

# Yugoslav People's Army ranks

The **Yugoslav People's Army ranks** are the military insignia used by the Yugoslav People's Army.

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### Officers

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| Rank group                                                                                             | National rank                                                                                                                   |                      | General/flag officers                                                                                          |                                                                                                               |                                                                                                             | Field/senior officers                                                                                  |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      | Junior officers                                                                                         |                                                                                                          |                                                                                                             | Officer cadet                                                                                             |                |
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| <br><u>Yugoslavia</u> | <br><u>Maršal Jugoslavije</u> <sup>[a]</sup> | <b>No equivalent</b> | <br><u>General-pukovnik</u> | <br><u>General-lajtant</u> | <br><u>General-major</u> | <br><u>Pukovnik</u> | <br><u>Potpukovnik</u> | <br><u>Major</u> | <br><u>Kapetan</u> | <br><u>Poručnik</u> | <br><u>Potporučnik</u> | <br><u>Zastavnik</u> |                |
| <br><u>Yugoslavia</u> | <br><u>Maršal Jugoslavije</u> <sup>[a]</sup> | <b>No equivalent</b> | <u>Admiral</u>                                                                                                 | <u>Viceadmiral</u>                                                                                            | <u>Kontraadmiral</u>                                                                                        | <u>Kapetan bojnog broda</u>                                                                            | <u>Kapetan fregate</u>                                                                                    | <u>Kapetan korvete</u>                                                                               | <u>Poručnik bojnog broda</u>                                                                            | <u>Poručnik fregate</u>                                                                                  | <u>Poručnik korvete</u>                                                                                     | <u>Potporučnik</u>                                                                                        | <b>Unknown</b> |
| <br><u>Yugoslavia</u> | <br><u>Maršal Jugoslavije</u> <sup>[a]</sup> | <b>No equivalent</b> | <u>General-pukovnik</u>                                                                                        | <u>General-lajtant</u>                                                                                        | <u>General-major</u>                                                                                        | <u>Pukovnik</u>                                                                                        | <u>Potpukovnik</u>                                                                                        | <u>Major</u>                                                                                         | <u>Kapetan</u>                                                                                          | <u>Poručnik</u>                                                                                          | <u>Potporučnik</u>                                                                                          | <u>Zastavnik</u>                                                                                          |                |
| Rank group                                                                                             | National rank                                                                                                                   |                      | General/flag officers                                                                                          |                                                                                                               |                                                                                                             | Field/senior officers                                                                                  |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      | Junior officers                                                                                         |                                                                                                          |                                                                                                             | Officer cadet                                                                                             |                |

### Enlisted

The rank insignia for enlisted personnel for the Ground forces, Navy and Air force respectively.

| Rank group                                                                        |                                        | Senior NCOs                                                                         |                                                                                     |                                                                                     | Junior NCOs                                                                         |                                                                                       | Enlisted                                                                              |                  |                              |
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|  | <u>Yugoslavia</u> <i>No equivalent</i> |  |  |  |  |  |  | No insignia      |                              |
|  | <u>Yugoslavia</u> <i>No equivalent</i> | <u>Stariji vodnik 1. klase</u>                                                      | <u>Stariji vodnik</u>                                                               | <u>Vodnik 1. klase</u>                                                              | <u>Vodnik</u>                                                                       | <u>Mlađi vodnik</u>                                                                   | <u>Desetar</u>                                                                        | <u>Razvodnik</u> | <u>Vojnik</u><br>No insignia |

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|            | Zastavnik     | Stariji vodnik          | Vodnik 1. klase | Vodnik          | Mlađi vodnik | Desetar      | Razvodnik | Vojnik      |        |
| Yugoslavia | No equivalent |                         |                 |                 |              |              |           | No insignia |        |
| Rank group |               | Stariji vodnik 1. klase | Stariji vodnik  | Vodnik 1. klase | Vodnik       | Mlađi vodnik | Desetar   | Razvodnik   | Vojnik |
|            |               | Senior NCOs             |                 |                 | Junior NCOs  |              |           | Enlisted    |        |

## Ranks (1947–1955)

### Officers

The following are the rank insignia for commissioned officers for the Ground forces, Navy and Air force respectively.

| Rank group | National rank | General/flag officers |                  |                     |               |  | Field/senior officers |             |       |                  | Junior officers |          |             | Officer cadet |
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| Yugoslavia |               |                       |                  |                     |               |  |                       |             |       |                  |                 |          |             | Zastavnik     |
| Yugoslavia | No equivalent |                       |                  |                     |               |  |                       |             |       |                  |                 |          |             | Unknown       |
| Yugoslavia | No equivalent | General armije        | General-pukovnik | General-potpukovnik | General-major |  | Pukovnik              | Potpukovnik | Major | Kapetan 1. klase | Kapetan         | Poručnik | Potporučnik | Zastavnik     |
| Rank group | National rank | General/flag officers |                  |                     |               |  | Field/senior officers |             |       |                  | Junior officers |          |             | Officer cadet |

### Enlisted

The rank insignia for enlisted personnel for the Ground forces, Navy and Air force respectively.

| Rank group | Senior NCOs    |                 |        | Junior NCOs  |         |           | Enlisted |             |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|---------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Yugoslavia |                |                 |        |              |         |           |          | No insignia |
|            | Stariji vodnik | Vodnik 1. klase | Vodnik | Mlađi vodnik | Desetar | Razvodnik | Vojnik   |             |
| Yugoslavia |                |                 |        |              |         |           |          | No insignia |
|            | Stariji vodnik | Vodnik 1. klase | Vodnik | Mlađi vodnik | Desetar | Razvodnik | Vojnik   |             |
| Yugoslavia | No equivalent  |                 |        |              |         |           |          | No insignia |

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| Rank group | Senior NCOs                                                                      |                                                                                  | Junior NCOs                                                                      |                                                                                  | Enlisted                                                                         |                                                                                  |        |
|            | Stariji vodnik                                                                   | Vodnik 1. klase                                                                  | Vodnik                                                                           | Mlađi vodnik                                                                     | Desetar                                                                          | Razvodnik                                                                        | Vojnik |

## Ranks (1955–1982)

This table shows the rank structure in use by Yugoslav People's Army from 1955 to 1982.

### Officers

The rank insignia for commissioned officers for the Ground forces, Navy and Air force respectively.

| Rank group                                                                                            | National rank                                                                     | General/flag officers                                                             |                                   |                                      |                                | Field/senior officers       |                              |                        | Junior officers                   |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     | Officer cadet        |
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| <br><u>Yugoslavia</u>  | <i>Maršal Jugoslavije</i> <sup>[a]</sup><br><i>General</i> <sup>[b]</sup>         | <i>General armije</i>                                                             | <i>General-pukovnik</i>           | <i>General-potpukovnik</i>           | <i>General-major</i>           | <i>Pukovnik</i>             | <i>Potpukovnik</i>           | <i>Major</i>           | <i>Kapetan 1. klase</i>           | <i>Kapetan</i>                                                                      | <i>Poručnik</i>                                                                     | <i>Potporučnik</i>                                                                  | <i>No equivalent</i> |
| <br><u>Yugoslavia</u>  |  |  |                                   |                                      |                                |                             |                              |                        |                                   |  |  |  | Unknown              |
|                                                                                                       | <i>Maršal Jugoslavije</i> <sup>[a]</sup>                                          | <i>Admiral flote</i>                                                              | <i>Admiral</i>                    | <i>Viceadmiral</i>                   | <i>Kontraadmiral</i>           | <i>Kapetan bojnog broda</i> | <i>Kapetan fregate</i>       | <i>Kapetan korvete</i> | <i>Poručnik bojnog broda</i>      | <i>Poručnik fregate</i>                                                             | <i>Poručnik korvete</i>                                                             | <i>Potporučnik</i>                                                                  |                      |
| <br><u>Yugoslavia</u> | <i>Maršal Jugoslavije</i> <sup>[a]</sup>                                          | <i>General armije</i>                                                             | <i>General-pukovnik avijacije</i> | <i>General-potpukovnik avijacije</i> | <i>General-major avijacije</i> | <i>Pukovnik avijacije</i>   | <i>Potpukovnik avijacije</i> | <i>Major avijacije</i> | <i>Kapetan 1. klase avijacije</i> | <i>Kapetan avijacije</i>                                                            | <i>Poručnik avijacije</i>                                                           | <i>Potporučnik avijacije</i>                                                        | <i>No equivalent</i> |
| Rank group                                                                                            | National rank                                                                     | General/flag officers                                                             |                                   |                                      |                                | Field/senior officers       |                              |                        | Junior officers                   |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     | Officer cadet        |

### Enlisted

The rank insignia for enlisted personnel for the Ground forces, Navy and Air force respectively.

| Rank group                                                                                             | Senior NCOs                                                                         |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     | Junior NCOs                                                                         |                                                                                      |                                                                                       | Enlisted                                                                              |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |
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| <br><u>Yugoslavia</u> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <br><u>Yugoslavia</u> | Zastavnik 1. klase                                                                  | Zastavnik                                                                           | Stariji vodnik 1. klase                                                             | Stariji vodnik                                                                      | Vodnik 1. klase                                                                     | Vodnik                                                                               | Mlađi vodnik                                                                          | Desetar                                                                               | Razvodnik                                                                             | Vojnik                                                                                |
| <br><u>Yugoslavia</u> | Zastavnik 1. klase                                                                  | Zastavnik                                                                           | Stariji vodnik 1. klase                                                             | Stariji vodnik                                                                      | Vodnik 1. klase                                                                     | Vodnik                                                                               | Mlađi vodnik                                                                          | Desetar                                                                               | Razvodnik                                                                             | Vojnik                                                                                |
| Rank group                                                                                             | Senior NCOs                                                                         |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     | Junior NCOs                                                                         |                                                                                      |                                                                                       | Enlisted                                                                              |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |

## Ranks (1982–1992)

### Officers

The rank insignia for commissioned officers for the Ground forces, Navy and Air force respectively.

| Rank group                                                                                             | National rank        | General/flag officers                                                               |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     | Field/senior officers                                                               |                                                                                     |                                                                                      | Junior officers                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       | Officer cadet        |
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| <br><u>Yugoslavia</u> | <i>No equivalent</i> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | <i>No equivalent</i> |

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|  | No<br>Yugoslavia equivalent |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Unknown       |
|                                                                                 |                             | General armije                                                                   | General-pukovnik                                                                 | General-potpukovnik                                                              | General-major                                                                    | Pukovnik                                                                         | Potpukovnik                                                                      | Major                                                                             | Kapetan 1. klase                                                                   | Kapetan                                                                            | Poručnik                                                                           | Potporučnik                                                                        |               |
|                                                                                 |                             | Admiral flote                                                                    | Admiral                                                                          | Vice admiral                                                                     | Kontraadmiral                                                                    | Kapetan bojnog broda                                                             | Kapetan Fregate                                                                  | Kapetan korvete                                                                   | Poručnik bojnog broda                                                              | Poručnik fregate                                                                   | Poručnik korvete                                                                   | Potporučnik                                                                        |               |
|  | No<br>Yugoslavia equivalent | General armije                                                                   | General-pukovnik                                                                 | General-potpukovnik                                                              | General-major                                                                    | Pukovnik                                                                         | Potpukovnik                                                                      | Major                                                                             | Kapetan 1. klase                                                                   | Kapetan                                                                            | Poručnik                                                                           | Potporučnik                                                                        | No equivalent |
| Rank group                                                                      | National rank               | General/flag officers                                                            |                                                                                  |                                                                                  |                                                                                  | Field/senior officers                                                            |                                                                                  |                                                                                   | Junior officers                                                                    |                                                                                    |                                                                                    |                                                                                    | Officer cadet |

## Enlisted

The rank insignia for enlisted personnel for the Ground forces, Navy and Air force respectively.

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| <b>Rank group</b>                                                                | <b>Senior NCOs</b>                                                                |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   | <b>Junior NCOs</b>                                                                |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     | <b>Enlisted</b>                                                                     |                                                                                     |
|   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                                  | <i>Zastavnik 1. klase</i>                                                         | <i>Zastavnik</i>                                                                  | <i>Stariji vodnik 1. klase</i>                                                    | <i>Stariji vodnik</i>                                                             | <i>Vodnik 1. klase</i>                                                            | <i>Vodnik</i>                                                                       | <i>Mlađi vodnik</i>                                                                 | <i>Desetar</i>                                                                      | <i>Razvodnik</i>                                                                    | <i>Vojnik</i>                                                                       |
|                                                                                  | <i>Warrant Officer 1st Class</i>                                                  | <i>Warrant Officer</i>                                                            | <i>Senior Sergeant 1st Class</i>                                                  | <i>Senior Sergeant</i>                                                            | <i>Sergeant 1st Class</i>                                                         | <i>Sergeant</i>                                                                     | <i>Junior Sergeant</i>                                                              | <i>Private 1st Class</i>                                                            | <i>Senior Soldier</i>                                                               | <i>Soldier</i>                                                                      |
|   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                                  | <i>Zastavnik 1. klase</i>                                                         | <i>Zastavnik</i>                                                                  | <i>Stariji vodnik 1. klase</i>                                                    | <i>Stariji vodnik</i>                                                             | <i>Vodnik 1. klase</i>                                                            | <i>Vodnik</i>                                                                       | <i>Mlađi vodnik</i>                                                                 | <i>Desetar</i>                                                                      | <i>Razvodnik</i>                                                                    | <i>Vojnik</i>                                                                       |
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|                                                                                  | <i>Zastavnik 1. klase</i>                                                         | <i>Zastavnik</i>                                                                  | <i>Stariji vodnik 1. klase</i>                                                    | <i>Stariji vodnik</i>                                                             | <i>Vodnik 1. klase</i>                                                            | <i>Vodnik</i>                                                                       | <i>Mlađi vodnik</i>                                                                 | <i>Desetar</i>                                                                      | <i>Razvodnik</i>                                                                    | <i>Vojnik</i>                                                                       |
| <b>Rank group</b>                                                                | <b>Senior NCOs</b>                                                                |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   | <b>Junior NCOs</b>                                                                |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     | <b>Enlisted</b>                                                                     |                                                                                     |

## See also

- Military ranks and insignia of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Croatian military ranks
- Military ranks of Serbia
- Ranks and insignia of the Armed Forces of Serbia and Montenegro

## Notes

- ↑ ***Marshal of Yugoslavia*** (Marshal) - *Maršal of Yugoslavia* was an honorary title of the Supreme Commander of Armed Forces and not a military rank. The first and the only one was given to **Josip Broz Tito**, who (beside the title of *Maršal* and Supreme Commander), also held the lifelong function of the **President** of the **Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia** and the leader of the **Communist Party of Yugoslavia**.
- ↑ ***General*** - was highest military rank for deputy supreme commander. **Ivan Gošnjak**, while serving as a defence minister and deputy supreme commander of SFRY with a rank of General of the Army - 4 star, was considered for promotion in to this rank, no officers were promoted to this rank.

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