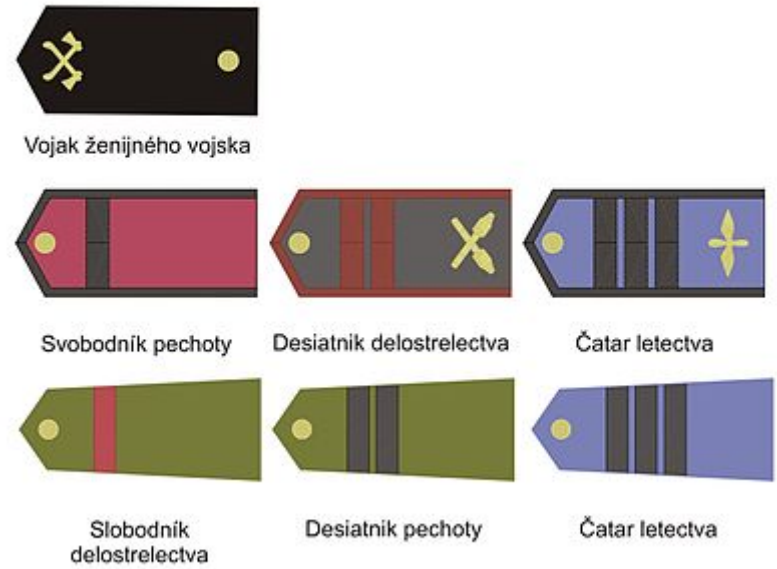
Army ranks (1951-1958)

Rank and file, and junior non-commissioned officers

- *Vojín* - Private
- *Svobodník* - Lance Corporal
- *Desátník* - Corporal
- *Četař* - Sergeant

Source:





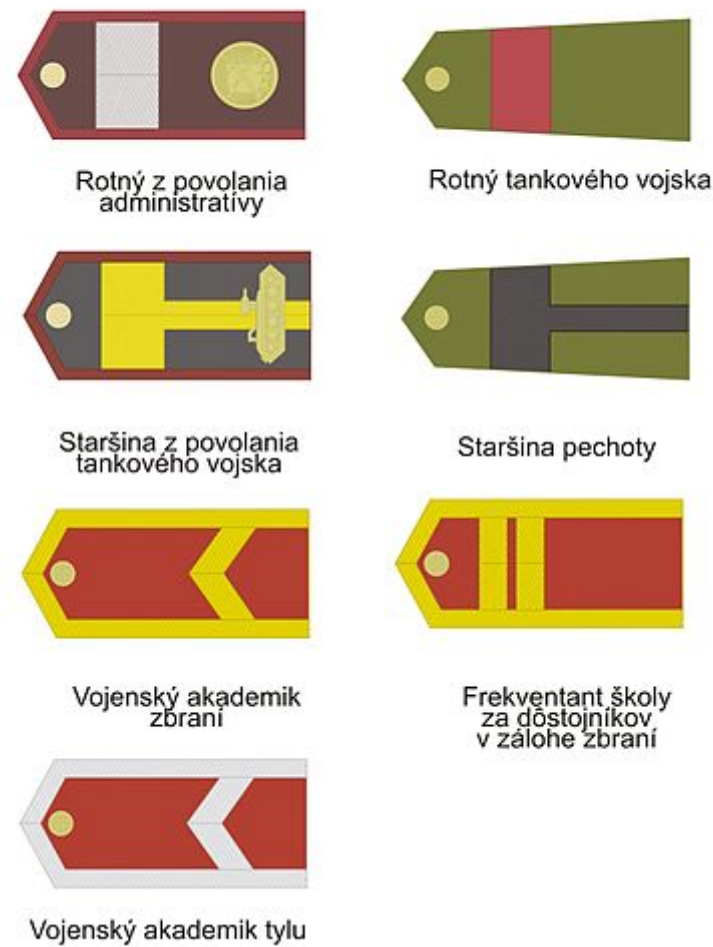
Source: The rank titles in the image are in Slovak.

Senior non-commissioned officers, and officer cadets

- *Rotný* - Staff Sergeant
- *Staršina* - Starshina/Master Sergeant

Source:

Hodnosti rotných a frekventantov škôl
Česko-Slovenskej armády 1951 až 1958



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Officers

Rank group	National rank	General/flag officers		Field/senior officers				Junior officers				Officer cadet
 Czechoslovakia	<i>Vrchní velitel branné moci</i> (abolished 1958)											
		<i>Armádní generál</i>	<i>Generálporučík</i>	<i>Generálmajor</i>	<i>Brigádní generál</i>	<i>Plukovník</i>	<i>Podplukovník</i>	<i>Major</i>	<i>Štábní kapitán</i>	<i>Kapitán</i>	<i>Nadporučík</i>	<i>Poručík</i>

Ranks 1951-1952

- *Armádní generál* - General of the Army
- *Sborový generál* - Army Corps General/Lieutenant General
- *Divisní generál* - Divisional General
- *Brigádní generál* - Brigadier General



Ranks 1953-1958

- *Armádní generál* - General of the Army
- *Generálplukovník* - Colonel General
- *Generálporučík* - Lieutenant General
- *Generálmajor* - Major General

Source:



Vrchný veliteľ
brannej moci



Armádný generál



Zborový generál letectva
(od roku 1953
generálplukovník)



Divízný generál
(od roku 1953
generálporučík)
tylových služieb



Brigádny generál
(od roku 1953
generálmajor)

The rank titles in the image are in Slovak.

Junior Officers

- *Podporučík* - Podporuchik
- *Poručík* - Poruchik
- *Nadporučík* - Nadporuchik
- *Kapitán* - Captain
- *Štábní kapitán* - Staff Captain (abolished 1953/1954)
- *Major* - Major
- *Podplukovník* - Podpolkovnik
- *Plukovník* - Polkovnik

Source:

Vojenské hodnosti dôstojníkov
Česko-Slovenskej armády 1951 až 1958



Podporučík
spojovacieho vojska



Poručík letectva



Nadporučík
výsadkového vojska



Kapitán
ženijného vojska



Štábný kapitán
letectva (do roku 1953)



Major spojovacieho
vojska (do roku 1953)



Podplukovník
intendantstva
(do roku 1953)



Plukovník pechoty
(do roku 1953)



Major delostreleckého
vyzbrojovania (od 1953)



Podplukovník tankového
vojska (od roku 1953)



Plukovník letectva
inžinierskej a technickej
skupiny (od 1953)

The rank titles in the image are in Slovak.

Army ranks (1960-1990) ▶

Czechoslovak People's Army Source:

Officers ▶

Rank group	National rank	General/flag officers				Field/senior officers		Junior officers			Officer cadet	
	No equivalent											
		Armádní generál	Generálplukovník	Generálporučík	Generálmajor	Plukovník	Podplukovník	Major	Kapitán	Nadporučík	Poručík	Podporučík

Enlisted and Warrant officers ▶

Rank group		Senior NCOs			Junior NCOs			Enlisted			
 Czechoslovakia	<i>No equivalent</i>										
		<i>Nadpraporčík</i>	<i>Praporčík</i>	<i>Podpraporčík</i>	<i>Nadrotmistr</i>	<i>Rotmistr</i>	<i>Rotný</i>	<i>Četař</i>	<i>Desátník</i>	<i>Svobodník</i>	<i>Vojín</i>

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