

Joint Chiefs of Staff service badge, 1961-present



The Joint Chiefs of Staff approved the badge for themselves and their staff on April 4, 1963. Requirements included one year of service on the Joint Chiefs of Staff after January 14, 1961. Previously JCS staff members received the DOD badge, but in December 1962 the Secretary of Defense limited the DOD badge to personnel on his staff. Symbolism includes four swords for each of the armed services.

The 2 x 2-1/4 inch Joint Chiefs of Staff identification badge is worn on left chest pocket. On 30 July 1979 the Joint Chiefs approved a small size for shirt wear. Patent 77,870 protected the design from use by personnel outside the military. Authority for badge wear comes from a certificate signed by the Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff.