

INSIGNIA, Rank Pins

The Klingon Armada has introduced some additional ranks to our rank structure, and I have to make some changes to the pins used to denote rank. Rather than add designs, I thought it would be simpler to add gold to the original FASA designs. That doubles the number of pins, and if we use a combination of gold and silver, we have even more latitude. The ones I have made were cast in black resin, and then colored with metallic Rub-N-Buff™. It is easy to remove the silver Rub-N-Buff with denatured alcohol and change the color to gold, so my rank pins will last through at least one promotion. Pins made by others can be easily painted over with gold paint. At the higher ranks you may notice that the design has shifted. If you have the former Captain insignia, for example, keep wearing it. Eventually your rank will catch up to your pin.

So, here is how the pins should be used to denote rank:

New recruits, Cadets, adult Crewmen, or Civilians who have no uniforms or costumes wear no rank pins.

1st Promotion — Private, Petty officer or Citizen wears this pin in silver.



2nd Promotion — Private First Class, Chief Petty Officer or Delegate wears this pin in gold.

3rd Promotion — Lance Corporal, Ensign or Attaché' wears this pin in silver.



4th Promotion — Corporal, 2nd Lieutenant or Trustee wears this pin in gold.

5th Promotion — Sergeant, 1st Lieutenant or Envoy wears this pin in silver.



6th Promotion — Warrant Officer, Lieutenant or Commissioner wears this pin in gold.

7th Promotion — Senior Warrant Officer, Lieutenant Commander, Lieutenant Colonel or Representative wears this pin in silver.



8th Promotion — Chief Warrant Officer, Commander, Colonel or Senator wears this pin in gold.

9th Promotion — Midshipman, Captain, Commodore or Governor wears this pin in silver.



10th Promotion — Fleet Captain or Vanguard or Regent wears this pin in gold.

11th Promotion — Brigadier or Premier wears this pin in silver.



12th Promotion — Vice Admiral or Ambassador wears this pin in gold.

13th Promotion — Admiral wears this pin in silver.



14th Promotion — Fleet Admiral wears this pin in gold.

15th Promotion — Thought Admiral wears this pin in gold with a starburst back plate.



Naval Branch Insignia

These pins may be worn on your uniform or costume at your discretion, but they are most often seen on the right side of the gorget or neck collar, with the branch insignia on the corresponding left side. The Navy insignia is most commonly seen as the branch insignia.

The symbol in the center of the ring is the tthingan letter for N. My next project is to come up with corresponding insignia for Marines, Cadets, and Civilians. I'll give you an update when they're done.

That's it for now! May the Blood Wine flow freely on the Feast of QaHleS! Qapla'!