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Department of the Army Protocol Precedence List as of March 2010

VIP Code 1

- 1 President of the United States
- 2 Heads of State/Reigning Royalty

VIP Code 2 (Four Star Equivalent)

- 3 Vice President of the United States
- 4 Governors in Own State (see #43)
- 5 Speaker of the House of Representatives
- 6 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
- 7 Former Presidents of the United States (by seniority of assuming office)
- 8 U.S. Ambassadors to Foreign Governments (at post)
- 9 Secretary of State
- 10 President, United Nations General Assembly (when in session)
- 11 Secretary General of the United Nations
- 12 President, United Nations General Assembly (when not in session)
- 13 President, International Court of Justice
- 14 Ambassadors to Foreign Governments Accredited to the U.S.
(in order of presentation of credentials)
- 15 Widows of Former Presidents of the United States
- 16 Accredited Foreign Ministers and Envoys
- 17 Associate Justices of the Supreme Court
- 18 Retired Chief Justices of the Supreme Court
- 19 Retired Associate Justices of the Supreme Court
- 20 Secretary of Treasury
- 21 Secretary of Defense
- 22 The Attorney General
- 23 Secretary of the Interior
- 24 Secretary of Agriculture
- 25 Secretary of Commerce
- 26 Secretary of Labor
- 27 Secretary of Health and Human Services
- 28 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
- 29 Secretary of Transportation
- 30 Secretary of Energy
- 31 Secretary of Education
- 32 Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- 33 Secretary of Homeland Security
- 34 Chief of Staff to the President
- 35 Director, Office of Management and Budget
- 36 US Trade Representative
- 37 Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
- 38 Director, National Drug Control Policy
- 39 Director of National Intelligence
- 40 President Pro Tempore of the Senate
- 41 United States Senators (by seniority; when equal, alphabetically by State)
- 42 Former United States Senators (by date of retirement)
- 43 Governors when not in own State (by State date of entry; when equal by
alphabetically) (see #4)
- 44 Acting Heads of Executive Departments
- 45 Former Vice Presidents of the United States or their Widows
- 46 United States House of Representatives (by seniority; when equal, alphabetically
by State)
- 47 Former Congressman (by date of Retirement)
- 48 Delegates to the House of Representatives (Non Voting Members) from Territory of
American Samoa, District of Columbia, Territory of Guam, Commonwealth of
Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands (by date of election of delegate)
- 49 Governors of Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Territory of Guam, Territory of
American Samoa, United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana Islands (determined by date of entering US jurisdiction, or
alphabetically by territory)
- 50 Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
- 51 Senior Advisor to the President

52 Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff
53 Assistants to the President (by seniority)
54 Chief of Staff to the Vice President
55 Chairman, Council of Economic Advisors; Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality
56 Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy
57 Chief of Protocol (when at the White House or accompanying The President)
58 Charges d'Affaires assigned to diplomatic missions in Washington, D.C.; Charge d'Affaires ad interim assigned to diplomatic missions in Washington, D.C.
59 Former Members of the President's Cabinet (by seniority of assuming office)
60 Deputy Secretaries and Under Secretaries (When Deputy Secretary Equivalent) of the Executive Departments (Number Two Position)
61 Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations; United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (USNATO); Representative of the United States to the European Union (USEU) (at post)
62 Ambassadors at Large
63 Under Secretaries of the Executive Departments (number three position)
64 Secretary of the Army, Navy, Air Force (See Note 1)
65 Former Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force (See Note 1)
66 Postmaster General
67 Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
68 Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve
69 Chairman, Export-Import Bank
70 Director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
71 Administrator, Small Business Administration (SBA)
72 Administrator, Agency for International Development
73 Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
74 Director, US Information Agency
75 Chairman, Federal Reserve System
76 Chairman, American Battle Monuments Commission
77 Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
78 Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (precedes Service Secretaries on acquisition matters)
79 Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
80 Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer
81 Under Secretary for Defense for Personnel and Readiness
82 Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence
83 DOD Deputy Chief Management Officer (see note 6)
84 Retired Chairmen, Joint Chiefs of Staff
85 Vice Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff
86 Retired Vice Chairmen, Joint Chiefs of Staff
87 Chiefs of Services and Commandants of the Marine Corps and Coast Guard (see note 9)
88 Retired Chiefs of Services and Commandants of the Marine Corps and Coast Guard (see note 9)
89 Combatant Commanders (see note 2)

90 Retired Combatant Commanders (see note 2)
91 Chief, National Guard Bureau (see note 15)
92 Commander, U.S. Forces-Iraq (see note 17)
93 Director, White House Military Office
94 Generals of the Army, Fleet Admirals, Generals of the Air Force
95 Lieutenant Governors (when in own State)
96 Permanent Representatives of foreign governments to the United Nations
97 Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS)
98 Chairman, Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS)
99 Representative of the United States to the European Office of the United Nations, Geneva
100 Representative of the United States to the Vienna Office of the United Nations (UNVIE)
101 Permanent Representative of the United States to the Organization of American States (OAS)
102 Permanent Representative of Foreign Governments to the Organization of American States (OAS)
103 Representative of the United States to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (USOECD)
104 Heads of International Organizations including International Monetary Fund, World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
105 Foreign Non-Accredited Persons of Ambassador Rank
106 Administrator, General Services Administration (GSA)
107 Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
108 Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board
109 Director, Office of Personnel Management (OPM)
110 Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
111 Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
112 Director of the Peace Corps
113 Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations
114 Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration (SBA)
115 Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
116 US Ambassadors (on State and official visits to the US)
117 Chief of Protocol, at the Department of State or at events outside of the White House
118 Career Ambassadors
119 Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission
120 Director of Action
121 State Secretary of State (In Own State)

VIP Code 3 (Four Star Equivalent)

122 Judges, US Court of Appeals, Federal District
123 Solicitor General
124 Judges, US Court of Appeals, District Courts
125 Judges, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
126 Cardinals

127 Chief/Associate Judges of a State Supreme Court
128 Mayors of Major Cities and the District of Columbia (in Own City) (see #140)
(Cities with Population of One Million or More)
129 American Charge d' Affairs (at post)
130 Under Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force (see note 1)
131 Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and
Logistics (see note 16)
132 Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
133 Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
134 Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) (see note 16)
135 Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (see note 16)
136 Director, Defense Research and Engineering
137 Assistant Secretaries of Defense (see list in note 18) and Assistant to the Secretary
of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs (see note
19) (note 1 applies to all)
138 DOD General Counsel; Director of Operational Test and Evaluation; and Director of
Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (see note 21) (note 1 applies to all)
139 Inspector Generals of the Executive Departments
140 Mayors of Major Cities and the District of Columbia (when not in own city) (see
#128) (Cities with Population of One Million or More)
141 Deputy Assistants to the President
142 Deputy Administrator, Agency for International Development
143 Under Secretaries General of the United Nations
144 Administrator, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
145 Deputy Director, General Services Administration
146 Deputy Director, NASA
147 Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management
148 Deputy Director, US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
149 Deputy Director, US Information Agency
150 Deputy Director of Action
151 Deputy Director of the Peace Corps
152 Attorney General of a State
153 Chief Judges and Judges of the US Court of Military Appeals for the Armed Forces
154 Assistant Administrator, Agency for International Development; Assistant United
States Trade Representative
155 Comptroller General of the U.S.
156 Members of the Council of Environmental Quality
157 Members, Council of Economic Advisors (ranked alphabetically)
158 American Ambassadors-designates (in the United States under normal orders, or
on leave)
159 Archbishops
160 Ministers of Career Rank when in the U.S.
161 Vice Chiefs of Services, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Vice
Commandant of the Coast Guard (see note 9)
162 Former Vice Chiefs of Services, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, and
Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard (by date of retirement)
163 Assistant Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and Service General
Counsels (see note 1)

164 Generals and Admirals (4-Star Rank)
165 Director of Operational Energy Plans and Programs (see note 20)
166 Officers of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives
167 Executive Secretary, National Security Council (NSC)
168 Retired General and Admirals (4-Star Rank)
169 Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction
170 Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction
171 Director of Developmental Test and Evaluation and Director of Systems
Engineering (see notes 3 and 21)
172 Director, Selective Service System
173 The Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense
174 The Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense
175 Assistants to the Secretary of Defense (Includes Special Assistants to the
Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense, Assistant to the Secretary
of Defense for Intelligence Oversight, and other Assistants as may be designated)
(see note 3)
176 Director, Administration and Management
177 Director of Net Assessment
178 (DOD) Assistant Deputy Chief Management Officer
179 Defense Advisor U.S. Mission NATO, Secretary of Defense Representative to
Europe
180 Chairman of the Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee, Defense Science
Board, Reserve Forces Policy Board, and the Defense Business Board (see note 3)
181 National Chairman, National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and
Reserve (NCESGR)

VIP Code 4 (Three Star Equivalent)

182 Deputy Under Secretaries of Defense (see note 3)
183 Directors of Defense Agencies (see note 4)
184 Directors of DoD Field Activities (see note 4)
185 Deputy Director of Defense, Research and Engineering
186 Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretaries of Defense (see note 3)
187 Principal Deputy Assistant Secretaries of Defense (see note 3)
188 Principal Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical
and Biological Defense Programs (see notes 3 and 19)
189 Principal Deputy General Counsel (DOD) (see note 3)
190 Principal Deputy Director Operational Test and Evaluation (see note 3)
191 Deputy Director for Cost Assessment and Deputy Director for Program Evaluation
(see notes 3 and 21)
192 Principal Deputy Inspector General (DOD)
193 The Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, Navy and Air Force (see note 3)
194 Administrative Assistants of the Army and Air Force and Assistant for
Administration to the Under Secretary of the Navy (see note 3)
195 Director of the Army Staff
196 Deputy Under Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force (see note 3)
197 Service Senior Enlisted Advisor (see note 5)
198 Former Service Senior Enlisted Advisors (see note 5)

199 Treasurer, Comptroller or Auditor of a State
200 Lieutenant Generals and Vice Admirals
201 Retired Lieutenant Generals and Vice Admirals
202 Chairman, U.S. Section of the Permanent Joint Board of Defense, US-Canada
203 President of the Senate of a State
204 State Senators and Representatives (In their own State)
205 Bishops of Washington
206 Principal Deputy Assistant Secretaries and Principal Deputy General Counsels of the Army, Navy, and Air Force (see note 3)
207 Former American Ambassadors/Chiefs of Diplomatic Missions (in order of presentation of credentials at first post)
208 Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army
209 Mayors of Cities (in own city)(see #128) (Populations of less than one Million)
210 Speaker of the House of Representatives, Delegates or Assembly of a State
211 President, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC)
212 Treasurer of the U.S.
213 Director of the Mint
214 Chairman, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
215 Director, National Bureau of Standards
216 Other Chairman of Bureaus, Boards and Commissions not previously listed
217 Librarian of Congress
218 Vice Chairman and Members Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System
219 Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution
220 Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities
221 Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts
222 Director, National Science Foundation
223 Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service
224 Heads of independent agencies not mentioned previously (by date of establishment of the agency)
225 Chairman, United Services Organization, INC.
226 Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology
227 State Representatives (i.e., Assemblyman, Delegate)
228 Chairman, D.C. Council
229 County Judges, District Court Judge (County)
230 Chairman, American Red Cross
231 Ministers of foreign governments assigned to diplomatic missions in Washington, D.C.
232 Deputy Chief of Protocol, Department of State
233 Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service
234 Commissioners (level IV Executives)
235 Director of Defense Procurement; Director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (DOD)
236 Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service
237 Deputy Assistant Secretaries of Defense; Deputy Assistants to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs; Deputy General Counsels (DOD); Deputy Directors Operational Test and Evaluation (see note 3)

238 Deputy IG (DOD) (See Note 3)
239 Deputy Comptrollers (DOD) (see note 3)
240 Assistant Inspectors General (DOD) (see note 3)
241 Assistant Inspectors General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (see note 3)
242 Assistant Inspectors General for Iraq Reconstruction (see note 3)
243 Deputy Defense Advisor, U.S. Mission NATO
244 Secretary of Defense Representatives to International Negotiations (e.g., The SECDEF Representative to Post-START) (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty)
245 Members of Secretary of Defense Boards (Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee, Defense Science Board, Reserve Forces Policy Board, Defense Business Board, and Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services)
246 The Auditor Generals of the Army, Navy and Air Force (see note 3)
247 SES Members (PC 4)
248 Executive Director, National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (NCESGR)
249 Chairman, Board of Contract Appeals (CA-1)

VIP Code 5 (Two Star Equivalent)

250 Assistant Deputy Under Secretaries and Principal Directors (DOD) (see note 3)
251 Major Generals and Rear Admirals (Upper Half)
252 Retired Major Generals/Rear Admirals (Upper Half)
253 Counselors of foreign governments assigned to diplomatic missions in Washington, D.C.
254 Counsels General of foreign governments
255 Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency
256 Deputy Assistant Secretaries and Deputy General Counsels of the Army, Navy, and Air Force (see note 3)
257 Judges, United States Court of International Trade (formerly Customs)
258 Judges, United States Court of Claims
259 Judges, United States Tax Court
260 City Managers
261 OSD Historian
262 State Chair, National Committee for Employer Support of the National Guard and Reserve
263 United States Attorneys
264 District Attorneys
265 County Sheriffs
266 Board President and County Commissioners
267 Deputy Director Net Assessment
268 SES Members (PC 5)
269 Vice Chairman, Board of Contract Appeals (CA-2)
270 Congressional Staffers
271 USAR Ambassadors

VIP Code 6 (One Star Equivalent)

272 Brigadier Generals and Rear Admirals (Lower Half)
273 Retired BG'S and Rear Admirals (Lower Half)

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- 274 County Clerks (In Their Own Area)
 - 275 City Council Members
 - 276 Assistant Surgeon General (Public Health Service)
 - 277 U.S. Counsels General
 - 278 Secretary of the Senate
 - 279 Doorkeeper of the House
 - 280 Chaplain of the Senate
 - 281 Indorsing Agents for Military Chaplains
 - 282 City Attorneys
 - 283 SES Members (PC 6)
 - 284 Personnel in Senior Level (SL), Scientific and Professional (ST), and Defense Intelligence Senior Level (DISL) positions (see note 9 and 13)
 - 285 Appointees as Highly Qualified Experts (HQE) (see note 9 and 14)

VIP Code 7

- 286 Colonels; Captains (USN/USCG); GS-15; U.S. Consuls, Medical Director (Public Health Services)
- 287 Justices of the Peace (In Their Own Area)
- 288 City Clerks

VIP Code 8 (Not Ranked)

- 289 GS-14
- 290 Lieutenant Colonels; Commanders; GS-13
- 291 Majors; Lieutenant Commanders; GS-12
- 292 GS-11
- 293 Captains; Lieutenants (USN/USCG); GS-10; U.S. Vice Consuls
- 294 First Lieutenants, Lieutenants Junior Grade; GS-9
- 295 GS-8
- 296 Second Lieutenants; Ensigns; GS-7
- 297 Warrant Officers (by Grade)
- 298 Command Sergeants Major; Sergeants Major; Master Chief Petty Officers; Chief Master Sergeants; Master Gunnery Sergeants
- 299 Other Non-Commissioned Officers, Civilians by Rank

1. Within a group listed on a line under a code, precedence for Senate confirmed positions is established by date of appointment.
 2. **Combatant Commanders/Retired Combatant Commanders** - At Multi or Joint service events ONLY, order is by date of appointment; for Commanders who previously held a confirmed position (i.e. CJCS, VCJCS, Service Chief, or previous Combatant Command) use the initial date of appointment to that position. At Army exclusive events, Army Combatant Commanders are ranked by date of rank with other Army 4-Stars.
 3. For statutory and non-statutory positions within a group, as applicable, precedence is by date of assignment to the position.
 4. Precedence for Directors and Principal Deputy Directors of Defense Agencies and DOD Field Activities is determined by the date of establishment of the organization.
 5. **The Sergeant Major of the Army and other service equivalents:** Within the Army the SMA is accorded special status. For Army exclusive events only, the SMA has precedence over all other LTGs except the Director of the Army Staff. Outside the NCR, the SMA may be positioned after the senior general officer present. Former Service Senior Enlisted Advisors are ranked immediately following the currently serving Service Senior Enlisted Advisors at Army exclusive events ONLY. Former Service Senior Enlisted Advisors should be placed in front of other retired members of the same grade (E-9) at Multi or Joint service events.
 6. Precedence for the Department of Defense Deputy Chief Management Officer (DCMO) position is informed by Section 904 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, Public Law 110-181.
 7. **Organization/Agency Precedence.** The head of an Agency or Organization may afford higher precedence to positions for organizational purposes (e.g., deputies may be afforded higher precedence than other similarly ranked members of the staff.) for Agency/Organization exclusive functions ONLY.
 8. **SES.** Precedence for members of the SES is established by the position held and the date the executive entered SES. The SES includes various executive and managerial positions and excludes non-managerial, Senior Level (SL) and Scientific and Professional (ST) positions as well as SES-type systems authorized by law for certain law enforcement or intelligence programs. The following general guidance pertains to members of the SES whose positions are not specifically listed in the DOD Order of Precedence list: Their precedence will be Code 4, Code 5, or Code 6. Refer to the Executive Roster at <https://www.clsmo.army.mil> or contact the Army Civilian Senior Leader Management Office at (703) 697-3078 to determine precedence. For non-Army SES members, contact the member's agency/office for precedence.
 9. Precedence is established by the date of appointment to the position.
 10. **FORMER and RETIRED** officials are normally placed with BUT after the actively serving officials of the same position, UNLESS their precedence is separately listed on the Precedence List. For example, Presidents of the United States and Retired Chief Justices of the Supreme Court are listed separately. The accepted way to rank several of these former officials is by recency. This means that each official is placed ahead of his or her predecessor. There may be reason to do it the other way with the "oldest" outranking the "youngest", but we follow the norm set by the State Department for handling Former Presidents. DOD Regulation 4515.13R, para. 2-4W, defines "retired military" as holding a DD Form 2 (blue or gray) and eligible for retired or retainer pay.
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11. **STATE and LOCAL** officials are difficult to rank. There are no fixed rules, but McCaffree and Innis in their book *Protocol*, state that in “planning a seating arrangement [you] should consider the purpose of the function, the level of all guests, and any political significance.” Simply try to apply the basic rules of precedence demonstrated in the preceding list and notes, and be consistent.
12. **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE – ARMED FORCES.** (Title 10, United States Code 113b; DOD Directive 1005.8 dated 31 Oct 77 and AR 600-25, when in formation and for flags displayed together)

Cadets, US Military Academy
Midshipman, US Naval Academy
Cadets, US Air Force Academy
Midshipman, US Merchant Marine Academy
United States Army
United States Marine Corps
United States Navy
United States Air Force
United States Coast Guard
Army National Guard of the United States
Army Reserve
Marine Corps Reserve
Naval Reserve
Air National Guard of the United States
Air Force Reserve
Coast Guard Reserve
Other training organizations of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard in that order.

Provided that during any period when the United States Coast Guard shall operate as part of the Navy; the Cadets, United States Coast Guard Academy, the United States Coast Guard, and the Coast Guard Reserve shall take precedence after the Midshipman, United States Naval Academy, the United States Navy, and Naval Reserve.

13. SL, ST, and DISL personnel serve in positions that are classified above the Pay Band 03/GS-15 level. Although not members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) or Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service (DISES), the level of duties and responsibilities of SL/ST/DISL personnel warrant that they should be recognized as serving, at a minimum, at the Code 6 level. It is not possible to identify and list the title for each LS/ST/DISL position within the Department on this order of precedence list. The principal factor for determining whether the precedence for an SL/ST/DISL member should be in a higher code is dependent on that member’s position within their organization’s hierarchy.
 14. Under the authority of Section 9903, USC 5, the Department of Defense has the ability to attract and hire eminent experts from outside the civil service and uniformed services with State-of-the Art knowledge in fields of critical importance to the Department. The individuals who are hired under this authority are referred to as HQE. Due to the level of duties and responsibilities of HQE, they warrant recognition at the Code 6 level.
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15. Under the provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, Public Law No. 110-181, 10 U.S.C. 10502 was amended to specify that the Chief of the National Guard Bureau would be appointed in the grade of General.
16. Under the provisions of Section 906 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, Public Law No. 111-84, the positions of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology and Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness were eliminated. New positions for the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition; and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness were established by Section 906. In addition, Section 906 created the positions of Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, and these positions will become Presidentially Appointed, Senate-confirmed (PAS) positions the first time that the Senate confirms and the President appoints individuals to serve in the positions.
17. Effective January 1, 2010 per Secretary of Defense Memorandum dated June 25, 2009, the title for Multi-National Forces-Iraq changed to U.S. Forces-Iraq.
18. The current designations of the twelve Assistant Secretaries of Defense are (listed alphabetically): Acquisition (see note 16), Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, Global Strategic Affairs, Health Affairs, Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs, International Security Affairs, Legislative Affairs, Logistics and Materiel Readiness (see note 16), Networks and Information Integration, Public Affairs, Reserve Affairs, and Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict and Interdependent Capabilities.
19. Under the provisions of Section 905 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, Public Law No. 110-417, 10 U.S.C. 142 was amended to direct that the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs shall be considered an Assistant Secretary of Defense for the purpose of precedence.
20. Under the provisions of Section 902 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, Public Law No. 110-417, the position of the Director of Operational Energy Plans and Programs was codified at 10 U.S.C. 139b as a PAS position. While the Executive Schedule Level (ESL) for this position has not been determined, since it is a PAS position it will be in Code 3. This placement may be changed once the ESL is determined.
21. Under the provisions of the Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009, Public Law No 111-23, the position of Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation was codified at the 10 U.S.C. 139c as a PAS position. The position of Director, Program and Analysis and Evaluation was eliminated. Additionally, the positions of Deputy Director for Cost Assessment and Deputy Director for Program Evaluation were also provided for in 10 U.S.C. 139c, and the positions of Director of Developmental Test and Evaluation and Director of Systems Engineering were established at 10 U.S.C. 139d.
22. **Installation/Agency Command Sergeant Major or Sergeant Major.** The Installation or Agency Command Sergeant Major or Sergeant Major should be afforded ceremonial precedence at their Installation or Agency and should be ranked following the Installation/Agency Chief of Staff. This special precedence may be used for internal Installation or Agency exclusive functions ONLY.

SOURCES for the Precedence List. This precedence list is based on the previous edition dated June 2004; The State Department Order of Precedence dated December 2005; The Department of Defense Table of Precedence dated 26 September 2008; Protocol: *The Complete Handbook of Diplomatic, Official, and Social Usage*, Revised Edition 1985, by Mary Jane McCaffree and Pauline Innis; and *Service Etiquette*, Fourth Edition 1988 by Oretta D. Swartz. Precedence Lists are inherently "unofficial" and subject to change.