

DIVER BADGES

I. **DESCRIPTION:** The Diver Badges are described as follows:



Special Operations Diver Badge

a. Special Operations Diver Badge: A silver badge 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) in height consisting of a diver's head in full gear in front of two crossed Sykes-Fairbain Commando daggers points up. Around either side of the diver's head is diving shark with tail fin behind the dagger point.



Special Operations Diving Supervisor Badge

b. Special Operations Diving Supervisor Badge: A silver badge 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) in height consisting of a diver's head in full gear in front of two crossed Sykes-Fairbain Commando daggers points up. Around either side of the diver's head a diving shark with tail fin behind the dagger point. Over the mouth piece is a star surrounded by a wreath of laurel.



Salvage

c. Salvage: A silver diving helmet, 1 inch (2.54 cm) in height, with the letter "S" 3/8 inch (.95 cm) in height, superimposed on the chest plate. The width is 23/32 inch (1.83 cm).



Second Class

d. Second Class: A silver diving helmet 1 inch (2.54 cm) in height. The width is $\frac{23}{32}$ inch (1.83 cm).



First Class

e. First Class: A silver diving helmet $\frac{15}{16}$ (2.38 cm) inch in height, between two dolphins, 1 inch high (2.54 cm). The width is $1 \frac{3}{32}$ inches (2.62 cm).



Master

f. Master: A silver diving helmet $\frac{7}{8}$ inch (2.22 cm) in height in front of a trident $1 \frac{1}{4}$ inches (3.18 cm) in height between two dolphins. The width is $1 \frac{3}{32}$ inches (2.78 cm).

II. SYMBOLISM:

a. Special Operations Diver Badge: The diver is wearing a low volume mask, typical of combat diving operations and mouthpiece with inhalation/exhalation hose of a stealth rebreather. The daggers recall the heritage of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) operational swimmers of World War II. The shark represents stealth, speed, power and efficiency in dispatching its prey.

b. Special Operations Diving Supervisor Badge: The diver is wearing a low volume mask, typical of combat diving operations and mouthpiece with inhalation/exhalation hose of a stealth rebreather. The daggers recall the heritage of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) operational swimmers of World War II. The shark represents stealth, speed, power and efficiency in dispatching its prey. The star and laurel wreath represent the Special Operations Diving Supervisor Badge qualification level.

c. Salvage: The diver's helmet is the basic equipment and the letter "S" is superimposed on the design to reflect salvage activities such as harbor clearance, rock and concrete blasting, steel and timber removal and the removal of propellers for replacement.

d. Second Class: The diver's helmet is the basic equipment used in diving operations.

e. First Class: The badge includes the design of the diver's helmet to reflect diving operations and includes the dolphins to suggest the function of diving, without the helmet required of a deep sea diver.

f. Master: The trident is added to the design of the First Class badge which is symbolic of a marine spearhead and stands for valor and strength.

III. **AWARD ELIGIBILITY:** The requirements for each award are contained in AR 611-75. Several progressive requirements to attain each level of qualification have been established.

IV. **DATE APPROVED:** The Second Class, Salvage, First Class and Master Diver Badges were approved on 15 February 1944. On 17 September 2004, the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 approved changes to the Army Scuba Diver Badge. The Scuba Diver Badge was renamed the Special Operations Diver Badge with a new design approved and an additional skill level, the Special Operations Diving Supervisor Badge, was created.

V. **SUBDUED BADGES:** Subdued badges are authorized in metal and cloth. The metal badge for all designs is black. The cloth badge is of olive green base cloth with outlines of the design embroidered in black with background olive drab.

VI. **MINIATURE BADGES:** Dress miniature badges are authorized in the following sizes:

a. Scuba: 11/16 inch (1.75 cm)

b. Salvage: 7/16 inch (1.11 cm)

c. Second Class: 7/16 inch (1.11 cm)

d. First Class: 11/16 inch (1.75 cm)

e. Master: 11/16 inch (1.75 cm)