

First Sergeant
Skill Level 5 (1SG)

The First Sergeant is the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of a Company-sized element. When you are talking about the First Sergeant you are talking about the life-blood of the Army. There can be no substitute of this position, nor any question of its importance. When First Sergeants are exceptional, their units are exceptional, regardless of any other single personality involved. It is the First Sergeant with whom almost all unit operations merge. The First Sergeant holds formations, instructs Platoon Sergeants, advises the Commander, and assists in training of all enlisted members. The First Sergeant is proud of the unit and, understandably, wants others to be aware of the success of the unit. For the first time, the title of address for an NCO is not sergeant, but First Sergeant. There is a unique relationship of confidence and respect that exists between the First Sergeant and the Commander not found at another level within the Army.