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Terminology

NOTE: GRADE OR RANK?

The two terms are generally used synonymously but have shades of technical differences.

Grade: Permanent structural position in the hierarchy, e.g., SGT(E5), COL(O6). A pay category.

Rank/Seniority: Synonymous terms for relative position of superiority, e.g., the ranking captain in the battalion, the senior lieutenant. A status arrangement.

Title: Mere terminology or sometimes a personal honor designating sole occupancy of a specific position or office.

Insignia (of Grade): Symbol of grade, usually official.

Brevet/Frock: Grade of temporary or permanent nature. But don't even think about these complications now.

See also: Officer-Brevet-Bib.