

WARRANT OFFICERS

A Bibliography of MHI Sources

Imitating the British, the US Navy included warrant officers from the beginning. The US Army only established the grade in WWI for its Mine Planter Service, established Jul 1918. Two years later, Congress authorized an expansion of the number and kind of Army warrant officers, but the intent seems more to reward previous service than to create specialists. During WWII the warrant officer corps greatly expanded to meet specialized wartime needs. After overcoming postwar problems with its warrant officer system, the Army developed a successful program for its highly skilled technicians by 1960. See:

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(Note on Insignia)

The warrant officer's eagle-in-wreath insignia worn on the service cap has remained substantially unchanged since 1921, although it has varied slightly in size from 1 inch to the present 1 1/2 inches. Gold-and-brown metal bars denoting grade insignia of warrant officers were not authorized until April 1943. See:

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