

APPENDIX A
Army Emblems and Plaques
(The Branch Insignia)



Department of the Army Symbolism:

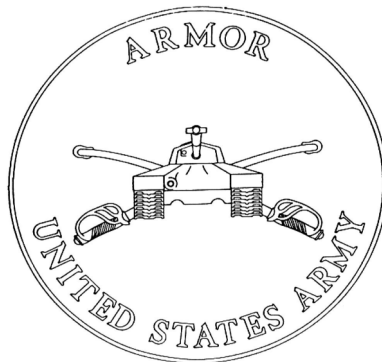
- The central element of the Department of the Army emblem is a Roman cuirass, a symbol of strength and defense. The United States Flag, of a design used in the formative years of the Nation, and the United States Army Flag emphasize the role of the Army in the establishment of and the protection of the Nation.
 - The sword, esponenton (a type of half-pike formerly used by subordinate officers), musket, bayonet, cannon, cannon balls, mortar, and mortar bombs are representative of traditional Army implements. The date "1775" refers to the year of the Army's establishment.
 - The drum and drumsticks are symbols of public notification of the Army's purpose and intent to serve the Nation and its people.
 - The Phrygian cap (often called the Cap of Liberty) supported on the point of the unsheathed sword and the motto "This We'll Defend" on a scroll held by the rattlesnake signify the Army's constant readiness to defend and preserve the United States.
 - The colors of the design elements are those traditionally associated with the ideals of the United States and of the Army. The flags are in proper colors. Blue is symbolic of loyalty, vigilance, perseverance, and truth. Red denotes courage, zeal, and fortitude. White alludes to deeds worthy of remembrance. Black is indicative of determination and constancy. Gold represents achievement, dignity, and honor.
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- ◆ Branch of service plaques are authorized for all branches of the Army and for designated career fields which have separate collar insignia approved by the Department of the Army.



Adjutant General's Corps. The plaque design (figure has the branch insignia in proper colors (blue chief with silver stars with 13 stripes alternating seven silver and six red). The background of the plaque is white with the branch designation in silver letters.



Air Defense Artillery. The plaque design has the branch insignia, letters, and border in gold. The background is scarlet.



Armor. The plaque design has the branch insignia, letters, and border in gold. The background is green.



Army Medical Specialist Corps. The plaque design has the branch insignia in gold with the letter "S" in black, outlined with gold. The letters and rim are gold and the background is maroon.



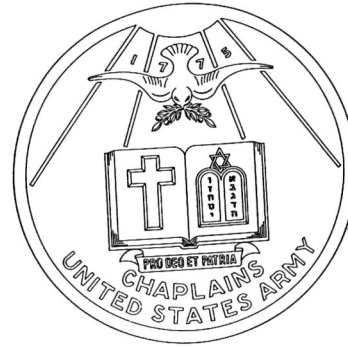
Army Nurse Corps. The plaque design has the branch insignia in gold with the letter "N" in black, outlined with gold. The letters and rim are gold and the background is maroon.



Aviation. The plaque design has the branch insignia in proper colors (gold wings with silver propeller). The letters are golden orange and the rim is gold. The background is ultramarine blue.



Cavalry. The plaque design has the Cavalry insignia and borders gold. The background is white and the letters are scarlet.



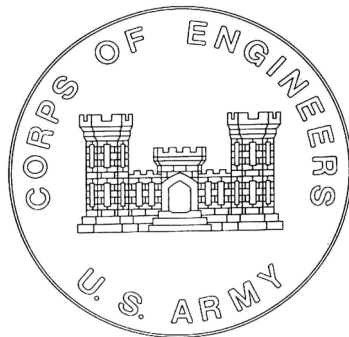
Chaplain Corps. The plaque design has the emblem of the Chaplain Corps in proper colors. (The rays and sun are yellow; the dove is white; the olive branch is green; and the book has gold-edged white paper with purple binding. The insignia on the book are gold and the motto scroll is yellow with brown letters.) The background of the plaque is medium blue and the letters and border are gold.



Chemical Corps. The plaque design has the branch insignia in gold with the benzene ring in cobalt blue, outlined in gold. The letters and border are gold and the background is cobalt blue.



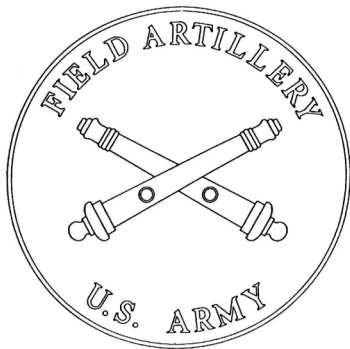
Civil Affairs. The plaque design has the branch insignia, letters, and border in white and the background is purple.



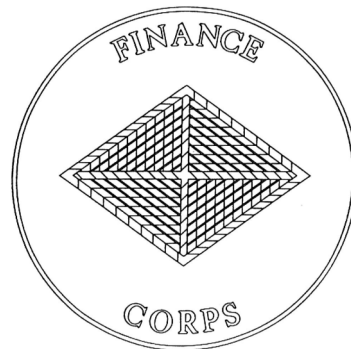
Corps of Engineers. The plaque design has the branch insignia and border in gold and the letters are white. Tile



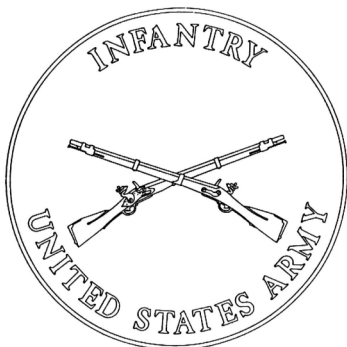
Dental Corps. The plaque design has the branch insignia in gold with the letter "D" in black, outlined with gold. The letters and rim are gold and the background is maroon.



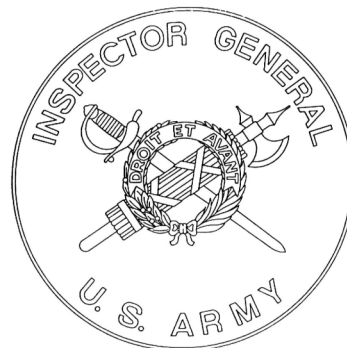
Field Artillery. The plaque design has the branch Insignia, letters, and rim in gold. The background is scarlet.



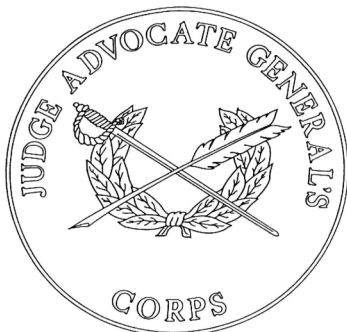
Finance Corps. The plaque design has the branch insignia, letters, and rim in gold. The background is silver gray.



Infantry. The plaque design has the branch insignia, letters, and rim in gold. The background is light blue.



Inspector General. The plaque design has the Inspector General insignia, letters, and rim in gold. The motto lettering and background are dark blue.



Judge Advocate General's Corps. The plaque design has the branch' insignia, letters, and rim in gold. The background is dark blue.



Medical Corps. The plaque design has the branch insignia, letters, and rim in gold. The background is maroon.



Medical Services Corps. The plaque design has the branch insignia in silver with the letters "MS" in black, outlined with silver. The letters and rim are silver.



Military Intelligence. The plaque design has the branch insignia proper (gold with dark blue rose). The letters are dark blue, background is white and rim is gold.



Military Police. The plaque design has the branch insignia, letters, and rim in gold. The background is green.



Ordnance Corps. The plaque design has the branch insignia, letters, and rim in gold. The background is crimson.



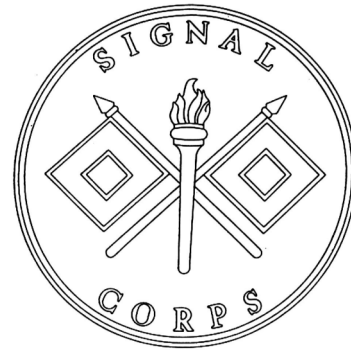
Public Affairs. The plaque design has the Public Affairs collar insignia, letters, and rim in gold. The background is teal blue.



Psychological Operations. The plaque design has the Psychological Operations collar insignia, letters, and rim in gold. The background is bottle green.



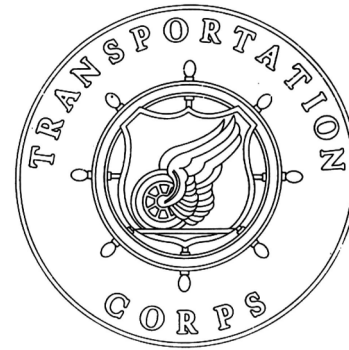
Quartermaster Corps. The plaque design has the branch insignia proper (gold with ring of wheel in blue, stars and inner hub in white, and hub pin in red). The designation band is blue, the letters and borders are gold, and the background is buff.



Signal Corps. The plaque design has the branch insignia proper (red, white, and gold) with gold letters. The outer rim is gold with a narrow band of orange. The background is white.



Special Forces. The plaque design has the branch insignia, letters, and rim in gold. The background is jungle green.



Transportation Corps. The plaque design has the branch insignia, letters, and rim in gold. The background is brick red.



Veterinary Corps. The plaque design has the branch insignia in gold with the letter "V" in black, outlined with gold. The letters and rim are gold and the background is maroon.