

Sergeant Major Title For Three Distinct Rankings

WASHINGTON (ANF) — "Sergeant major" is the title of address for three distinct rankings of senior Army noncommissioned officers in the pay grade E-9.

At the top of the list is the Army's highest enlisted man, the sergeant major of the Army.

He is followed by sergeants major, those NCOs formally selected by the Department of the Army for participation in the Command Sergeants Major Program.

The personnel in this group and the sergeant major of the Army now wear distinctive identifying chevrons. This insignia has been created by adding one marking—a laurel wreath surrounding the star—to the E-9 insignia.

The third group of NCOs called "sergeant major" is made up of staff sergeant major. This group includes all E-9s not formally selected for the Command Sergeants Major Program.

NCOs in the pay grade E-8 who hold the rank of first sergeant are called "first sergeant." Other E-8s, with the rank of master sergeant, and NCOs in pay grades E-5 through E-7 maintain the title of address of "sergeant."



CHANGE OF COMMAND—Major (now lieutenant colonel) John D'Araujo, right, assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, on December 10, 1967, during ceremonies held in Wells Park, Wailuku. He succeeded Lieutenant Colonel Roy W. Replots (left), who was commanding officer since July, 1966. Holding the battalion flag is Sergeant Major "Cook" Kuwae.