

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” (capital “O”), which is for lieutenants and above.

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III. CLASS A UNIFORM



A. Clothing

3. Coat, 100% Wool

a. Reefer

b. Overcoat (lieutenants and above)

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

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I. REEFER

A. DESIGN:

Four button double-breasted reefer **overcoat** with a length approximately 34 inches long for a size 42R. Will have a convertible uister-style collar, two out-side slash-through pockets, one inside “book” pocket on the left side, a star patch on left breast, and side vents. Female garments will be proportionately cut and sized.

B. MATERIAL:

Wool

1. Raeford 2 ply all wool elastique, #13507-96 Navy Blue, 19 to 20 ounces, or
2. Hamburger Woolen #975, or
3. Metcalf Brothers and Company wool elastique, #1470-26, 11128 Brawny Blue, 28 ounces

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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