

**Memorandum**

CO 619.1-C

Subject Proposed Amendment to AM 2415.31  
and 2415.32

Date

AUG 16 1988

To Regional Commissioners: Western Region  
(ROBOR) Eastern Region  
Southern Region  
Northern Region

From Office of Border Patrol  
(COBOR)

In view of the recent upgrades, creation of new positions and badges, the policy concerning the wearing of rank and service insignias requires modification.

Prior to any decision revising the Administrative Manual, your comments and suggested changes are requested on the proposed language.

Considerable comment has been received from the field concerning the continued use of collar insignias. One suggestion has been to do away with collar insignias entirely. Central Office Border Patrol is especially interested in your comments regarding continued use of the military collar insignias.

The proposed revision language is as follows:

### Symbols of Rank and Service

At all times when the Official uniform is worn, the approved symbols of rank and service shall be worn. Campaign ribbons, federal and service decorations may be worn on the Official uniform immediately above the left pocket of the coat or jacket.

Only the badge, shoulder patch (B.P. patch), collar insignia, shoulder ornaments and pilot wings shall be worn with the rough duty uniform.

### VI. Insignia

Badge Border Patrol badges are gold plated with raised lettering on a blue background. The badge will be worn on the badge tab of the outermost uniform garment with a badge tab.

The following procedures shall govern the issuance of Border Patrol badges:

#### BADGE TITLE

Assistant Commissioner

#### ISSUED TO

Assistant Commissioner Border  
Patrol



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<b>Deputy Assistant Commissioner</b>	<b>Deputy Assistant Commissioner Border Patrol</b>
<b>Assistant Regional Commissioner</b>	<b>Assistant Regional Commissioner Border Patrol</b>
<b>Chief Patrol Agent</b>	<b>Sector and Academy Chiefs, INS Tactical Coordinator Operation Alliance and Chief Management Support COBOR</b>
<b>Deputy Chief Patrol Agent</b>	<b>Sector and Academy Deputy Chiefs, COBOR and ROBOR Staff Officers, BORTAC Field Commander, and Deputy Border Patrol Field Commander Oper- ation Alliance</b>
<b>Associate Chief Patrol Agent</b>	<b>Associate Chief Patrol Agents</b>
<b>Assistant Chief Patrol Agent</b>	<b>Sector and Academy Assistant Chiefs, Assistant Border Patrol Field Commander Operation Alliance and Border Patrol Regional Training Coordinators</b>
<b>Patrol Agent in Charge</b>	<b>Patrol Agents in Charge</b>
<b>Assistant Patrol Agent in Charge</b>	<b>Assistant Patrol Agents in Charge</b>
<b>Chief Air Operations</b>	<b>Chief Air Operations</b>
<b>Supervisory Aircraft Pilot</b>	<b>Supervisory Aircraft Pilots</b>
<b>Supervisory Patrol Agent</b>	<b>All Supervisory Patrol Agents not heretofore designated</b>
<b>Senior Patrol Agent</b>	<b>All Non-Supervisory Border Patrol Agents GS-11 and above</b>
<b>Patrol Agent</b>	<b>All Non-Supervisory Border Patrol Agents GS-9 and below</b>
<b>Aircraft Pilot</b>	<b>All Non-Supervisory Aircraft Pilots</b>
<b>Sector Counsel</b>	<b>All Border Patrol Sector Counsels</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>All Border Patrol Chaplains</b>



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Anti-Smuggling Officers Shall be issued appropriate Special Agent badges.

Collar Insignia

To enhance recognition of our supervisory and staff Border Patrol agents, among the general public, military collar insignia will be worn in accordance with badge title. Insignia to be worn as follows:

Assistant Commissioner Badge - Two Silver Stars

Chief Patrol Agent, Assistant Regional Commissioner and Deputy Assistant Commissioner Badges - One Silver Star

Deputy Chief Patrol Agent, Associate Chief Patrol Agent and Chief Air Operations Badges - Silver Eagle

Assistant Chief Patrol Agent Badge - Silver Oak Leaf

Patrol Agent in Charge Badge - Gold Oak Leaf

Assistant Patrol Agent in Charge and Supervisory Aircraft Pilot - Silver Captain Bars

Supervisory Patrol Agent Badge - Silver Lieutenant Bar (FOS)

Supervisory Patrol Agent Badge - Gold Lieutenant Bar (First Line)

Shoulder Ornaments

These are reserved to indicate the rank of supervisory and staff agents. Shoulder ornaments are to be worn 5/8" above the shoulder seam of the outer-most cloth garment.

The gold plated ornaments with blue letters are for those who wear the Chief Patrol Agent, Assistant Commissioner, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, and the Assistant Regional Commissioner badges.

The silver plated ornaments with blue lettering are for those who wear the Deputy Chief Patrol Agent, Associate Chief Patrol Agent, Assistant Chief Patrol Agent and the Chief Air Operations badges.



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The oxidized silver ornament with raised uncolored letters are for those who wear the Patrol Agent in Charge, Assistant Patrol Agent in Charge, Supervisory Patrol Agent and Supervisory Aircraft Pilot badges.

Please fax comments and recommended changes on the proposed revision to COBOR (202-786-5608) Attn: Niblet by COB August 31, 1988.

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