

# Service Bars, Reefers and Overcoats

## The Question

Are Service Tenure Insignias (aka "Service Bars") worn on the Reefer or the Overcoat?

## Comments

**No. Service Tenure Insignias are NOT worn on the Reefer or the Overcoat.**

Uniform And Property [U04-01](#), XI-H-2 (Uniform And Appearance Standards), states that ... "Upon completion of the below-listed periods of service, uniformed members are required to wear service bar(s) and/or star(s) on uniform outer garments **with the exception of** shirts, rainwear, leather jackets, **wool overcoats**, fleece jackets, quarter-zip pullover, and sweaters authorized as an outer garment."

There are two types of wool overcoats, according to Uniform And Property [U04-01-03](#) (Uniform Classifications) which lists the Reefer under the subheading of "Coat, 100% Wool" as an clothing item for Class A Uniforms. This should not be confused with another wool overcoat called the Overcoat, which is for lieutenants and above.



A Reefer is made out of wool and it is an overcoat, according to Uniform and Property [U06-01-04](#) (Reefer).  
*"Four button double-breasted reefer overcoat . . ."*

A side note, a Reefer is NOT a Blouse. A [Blouse](#) is a single-breasted coat you would typically wear for graduation and award ceremonies. A [Reefer](#) is a double-breasted overcoat that will be heavier than a Blouse.

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