

# 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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