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General Order No. 179 provides among other things for silver braid to designate insignia of rank. For senior patrol inspector the requirement is one strip of silver bullion or silver braid 3" in length by 3/8" in width.

Recently bids were taken for a quantity of this braid, and it appears that it cannot be purchased in this country. Meyer's Military Shop advises that the 3/8", 990 fine silver braid is made in Germany, to order, and that it would take three or four months to secure a supply.

Silver braid 1/4" in width can be secured in any quantity, and I am wondering whether this would meet the requirements?

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