

## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE PROTOCOL PRECEDENCE LIST

VIP CODE	OFFICIAL
<b>VIP CODE 1</b>	
1	PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
2	HEADS OF STATE/REIGNING ROYALTY
<b>VIP CODE 2 (FOUR STAR EQUIVALENT)</b>	
3	VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
4	GOVERNORS IN OWN STATE (SEE#44)
5	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6	CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
7	FORMER PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES
8	U.S. AMBASSADORS WHEN AT POST
9	SECRETARY OF STATE
10	PRESIDENT, UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY (IN SESSION)
11	SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
12	PRESIDENT, UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY (NOT IN SESSION)
13	ACCREDITED AMBASSADORS OF FOREIGN POWERS
14	WIDOWS OF FORMER PRESIDENTS
15	ACCREDITED FOREIGN MINISTERS AND ENVOYS
16	ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT
17	RETIRED CHIEF JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT
18	RETIRED ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT
19	SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
20	SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
21	THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
22	SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
23	SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
24	SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
25	SECRETARY OF LABOR
26	SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
27	SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
28	SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
29	SECRETARY OF ENERGY
30	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
31	SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
32	SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY
33	ADMINISTRATOR, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
34	CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT
35	DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
36	U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
37	DIRECTOR, NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY
38	OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY
39	U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS (IN SESSION) (SEE #59)
40	CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS
41	PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE
42	UNITED STATES SENATORS (BY SENIORITY; WHEN EQUAL, BY ALPHA)
43	FORMER UNITED STATES SENATORS (BY DATE OF RETIREMENT)

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44	GOVERNORS WHEN NOT IN OWN STATE (BY DATE OF ENTRY; WHEN EQUAL, BY ALPHA) (SEE #4)
45	ACTING HEADS OF CABINET LEVEL DEPARTMENTS
46	FORMER VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES
47	UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (BY SENIORITY; WHEN EQUAL, BY ALPHA)
48	FORMER CONGRESSMAN (BY DATE OF RETIREMENT)
49	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DELEGATE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
50	GUAM DELEGATE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
51	U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS DELEGATE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
52	AMERICAN SAMOA DELEGATE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
53	RESIDENT COMMISSIONER FROM PUERTO RICO
54	DEPUTY SECRETARIES AND UNDER SECRETARIES (WHEN DEPUTY SECRETARY EQUIVALENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS (NUMBER TWO POSITION)
55	ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
56	ASSISTANTS AND COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT
57	CHARGES D'AFFAIRES OF FOREIGN POWERS
58	FORMER SECRETARIES OF STATE
59	FORMER MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET
60	U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS (NOT IN SESSION) (SEE #39)
61	DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
62	SOLICITOR GENERAL
63	ADMINISTRATOR, AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
64	DIRECTOR, ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY
65	DIRECTOR, US. INFORMATION AGENCY
66	UNDER SECRETARIES OF STATE AND COUNSELS
67	UNDER SECRETARIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS (NUMBER THREE POSITION)
68	U.S. AMBASSADORS AT LARGE
69	UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION (FOR ACQUISITION MATTERS ONLY ) (SEE #77)
70	SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE
71	POSTMASTER GENERAL
72	CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
73	CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION
74	CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
75	FORMER SECRETARIES OF THE SERVICES
76	CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
77	UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND TECHNOLOGY (SEE #69), FOR POLICY, DOD COMPTROLLER/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS, FOR INTELLIGENCE
78	RETIRED CHAIRMEN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
79	VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
80	RETIRED VICE CHAIRMEN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

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81	CHIEFS OF SERVICES (BY DATE OF APPOINTMENT) AND COMMANDANT OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD (SEE NOTE 1)
82	RETIRED CHIEFS OF SERVICES (4 STAR RANK)
83	COMBATANT COMMANDERS (SEE NOTE 2)
84	RETIRED COMBATANT COMMANDERS
85	DIRECTOR, WHITE HOUSE MILITARY OFFICE
86	GENERALS OF THE ARMY, FLEET ADMIRALS, GENERALS OF THE AIR FORCE
87	LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS AND ACTING GOVERNORS
88	FOREIGN NON-ACCREDITED PERSONS OF AMBASSADOR RANK
89	SECRETARY GENERAL, ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
90	CHAIRMAN, PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
91	HEADS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (NATO, SEATO, ETC.)
92	ADMINISTRATOR, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
93	ADMINISTRATOR, NASA
94	ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
95	CHAIRMAN, MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD
96	DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
97	ADMINISTRATOR, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
98	CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION
99	CHAIRMAN, NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
100	DIRECTOR OF ACTION
101	DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS
102	U.S. AMBASSADORS ON OFFICIAL VISITS IN D.C.
103	CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, DEPARTMENT OF STATE
104	U.S. AMBASSADORS ON OFFICIAL VISITS IN THE U.S. OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
105	STATE SECRETARY OF STATE (IN OWN STATE)
<b>VIP CODE 3 (FOUR STAR EQUIVALENT)</b>	
106	JUDGES, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, FEDERAL DISTRICT
107	JUDGES, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS
108	JUDGES, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, D.C. DISTRICT
109	CARDINALS
110	GOVERNOR OF GUAM
111	GOVERNOR OF U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
112	CHIEF/ASSOCIATE JUDGES OF A STATE SUPREME COURT
113	MAYORS OF MAJOR CITIES (IN OWN CITY) (SEE #180) (CITIES WITH A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE)
114	MAYOR OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
115	DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
116	DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
117	DEPUTY DIRECTOR, U.S. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY
118	DEPUTY DIRECTOR, U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY
119	DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
120	DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, NASA
121	DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

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122	DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ACTION
123	DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS
124	DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
125	DEPUTY ASSISTANTS TO THE PRESIDENT
126	U.S. CHARGE D'AFFAIRS
127	ATTORNEY GENERAL OF A STATE
128	PRINCIPAL DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION, TECHNOLOGY AND LOGISTICS/ DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND TECHNOLOGY
129	DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR LOGISTICS AND MATERIEL READINESS
130	PRINCIPAL DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY
131	PRINCIPAL DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS
132	DIRECTOR, DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING
133	ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS, GENERAL COUNSEL, (SEE NOTE 1); DIRECTOR, DOD OPERATIONAL TESTING AND EVALUATION, INSPECTOR GENERAL
134	ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL, ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
135	ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
136	COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE U.S.
137	JUDGES, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES
138	MEMBERS, COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS
139	ACTIVE OR DESIGNATE U.S. AMBASSADORS
140	ARCHBISHOPS
141	UNDER SECRETARIES OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE
142	MINISTERS OF CAREER RANK WHEN IN THE U.S.
143	PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
144	VICE CHIEFS OF SERVICES, VICE COMMANDANT OF THE COAST GUARD (SEE NOTE 1)
145	FORMER VICE CHIEFS OF SERVICES (BY DATE OF RETIREMENT)
146	GENERALS AND ADMIRALS (4 STAR RANK)
147	ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF THE SERVICES (BY DATE OF APPOINTMENT) AND SERVICE GENERAL COUNSELS (SEE NOTE 1)
148	ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR NUCLEAR, CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAMS
149	RETIRED GENERALS AND ADMIRALS (4 STAR RANK)
150	DIRECTOR, SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM
151	CHIEF OF STAFF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
152	ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
153	THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY/DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
154	THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
155	ASSISTANTS TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (SEE NOTE 3)
156	THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
157	THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
158	DIRECTOR, OSD ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

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159	DIRECTOR, OSD PROGRAM ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION
160	DIRECTOR OF NET ASSIGNMENT
161	DIRECTOR, FORCE TRANSPORTATION
162	PRINCIPAL DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR COMPTROLLER/ DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR MANAGEMENT REFORM
163	PRINCIPAL DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTELLIGENCE
164	DEFENSE ADVISOR U.S. MISSION NATO, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE TO EUROPE
165	CHAIRMEN OF THE DEFENSE POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD AND THE RESERVE FORCES POLICY BOARD (SEE NOTE 3)
<b>VIP CODE 4 (THREE STAR EQUIVALENT)</b>	
166	DIRECTORS OF DEFENSE AGENCIES (DLA, DMA, NSA, DCA; DARPA; OTHER DOD AGENCIES) (NOTE 4)
167	DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (NON STATUTORY) (SEE NOTE 3) PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE PRINCIPAL DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL (DOD) DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL (DOD); DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE PROCUREMENT; DIRECTOR, SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS
168	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE; ASSISTANT VICE CHIEF OF STAFF; SERVICE SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISORS (SEE NOTE 5)
169	TREASURER, COMPTROLLER OR AUDITOR OF A STATE
170	LIEUTENANTS GENERALS AND VICE ADMIRALS
171	RETIRED LIEUTENANT GENERALS AND VICE ADMIRALS
172	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF A STATE
173	STATE SENATORS (IN THEIR OWN STATE)
174	MEMBERS, DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD
175	CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN RED CROSS
176	BISHOPS OF WASHINGTON
177	PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES AND PRINCIPAL DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSELS OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE
178	PERMANENT OBSERVERS TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
179	FORMER U.S. AMBASSADORS
180	MAYORS OF CITIES (IN OWN CITY) (SEE #113) (POPULATIONS OF LESS THAN ONE MILLION)
181	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DELEGATES OR ASSEMBLY OF A STATE
182	TREASURER OF THE U.S.
183	DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
184	CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
185	CHAIRMAN, UNITED SERVICES ORGANIZATION, INC.
186	DIRECTOR, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY
187	LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

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188	VICE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS, FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
189	STATE REPRESENTATIVE, ASSEMBLYMEN, OR DELEGATE
190	CHAIRMAN, D.C. COUNCIL
191	COUNTY JUDGES, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE (COUNTY)
192	DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, DEPT OF STATE
193	SPECIAL ASSISTANTS TO THE PRESIDENT
194	COMMISSIONER, US. CUSTOMS SERVICE
195	COMMISSIONER, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
196	DEPUTY ASST SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE; (SEE NOTE 3) DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSELS (DOD); DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE ASSISTANT IG (DOD) DEPUTY COMPTROLLERS (DOD); SECDEF REPS TO INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS
197	DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARIES OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE; ARMY AUDITOR GENERAL (BY DATE OF APPOINTMENT)
198	DEPUTY DEFENSE ADVISOR, U.S. MISSION NATO
199	MEMBERS, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BOARDS (DEFENSE POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE; DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD; AND RESERVE FORCES POLICY BOARD
200	COUNSELORS OF EMBASSIES
201	CONSULS GENERAL OF FOREIGN POWERS (LEGATIONS)
202	SES MEMBERS (DV CODE 4, BY DATE OF APPOINTMENT)
203	CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS (CA-1)
<b>VIP CODE 5 (TWO STAR EQUIVALENT)</b>	
204	MAJOR GENERALS AND REAR ADMIRALS (UPPER HALF)
205	RETIRED MAJOR GENERALS /REAR ADMIRALS (UPPER HALF)
206	SURGEON GENERAL; DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE U.S.
207	DIRECTOR, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
208	DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES AND DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSELS OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE (BY DATE OF APPOINTMENT)
209	DEPUTIES TO THE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR NUCLEAR, CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL PROGRAMS (SEE NOTE 3)
210	CITY MANAGERS
211	OSD HISTORIAN
212	STATE CHAIR, NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE
213	UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
214	DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
215	COUNTY SHERIFFS
216	BOARD PRESIDENT AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
217	SES MEMBERS (DV CODE 5, BY DATE OF APPOINTMENT)
218	VICE CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS (CA-2)
219	CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS
220	USAR AMBASSADORS

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<b>VIP CODE 6 (ONE STAR EQUIVALENT)</b>	
221	BRIGADIER GENERALS AND REAR ADMIRALS (LOWER HALF)
222	RETIRED BRIGADIER GENERALS AND REAR ADMIRALS (LOWER HALF)
223	COUNTY CLERKS
224	CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
225	ASSISTANT SURGEON GENERAL (PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE)
226	U.S. CONSULS GENERAL
227	ASSISTANT CHIEFS OF PROTOCOL, DEPT OF STATE
228	SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
229	DOORKEEPER OF THE HOUSE
230	CHAPLAIN OF THE SENATE
231	INDORSING AGENTS FOR MILITARY CHAPLAINS
232	ASSISTANT DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE AND PRINCIPAL DIRECTORS
233	CITY ATTORNEYS
234	SES MEMBERS (DV CODE 6, BY DATE OF APPOINTMENT)
235	SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL (SP); SENIOR LEVEL (SL) (NOTE 6) MEMBERS, BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS (CA-3); ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES (AL)
<b>VIP CODE 7</b>	
236	COLONELS; CAPTAINS (USN/USCG); GS-15; U.S. CONSULS, MEDICAL DIRECTOR (PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE)
237	JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
238	CITY CLERKS
<b>VIP CODE 8 (NOT VIP RANKED)</b>	
239	GS-14
240	LIEUTENANT COLONELS; COMMANDERS; GS-13
241	MAJORS; LIEUTENANT COMMANDERS; GS-12
242	GS-11
243	CAPTAINS; LIEUTENANTS (USN/USCG); GS-10; U.S. VICE CONSULS
244	FIRST LIEUTENANTS, LIEUTENANTS JUNIOR GRADE; GS-9
245	GS-8
246	SECOND LIEUTENANTS; ENSIGNS; GS-7
247	WARRANT OFFICERS (BY GRADE)
248	COMMAND SERGEANTS MAJOR; SERGEANTS MAJOR; MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS; CHIEF MASTER SERGEANTS; MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANTS
249	OTHER NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, CIVILIANS BY RANK
<b>NOTES</b>	
<b>1</b>	Within a group listed on a line under a code, precedence for Senate confirmed positions is established by date of appointment.

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<b>2</b>	<b>Combatant Commanders/ Retired Combatant Commanders</b> - 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 Commander) use the initial date of appointment to that position. At Air Force exclusive events, Air Force Combatant Commanders are ranked by date of rank with other Air Force 4-Stars.
<b>3</b>	For non-statutory positions within a group, precedence is by date of assigned to the position.
<b>4</b>	Precedence for Defense Agency Directors is determined by the date establishment date of the organization.
<b>5</b>	<b>Air Force Administrative Assistant, Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, CMSAF:</b> The Air Force SAF/AA, CVA, and CMSAF are accorded special status. The SAF/AA and CVA have precedence over all other Lt Gens. In addition, in the NCR (National Capital Region) the CMSAF comes immediately after the AF/CVA. The CMSAF may be positioned after the senior general officer present. Former Service Senior Enlisted Advisors should be placed in front of other retired members of the same grade (E-9)
<b>6</b>	<b>SES:</b> Precedence is established by the position held, and DV code given that position. SES pay does not affect precedence. For those members not in positions identified in the precedence list, contact the SLMO Office at DSN 664-8126.
<b>7</b>	<b>FORMER and RETIRED:</b> Officials are normally placed with BUT after 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.
<b>8</b>	<b>State and Local:</b> Officials are difficult to rank. There are no fixed rules, but McCaffree and Innis in their book <i>Protocol</i> , 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.



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9	SOURCES for the Precedence List. This precedence list is based on previous edition dated June 1996; The Department of Defense Table of Precedence dated 13 Jun 03; Protocol: "25th Anniversary" <i>The Complete Handbook of Diplomatic, Official, and Social Usage</i> , Revised Edition 2002, by Mary Jane McCaffree, Pauline Innis; and Sand; and <i>Service Etiquette</i> , Fourth Edition 1988 by Oretha D. Swartz. Precedence Lists are inherently "unofficial" and subject to change.